

St. Osmund's Newsletter

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Week 3.1 – Tuesday 8th January 2019



Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school and the start of 2019 at St Osmund's! I hope you had a wonderfully restful time with your families and friends over Christmas, the children have once again settled back in to life at school really well. The end of term at Christmas is certainly busy so thankfully we now have a period of quiet in the school diary! Keep your eye on the diary on the next page through the term as events and updates are added.

This week we celebrate Epiphany – the coming of the three kings, led by the star, to pay homage to Jesus our Lord. The kings travelled from distant lands - far and wide - to join with other visitors, such as the shepherds, to celebrate Jesus' birth. This sets us an important example today and I feel it is what St Osmund's does so well – the coming together of wonderful people in our Catholic community from many different cultures, to celebrate our faith in Jesus. Thank you all for making it such a wonderful place and may the star – the guiding light that is Jesus – continue to offer support and direction for you this coming year.

Nativity Plays/Carol Service

Thank you to all the children, staff and parents who were involved in, or watched one of our Christmas plays or service. Reception and Key Stage 1 led us in wonderful Nativity Plays and the children's enjoyment and engagement with the 'reason for the season' was lovely to see. In Key Stage 2, our children led us in a powerful reflection on the Christmas Story and importantly how we as a school intend to use the story to inspire us to action this coming year.

Parents' Evening

Save the date - This is coming up on 26th and 27th February. Signing up sheets will be available for you to book your slot a couple of weeks beforehand.

Welcome

Please join me in wishing Mr Neave – our new Year 1 teacher – a very warm welcome to St Osmund's. Mr Neave has already spent some time at school getting to know the children and the staff.

Absence from School

Please remember that if you intend to take your child off school on a planned basis – for a holiday, early one day, dance exam etc. – you must speak to the school office and complete an absence request form. It is a parent's legal responsibility to ensure that a child attends school.

Please do come and speak to me if you are unsure, or if you are hoping to take a longer absence. Every day in school matters and there are 13 weeks in a year to take holidays that do not interfere with a child's education.

Job Vacancy

We would be very happy to receive expressions of interest from anyone looking for 5hrs work per week as a Midday Supervisory Assistant. Additionally, if anyone would like to be a member of 'Bank Staff' – i.e. not regular but able to be called upon 'as and when', please see the school office.

Mass

On Friday this week, we will be holding our Epiphany Mass at St Osmund's Church, 9:45am. ALL are welcome to come to church for this special Mass as we celebrate the journey made by the Magi who paid homage to Jesus our Lord.

After School Clubs

There are no after school clubs this week. The new list of clubs will be sent out this week and will start next Monday, 14th January. As usual, payment for this will be on the School Gateway system. If you need any help with this, please see the school office.

Twitter

Keep an eye on Twitter. Each teacher aims to post weekly to share with you the exciting learning going on in class - @St_OsmundsCP

Sodexo January Meal Offer

There is a special offer for children in KS2 ordering school meals between Monday 14th January and Friday 1st February. If your child orders a school meal for 4 days that week (Monday-Thursday inclusive), they will then get Friday free. This is a super offer and we encourage children that wouldn't normally have a meal in school to try our tasty school dinners!

Dates for your diary...



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- 08/01/19 ~ School re-opened for Term 3
- 08/01/19 ~ Year 5 swimming resumes
- 11/01/19 ~ Epiphany Mass ~ Whole School ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 15/01/19 ~ Year 1 Class Mass ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 22/01/19 ~ Reception Class Mass ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 23/01/19 ~ Years 3 and 4 Gymnastics Festival
- 28/01/19 ~ Life Education Bus (3 days)
- 29/01/19 ~ Year 5 Class Mass ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 30/01/19 ~ Years 5 and 6 Netball Festival
- 15/02/19 ~ Community Mass ~ School Hall ~ 9:45am
- 15/02/19 ~ Break-up end of Term 3
- 25/02/19 ~ School re-opens for Term 4
- 26/02/19 ~ Parents' Evening 1 of 2
- 27/02/19 ~ Parents' Evening 2 of 2
- 02/04/19 ~ Primary Live – Years 3 and 4 ~ City Hall ~ 12:45pm
- 05/04/19 ~ Break-up end of Term 4 (for Easter Holidays)
- 23/04/19 ~ School re-opens for Term 5

With all best wishes,

*Father God,
You have chosen this time for a new beginning.
This new beginning can help us to begin afresh and try harder.
This new beginning can help us to do new things and try out new
skills.
This new beginning can help us work together for the good of
everyone.
Help us all make the most of this new beginning.
Amen*