

St. Osmund's Newsletter

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Week 2.6 – Monday 4th December 2017



Mrs Dicker

This is not an easy article to write... After nearly 19 years of service to St Osmund's, and to Catholic Education, Mrs Dicker has announced her decision to retire. She will not be leaving until Easter (so we have her still for another full term!) and our hope is that we will be able to appoint a new Finance Officer with plenty of time to work with Mrs Dicker until then.

Mrs Dicker has been a rock at St Osmund's during her time here; so balanced, professional, knowledgeable, and she has been an immense support to me during my start to life at St Osmund's. I don't know how I could have managed without her! Please join me in wishing Mrs Dicker a very happy retirement with her husband, children and grandchildren – she deserves it!

The advert for a new Finance Officer goes live tomorrow on the Wiltshire Jobs bulletin, South-West jobs and on our school website.

St Osmund and Advent Mass

Today, 10am in school, was our Mass for the feast day of St Osmund, combined with our Advent Mass to mark the beginning of the Advent Season. We celebrated the life of St Osmund and ask that he pray for us. We also blessed our Advent wreaths and began our preparations for Jesus' coming. Thank you Canon Michael for saying Mass with us.

Prepare for Jesus

This week we light the first advent candle on our Advent Wreath – the candle of hope.

*Each week we add another light,
our hope for Jesus growing bright.
We pray, we share, we do our part, to
welcome Jesus into our heart.*

Nativity Plays

Next week we have our Reception and Year 1/2 Nativity Performances on Thursday 14th. If you haven't already booked your tickets, please see the school office or your child's class teacher – they are £2 each. They will be given out this week.

The Reception Nativity will be at 1:45pm on Thursday 14th and it will last approx. half an hour. The Year 1/2 Nativity will begin at 2:30pm and will end at approx. 3:15pm. For the afternoon performance, Year 1 and 2 parents will need to wait until the hall is cleared before entering school – we appreciate your patience with this.

PSA - Christmas Fayre and Festivities!

Save the date for the upcoming KS1 and KS2 Christmas Discos – this Friday (8th December). This Friday will also be a non-uniform day for the Christmas Fayre – donations of toys, books, games, prizes (anything you can manage) would be greatly appreciated. For further information please see the PSA letter going home shortly. The Christmas Fayre is on Friday 15th December and I have heard that Santa will be making a visit to St Osmund's!

Car Park

Please remember that the school car park is for staff and school visitors only. It gets very busy and people have to double park. Parents may only use the car park for dropping children off for Breakfast Club in the morning before 8:15am, and for collecting from Sunshine Club and After-School Clubs after 4pm.

I appreciate your support with this and making our school grounds safe.

Golden Book Awards

Rec : No award this week
Year 1: Dominik & Louisa
Year 2: Ebony & Liliana
Year 3: Eesa & Callie
Year 4: Lara & Zuzanna
Year 5: Raffie & Wiktorja
Year 6: Henry & Isabel

Our weekly winners

Dates for your diary...

- 04/12/17 ~ St Osmund's Feast Day and start of Advent Mass ~ School Hall ~ 10am
- 05/12/17 ~ Guitar Concert to Parents ~ School Hall ~ 10.45am
- 07/12/17 ~ Year 3 singing at the Christmas Tree Festival ~ St Thomas' Church ~ 1:45pm
- 08/12/17 ~ **Non-Uniform Day** for the Christmas Fayre – donations of books, toys, games
- 08/12/17 ~ PSA Christmas Discos ~ KS1 3:30pm ~ KS2 4:45pm ~ note change of date
- 12/12/17 ~ Year 4 Class Mass ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 14/12/16 ~ Year 6 School Trip
- 14/12/17 ~ Reception Nativity ~ School Hall ~ 1:45pm
- 14/12/17 ~ Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity ~ 2:30pm and 6pm
- 15/12/17 ~ Reception singing at Robert Stokes
- 15/12/17 ~ PSA Christmas Fayre ~ 3:15pm ~ Santa has promised us he will be there!
- 18/12/17 ~ KS2 Carol Service ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 6:30pm
- 19/12/17 ~ **Christmas Jumper Day!** Also, Christmas Dinner day!
- 20/12/17 ~ Break up for Christmas Holidays ~ 1:30pm
- 04/01/18 ~ Return to school for Term 3
- 09/01/18 ~ Epiphany Mass ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 17-19/01/18 ~ Life Education Bus
- 22/01/18 ~ Gymnastics Festival ~ Years 3 and 4

With all best wishes,



Mr R Sanderson
Headteacher

We will be completing our Reception Class building work before we break-up for Christmas. The result will be a fabulous new outdoor learning environment for our youngest pupils when they return in January!



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