

St. Osmund's Newsletter

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Week 5.6 – Monday 21st May 2018



Mini Marathon

On Saturday the St Osmund's community took part in the Mini Marathon in Laverstock

On a beautifully warm and sunny Saturday, the St Osmund's running team gave their all on the demanding Salisbury Mini Marathon course in Laverstock. I was so impressed by how well the children competed in the various age and gender categories. I thought they represented the school, and themselves, brilliantly. The children showed a never-give-up attitude throughout.

The Parents took to the field first posting some competitive times as well as one wearing a chicken suit and a fox suit – they had an inevitable clash on the starting line!

The children have been training hard for many weeks in the Mini Marathon Club so thank you all for your commitments. Thank you to Miss Dowding and Mr Green for organising, and thanks also to Mr Cates, Mrs Colman and Mr Coulton who gave up their time to assist our children in training. We also had a very kind loan of a gazebo from Mr Kimber which really helped on the day.

Diocesan Inspection

As you know, we welcomed inspectors from Clifton Diocese two weeks ago to inspect our Catholic School.

The inspectors were very impressed with St Osmund's and judged that we continue to be a Good Catholic school, which is on a journey of continual improvement. They recognised that we have achieved a great deal in recent times, with improvements being evident in all areas. Of particular strength is the Prayer Life of our school, which the inspectors judged to be Outstanding. Of course, we are always working to improve and we must continue to support and evaluate the quality of teaching in curriculum RE to ensure it is always of a consistently high standard. We were recognised as having made a real impact on raising standards but this is a journey of improvement and we need to continue our good work.

What matters most, is that I, our staff and children are incredibly proud of our wonderfully unique St Osmund's school community, and the education it provides. We will continue to work with determination, care and love, to ensure that we preserve and enhance our uniqueness.

First Holy Communion

On Sunday 3rd June at all our churches, many of our children will be making their First Holy Communion. Some children will be at 9am Mass, with all other children receiving the sacrament at 11:00am. The children have been preparing for this for many weeks now and we hope you will be able to support them at this important point in their journey of faith.

St Osmund's Dads

At the Fabulous Family Funday on Saturday afternoon, the St Osmund's Dads competed excellently in the 7-a-side football tournament. Despite the teamwork, doggedness, tremendously high fitness levels and no shortage of flair, the team narrowly missed out on a semi-final place. It was great to see so many of you supporting this wonderful day which raised money for Salisbury Hospice.

Calling for help

Miss Hill would like to know if anyone could help with listening to children read in Year 1. Good reading skills are fundamental to achievement in all subjects, and in life. If you can spare a few hours a week, we would be most appreciative.

Pallets, Cable Reels, Tyres, Guttering etc.

We have already had offers of the above but we have space for more. If you have access to any unwanted items, as well as any other materials that you think could be re-used in a creative way, please let me, the office, or Miss Hooper know ☺

Year 5 Parents' Meetings

We have two meetings coming up for parents and children regarding Secondary School admissions, both being held here, at St. Osmund's school. ALL are invited to these meetings. The first of which will be a presentation by Bishop Wordsworth School, this week on Thursday 24th May at 3:15pm. The second meeting will be a presentation by St Joseph's Catholic School on Tuesday 5th June. I urge all year 5 parents to attend these meetings to hear about Secondary School admissions.

Dates for your diary...

- 22/05/18 ~ Year 3 Junk Orchestra
- 23/05/18 ~ Years 3 and 4 Tag Rugby Festival
- 24/05/18 ~ Parents' Meeting ~ with Bishop Wordsworth School ~ here, 3:15pm
- **25/05/18 ~ Non-Uniform Day ~ PSA for school IT fund**
- 25/05/18 ~ Community Mass ~ School Hall ~ 10am
- 25/05/18 ~ Break up end of Term 5 ~ 3:15pm
- 04/06/18 ~ School Re-Opens for Term 6 ~ 8:55am
- 05/06/18 ~ Year 6 Class Mass ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 06/05/18 ~ Parents' Meeting ~ with St. Joseph's Catholic School ~ here, 3:15pm
- 06/06/18 ~ Tennis Festival ~ details TBC
- 13/06/18 ~ Year 6 Leavers' Mass ~ Clifton Cathedral
- 19/06/18 ~ Swimming Gala ~ Five Rivers ~ 5:30pm
- 26/06/18 ~ Key Stage 1 Sports' Day ~ School Grounds ~ 9:30am
- 27/06/18 ~ Year 5 Taster Day ~ St. Joseph's Catholic School
- 28/06/18 ~ Year 5 Taster Day ~ Wyvern College
- 29/06/18 ~ Key Stage 2 Sports' Day ~ Cathedral Close Fields ~ 9:30am
- 02/07/18 ~ World Faiths Week
- 04/07/18 ~ Moving up Day, including Y6 to Secondary Schools
- 05/07/18 ~ Year 6 Leavers' Play ~ School Hall ~ 6pm
- 06/07/18 ~ International Day
- 09/07/18 ~ Year 5 Wimbledon Trip
- 09/07/18-13/07/18 ~ Year 6 Residential week
- 16/07/18 ~ Academic Reports home to parents
- 18/07/18 ~ Year 6 Leavers' Mass ~ St Osmund's Church 9:45am
- 20/07/18 ~ Break up end of Term 6 ~ 1:30pm

With all best wishes,



Mr R Sanders
Headteacher

Please label all your child's school wear - at this time of year in the warm weather, garments are often left in the playground and identifying them without a name is virtually impossible! Please check your child's clothing today.

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