

St. Osmund's Newsletter

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Week 6.6 – Monday 10th July 2017



International Day

A joyous, vibrant celebration of our wonderful St Osmund's community!

I need a whole newsletter just for this! Friday was an amazing celebration of what makes St Osmund's a truly special place. We are the most culturally diverse school in Wiltshire, with nearly half of the school population representing a vast array of cultures. We celebrate this every day in the values we foster and live out here at St Osmund's, but today was a day to celebrate this with the whole community.

Our amazing community came together as one and shared what makes each of us special and unique. The children had a whole week of international-themed events and activities such as painting, design technology, Polish storytelling, Indian wedding attire, music and dance. The day started with dance classes which included the Charleston, Indian Dances, Kids Love Fit and more.

The community event started at 12pm with lunch – and what a lunch it was! There was a wonderfully joyous atmosphere as parents and family shared lunch with their children in the woodland area – the food was AMAZING and the way all the cultures showcased themselves was worthy of a professional event!

The children and parents worked tirelessly in preparation for the afternoon events. We had dances and singing from many different cultures, and the performances were of a very high standard; it was a privilege to compere! The day was rounded off with a small, but perfectly formed, Summer Fair organised by the PSA which provided refreshments, face-painting, cream teas and a raffle. Thank you to the PSA for being so flexible this year, we have had some fantastic events. Thank you SO MUCH parents for contributing to the 'International Food Fair' and to the afternoon entertainment – without you, the event, and the school, wouldn't be the same. Thank you also to the children – you are fantastic in all that you do and really are the best possible ambassadors for our school.

Finally, thank you to ALL the staff for working so hard on this event – it is a team effort – but particularly Mr and Mrs Hartley who went above and beyond to help make this a special day... and of course Mrs Sterck, who 'project-managed' International Day with skill, determination and precision – it wouldn't have happened without you.

Year 6

Last week the Year 6 children performed their leavers' play – the Amazing Adventures of Superstan! I must say it was very well performed indeed. There was super singing and there were some highly talented performers. I laughed all the way through! Well done Year 6 – it was a triumph! It was made possible because of your determination and the direction of Mrs Sterck and Mrs Hartley.

Summer Reading Challenge

The theme this year is 'Animal Agents' and it is for children aged 4-11 years. The challenge between Saturday 15th July and Saturday 9th September is to read a minimum of 6 books. The books should be from the library and can be about anything your child is interested in – dinosaurs, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Minecraft – just get reading.

First Holy Communion – next year



Parents of children in Year 2 should all have received a letter and application form from Canon Michael about the next programme of preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and the Holy Communion which takes place during their time in Year 3.

If there are any children in current Years 3,4,5 or 6 who have not received their First Holy Communion but would like to, please collect an application form from the school office. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact the parish Outreach Worker, Caroline Williams on 01722 502503 outreach@salisbury Catholics.org

Dates for your diary...

- 10/07/17 ~ Violin concert to whole school and parents ~ 2.40pm
- 10/07/17 ~ Academic Reports sent home
- 11/07/17 ~ Year 4 Class Mass ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 11/07/17 ~ Year 5 music concert with Miss Ridley ~ City Hall ~ 9am
- 12-15/07/17 ~ Year 6 Residential ~ Simonsbath
- 13/07/17 ~ Group of Year 5 children to Wimbledon
- 17/07/17 ~ Year 6 Leavers' Mass ~ in church ~ 9:45am
- 18/07/17 ~ Prize Giving Celebration ~ School Hall ~ 9:45am
- 18/07/17 ~ Leavers' BBQ for Year 6 ~ School Hall/Playground
- 19/07/17 ~ School breaks up for the Summer Holidays ~ 1:30pm
- 05/09/17 ~ School re-opens for the Autumn Term ~ 8:55am

With all best wishes,



Mr R Sanderson
Headteacher

Please join us for the Leavers' Mass on Monday 17th July at 9:45am in St Osmund's Church. This takes the place of our normal end of term Community Mass; ALL welcome but priority seating must go to parents of Year 6 children.

Please remember that we break up for the summer holidays on Wednesday 19th July at 1:30pm. We return for the new school year on Tuesday 5th September at 8:55am.



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