



St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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Marking the beginning of Lent

Last week we welcomed Father Michael and Father Saji as they led us in a service of reconciliation at school. The children have all created their Lenten promises which are on display in our entrance hall – a reminder to them each day of the sacrifices they have agreed to make. Some, you will be pleased to know, say 'I am going to help more at home with the washing up!' 'I am going to be nicer to my little brother'. 'I am going to give up my time to help someone else'. These are all admirable promises and show that the children are reflecting on the fact that Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for us. They realise that all sacrifices, no matter how small, have significance if they have been thought through, require determination and will do good.

After the service, the children in years 3 – 6 who had previously taken their first Sacrament of Reconciliation were able to go to confession with Father Michael or Father Saji, personally preparing the way for Jesus.



Streetz RND Disco

Thank you to Streetz Cheerleaders for organising the disco on Friday after school. I believe it was great fun. Thanks also for your donation for our Red Nose Day non-uniform day. We raised an absolutely amazing amount of £142.00.

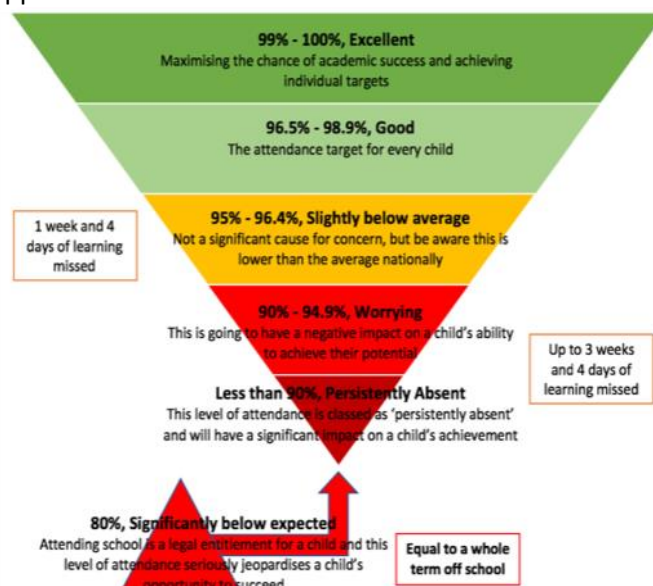
Odd Socks Day

We will be marking World Down Syndrome Day this Thursday, 21st March. On this day, please wear Odd Socks with pride! The date of March 21st has been selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome. Whilst I appreciate it was only last week we had a non-uniform day with a donation, I would appreciate your support for this by donating £1. It is a charity close to our hearts at St Osmund's.



Attendance Matters

Good attendance is absolutely vital. We target 96% as a minimum which, at this point in the year, means that a child will have **missed a maximum of 5 days** out of 113 since September. Did you know that a child in the green areas below is over 3 times more likely to achieve the top grades than a child in the red areas? *Absence has a huge impact on a child's achievement and currently 11% of the school are in the lower red zone below.* Let's work together to improve this... If you would like to see me, please do not hesitate to make an appointment.



Parking

You may have noticed parking cones are being placed outside the entrance to the school. This is for the safety of the children when dropping off/picking up. Also, please remember that parking in the school car park between 8.15am & 4pm is for staff and official visitors only. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Golden Book Awards

Rec: Julian and Melissa
Yr 1: Rocco and Sienna
Yr 2: Fernando and Joanna
Yr 3: Ebony and Margot
Yr 4: Juliana and Nibin
Yr 5: Lara and Maria
Yr 6: Ethan and Theo



Dates for your diary...



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- 18/03/19 ~ Year 3 Orienteering Festival
- 19/03/19 ~ Book Fair – all week until Friday 22nd
- 26/03/19 ~ Year 2 Class Mass ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 27/03/19 ~ Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Festival
- 01/04/19 ~ PCP Teacher Recruitment Event – held at St Osmund's School ~ 9am
- 02/04/19 ~ Primary Live – Years 3 and 4 ~ City Hall ~ 12:45pm
- 03/04/19 ~ Stations of the Cross ~ all day
- 05/04/19 ~ Community Mass ~ School ~ 9:45am
- 05/04/19 ~ Break-up end of Term 4 (for Easter Holidays) ~ 3:15pm
- 23/04/19 ~ School re-opens for Term 5
- 30/04/19 ~ Year 1 Class Mass ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am

With all best wishes,

Mr R Sanderson
Headteacher



School Council

The School Council are currently leading an ECO initiative in school to support the promises made in our Carol Service. We pledge to turn off all lights and taps when not using them, and to recycle our waste.

Book Fair

Starting tomorrow afternoon (Tuesday) we are hosting the Book Fair in the school hall. It will run every morning and afternoon from then until Friday. There will be a wide selection of books – for all age groups – to purchase.

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