

St. Osmund's Newsletter

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Week 3.5 – Monday 4th February 2019



Severe Weather Update

Thank you all for your understanding last Friday during the snowy weather. The required safe supervision of pupils was not a concern as all our staff were able to get into school so, like many schools, we tried to remain open. Unfortunately, the bad weather continued and worsened through the morning so we took the decision to close early to ensure all staff and parents were able to get home safely and while it was still daylight. In the meantime, the children enjoyed an extended play in the snow in our Woodland Area and had a ball making snowmen and snowballs. Just such a day is one of my strongest memories of Primary School!

To reiterate our procedure:

If we do close, we will notify you as soon as possible either the day before, or on the morning of the closure. We will:

- Send a text message to all parents (please make sure your mobile phone number is up to date)
- Notify via the Spire FM website
- Place a note on Twitter

If we have to close during the day, we will let you know via the above.

Odd Socks Day

We will be recognising World Down's Syndrome Day on 21st March. This date is no coincidence; it is chosen to raise awareness of this congenital disorder caused by having an extra 21st chromosome. We encourage you to wear brightly coloured, mis-matched odd socks on the 21st March to recognise that differences are celebrated; something that I think we are very good at here at St Osmund's. Join in the hashtag #LotsOfSocks, we will be sharing pictures of our odd socks on Twitter too!

We will be welcoming visitors from Andover21 – a Down's Syndrome Charity – to Assembly on 11th March to help children become more aware of the syndrome and to put the Odd Socks Day into context.

Being on Time/Attendance/Sickness

Please note that school starts at 8:55am by lining up in the playground (unless we are closed due to snow of course!). It is vitally important that your child is in school on time not just to take advantage of the teaching that begins straight away in the morning, but to give them a settled and consistent start to the day. Children react in different ways to a lack of routine and inconsistent punctuality has a noticeable impact.

Please can we remind parents to ensure a phone call is made to the school office on the first day of absence to notify us. Please do not pass messages through others – we do need that notification from you first.

Friary Residents' Meeting

Calling all residents of the Friary who want to take part in the community and keep in touch with what's going on. Local residents have come together and set up the new Residents Association but more members are needed from the estate.

The next meeting is going to be held on 18th February, 6:30pm, in the Tintern Court communal room – refreshments provided.

Discussed will be, setting up a neighbourhood Watch, speeding and traffic problems and what the residents would like to see on the Friary.

You can contact the Friary Residents' Association by email at TheFriaryRA@gmail.com. You can also contact the Wiltshire Council Resident Engagement Team on 03004560117 – option 5.

Golden Book Awards



Due to the school closing early on Friday, there were no awards handed out on Friday. Golden Book Awards will return on Friday.



Dates for your diary...



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- 04/02/19 ~ Year 3 trip to Tutankhamun Museum, Dorchester
- 05/02/19 ~ Year 4 Class Mass ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 06/02/19 ~ Year 1 Fundamentals 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
- 25/02/19 ~ Parents' Evening ~ 3.30pm-7.10pm (Year 6 only)
- 26/02/19 ~ Parents' Evening ~ 3:30pm-6pm (Years R to 5) ~ 3:30pm-6:30pm (Year 6)
- 27/02/19 ~ Parents' Evening ~ 4pm-7pm (All Years except year 1)
- 28/02/19 ~ Parents' Evening ~ 4pm-7pm (Year 1 only)
- 07/03/19 ~ World Book Day
- 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,

Mr R Sanders
Headteacher

Parents' Evening

Sign-up sheets will be available in the hall from Monday (today) 3:15pm. Please sign up for an appointment ASAP to ensure you get the slot you need. The sessions are 3:30-6pm on Tuesday 26th February and 4-7pm on Wednesday 27th February. Please note, for year 1, Mr Neave is unable to see parents on Wednesday, so his second session will be Thursday 28th February. In addition Mrs Sterck will be having 20 minute sessions so they will be spread over Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday of that week and finishing slightly later on those days.

If you would like to meet with the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (Inclusion Leader), Mrs Sambrook, she will be available on both evenings to discuss your child's achievement and any questions you may have about their provision.

St Osmund's Catholic Primary School

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