



# St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## Happy New Year

As we welcome in the New Year, we brought an end to our Christmas reflections in the Epiphany Mass today. The three kings gave some quite significant gifts to the Baby Jesus but my personal reflection on this is that the simple gift of love, care and time for our neighbour is significant. That is what we try to teach our children; that giving **what we can** is the most important thing and that the effort will be rewarded.

I am pleased to say that the children have settled in really well to the new term's learning. The children have been full of smiles and excitement to tell me what they have been doing over the holidays.

As you can see, the Library Bus is just about ready! This week, Salisbury Signs have been 'Vinyl Wrapping' the bus; this is the final touch before opening next week. The bus will be open at lunchtimes and select evenings after school. As you know, we are hoping it will be open before and after school continually but we do need to make sure we have enough adults to 'sit in the driver's seat'! If you are able to help out for a few minutes before or after school on a regular basis – maybe just once every 2 weeks – please let Mrs Connett or I know.

## Thank You

I cannot express enough here my thanks to Mr Hartley for all that he has done to get our Library Bus up and running. It has been a huge body of work to get the foundations in place, the seats removed, inside walls insulated and wooden cladding, library shelves, carpets, electrics, heating, decking... I could go on! And this is down to our very talented Site Manager.

Please join me in thanking Mr Hartley for all that he has done on this project; he should be **very proud**. I know I am!

Please have a look at the school website next week for a gallery of images showing the library bus on its journey of development.

## Sports Leaders

From next week, our new sports leaders will be leading activities on a Monday and Friday lunchtime. Your children will be able to join in with organised games and activities, led by our Sports Leaders

## PSA Meeting

Please do join us for a PSA meeting at school on Friday after school, 3:30pm, with a Creche! We will be discussing the events and fundraising events for the remainder of the year. Your ideas and enthusiasm are needed!

## Cake Sale – 17<sup>th</sup> January

Our children in Year 6 have requested to hold a Cake Sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Therefore, we are asking Y1 and Y5 children to provide the cakes and for children to bring 50p in change on the day if they wish to buy one. Please do support this worthwhile cause so close to our children's hearts. Y1 and Y5, please bring your cakes on the day – many thanks!

## 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.

## Non-Uniform

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January, please bring an item of chocolate on the day. This is to support our forthcoming Chocolate Bingo (31<sup>st</sup> January), save the date 🍫

## Census Day

This is on Thursday next week. Part of our school funding is determined by how many children have a school dinner this day. Please consider having a dinner and giving our school every chance of a good level of funding – sign up on School Grid – it really helps!

## St Osmund's Young Voices

St Osmund's are taking part in an exciting event at St Thomas' Church on 19<sup>th</sup> March. It is a singing event called 'Let's Celebrate' and is aimed at KS2. We are looking for children who want to sing at the event, can attend on the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup> March, and are willing to give up some lunchtimes to practise. If you are interested, please sign up on School Gateway (no cost) by 15<sup>th</sup> January.

## Dates for your diary...



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- 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
- 14/01/20 ~ Parents' Lunch
- 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
- 17/01/20 ~ Year 4 visit to Naim Audio
- 17/01/20 ~ PSA Meeting ~ Staffroom ~ 3:30pm
- 21/01/20 ~ Class Mass ~ Year 2 ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 22/01/20 ~ Curling Event ~ Five Rivers ~ 9:15am
- 24/01/20 ~ Non-Uniform Day ~ Bring Chocolate!
- 24/01/20 ~ Parent Network Meeting ~ School Hall ~ 9am
- 28/01/20 ~ Class Mass ~ Year 1 ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- **31/01/20 ~ Chocolate Bingo! ~ 6 for 6:30pm ~ Food Donations most welcome!!**
- 04/02/20 ~ Class Mass ~ Reception ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 05/02/20 ~ Fundamentals Festival ~ Year 1
- 05/02/20 ~ Netball Y5/6 ~ St Mark's ~ 1:30pm
- 07/02/20 ~ Parent Network Meeting ~ School Hall ~ 9am
- 11/02/20 ~ Safer Internet Day
- 12/02/20 ~ Pentathlon ~ St Edmund's
- 14/02/20 ~ Community Mass ~ ALL welcome ~ School Hall ~ 9:45am
- 10/03/20 ~ Parents Evening ~ 3:30pm
- 11/03/20 ~ Parents' Evening ~ 4pm

With all best wishes,

Mr R Sanderson  
Headteacher

### **Prepare for the New Year**

*Lord, You make all things new.*

*You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again.*

*Thank you for this new year, for all the potential it holds.*

*Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise you.*

*Amen*

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