



# St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

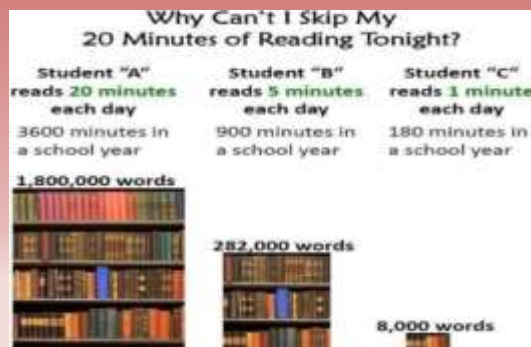


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## Working at Home

Homework is a fundamental part of school life and I am sure we can all recall varying experiences of it – both positive and negative! Play, socialising and after-school activities are all so important and key to a child's development of a wide range of skills and interests. Homework, however, is key to supporting the learning in school.

Homework at St Osmund's is progressive and builds on previously taught concepts; it is delivered through Mathletics and spag.com. These are web-platforms and give instant feedback to the teacher about the relative strengths and next steps of each child. We don't want homework to be a stressful experience, so please do talk to us if you are finding this is the case for you. In addition, Reading regularly at home (target 5x per week) is fundamental and if your child can have this opportunity, all the research shows that this will have a hugely positive impact on your child's learning in all areas.



## EYFS and KS1 Nativity Plays


Please join me in wishing our children luck in their plays this week. Our Reception children are performing 'The Bossy King' while Years 1 and 2 are performing 'Stable by Starlight'. Please log on to School Gateway to purchase tickets. If you have any queries, please see the school office.

## Goodbye and Good Luck

I am sad to say that Miss Mitchener and Mrs Parsons are leaving us at Christmas. Miss Mitchener – Teaching Assistant – and Mrs Parsons – Midday Supervisor and Cleaner – have been super to work with and have offered so much to St Osmund's over the years.

They will be missed by the whole St Osmund's community but we join together in wishing them all the best for a happy and healthy future.

## Christmas Fayre Success

Thank you sooooo much to the PSA for organising a super Christmas Fayre on Friday. As well as organising some great, fun activities, they managed to **raise a whopping £1024 in profit!** Well done one and all, but particularly Mrs McKie who did the organising at this event. We enjoyed a special visit too from , in his grotto. He also went round the classes earlier in the afternoon with his very special little elf helper.

## Christmas Jumper Day

This Thursday is Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day. The children may wear full non-school uniform (no need to wear school trousers/skirts) as long as they wear something really Christmassy! (They can wear non-school uniform on Friday too! ☺)

## School re-opens

Please don't forget that school re-opens on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 8:55am. Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year everyone!

## Parents' Evening

Save the date - This is coming up on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Signing up sheets will be available for you to book your slot a couple of weeks beforehand.

## School Contact

Please don't forget that we have a Parent Staff Liaison (PSL). This important member of staff is a person you can go to if you have any questions about school – this could be uniform, behaviour, academics, how you can support at home, etc. The PSL is Mrs Connett and she works Tuesday afternoon, all day Wednesday and all day Friday. She can also be reached by email on [psl@st-osmunds.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:psl@st-osmunds.wilts.sch.uk)

## Golden Book Awards

There were no Golden Book awards this week due to the Christmas Fayre.

The awards will return again in the new year.

Our weekly winners



## Dates for your diary...



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- 17/12/19 ~ Reception Nativity ~ School Hall ~ 2pm
- 17/12/19 ~ KS2 Carol Service ~ St Osmund's Church ~ all children in years 3-6 ~ 6pm
- 18/12/19 ~ Reception ~ singing at Robert Stokes House
- 18/12/19 ~ Year 1/2 Nativity ~ School Hall ~ 2pm
- 18/12/19 ~ Year 1/2 Nativity ~ School Hall ~ 6pm
- 19/12/19 ~ Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
- 20/12/19 ~ Break-up end of Term 2 ~ 1:30pm
- 07/01/20 ~ School re-opens for Term 3
- 10/01/20 ~ Epiphany Mass ~ Whole School ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 14/01/20 ~ Class Mass ~ Year 3 ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 16/01/20 ~ Census Day in schools
- 16/01/20 ~ Gymnastics Festival ~ Year 3/4
- 17/01/20 ~ Parent Network Meeting ~ School Hall ~ 9am
- 17/01/20 ~ Cake Sale for Macmillan Cancer Support
- 21/01/20 ~ Class Mass ~ Year 2 ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 24/01/20 ~ Non-Uniform Day ~ Bring Chocolate!
- 31/01/20 ~ Chocolate Bingo! ~ 6 for 6:30pm
- 10/03/20 ~ Parents Evening ~ 3:30pm
- 11/03/20 ~ Parents' Evening ~ 4pm

With all best wishes,

Mr R Sanderson  
Headteacher

### ***Prepare for Jesus***

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

*Jesus, help us to get ready  
for your birth.  
Help us to see past  
the shiny decorations in the shops  
and remember that we are  
waiting for you.*

*Amen.*

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