



# St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday next week we recognise Safer Internet Day. The way children play – and the interests children have nowadays – are very different from those that we used to enjoy. Children now spend an increasing amount of time on devices. I thought I would take this opportunity to share with you some information from a school advice service which is designed to be shared with parents, because while spending time on mobile phones, tablets, laptops, computers and game consoles can be positive and trouble-free, it can also put your child at risk.

These risks include online bullying; seeing sexual or violent photos, videos or other images; grooming (when someone builds a relationship with a child to exploit or abuse them), or simply not getting enough exercise.

UK doctors also say that children with excessive screen time tend to eat less healthily and show more signs of obesity; tend to have more depressive symptoms, and are likely to have worse educational outcomes, sleep and fitness levels. This may be because the screen time is replacing other activities, like exercise or sleeping. Face-to-face interaction also seems to be better for children's development. Whilst we appreciate some school work is set on computers, let's try to avoid other unnecessary screen time.

## Head Lice

We have had a number of cases of head lice in school recently – across most year groups.

It is important to stop the spread of head lice and we cannot stress highly enough the importance of checking your child's hair and urgently dealing with any head lice or eggs. We have a child in school that has a bad reaction to head lice - in particular an allergic reaction to the saliva from the head lice when bitten. This has in the past meant hospital visits as the reaction has been severe enough to warrant this.

Please bear this in mind and we do ask that you check your child's hair TODAY and take the appropriate course of action. We have sent out an email with details on how to treat head lice. Many thanks for your co-operation and support with this.

## Community Mass

Please join us for Community Mass on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February in the school hall at 9:45am. It is always a lovely occasion for us to come together as one worshipping community in communion with each other and the Lord.

## Patio Donations

We are looking for donations of patio-set furniture that you may have going spare. We would like some garden furniture for the decking outside the bus to make a nice outdoor reading area. Perhaps you are looking to get a new set ready for the summer?? If you have any which are still in good condition and wouldn't mind donating them to a good home, then we would be interested! Please see Mrs Connett, the school office or myself.

## Chocolate Bingo!

Thank you PSA and parents for your support at our Chocolate Bingo ☺ We managed to raise over £650 in aid of school funds!

## School Comms

Thank you to those who have downloaded the app – to those who haven't we would appreciate if you could as every time we send a text there is a cost to the school.

## Golden Book Awards

Rec : Suzane and Theo  
Year 1: Melissa and Neil  
Year 2: Borys and Lola-Rose  
Year 3: Isabelle and Michal  
Year 4: Colin and Isaac  
Year 5: Harley and Michal  
Year 6: Ariana and Tamia



Our  
weekly  
winners

## Dates for your diary...



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- 14/02/20 ~ Community Mass ~ ALL welcome ~ School Hall ~ 9:45am
- 14/02/20 ~ Break-up End of Term 3
- 24/02/20 ~ School re-opens for Term 4 ~ 8:55am
- 26/02/20 ~ Ash Wednesday Mass ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 26/02/20 ~ PSA Meeting ~ 7pm, venue TBC
- 03/03/20 ~ Class Mass ~ Year 3 ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 04/03/20 ~ Netball Festival ~ St Mark's ~ 1pm
- 05/03/20 ~ World Book Day
- 09/03/20 ~ Reconciliation Service – School Hall ~ 9:30am
- 09/03/20 ~ Cross Country Festival ~ Years 5 and 6 ~ St Edmund's ~ 3pm
- 10/03/20 ~ Parents Evening ~ 3:30pm
- 11/03/20 ~ Parents' Evening ~ 4pm
- 13/03/20 ~ PSA Discos ~ TBC
- 17/03/20 ~ Class Mass ~ Year 4 ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 18/03/20 ~ TAG Rugby Festival ~ Years 5 and 6 ~ BWS ~ 11am
- 19/03/20 ~ *Let's Celebrate* Concert ~ St Osmund's Young Voices ~ St Thomas' Church ~ 6pm
- 20/03/20 ~ Parent Network Meeting ~ School Hall ~ 9am
- 23/03/20 ~ Orienteering Festival ~ Years 3 and 4 ~ St Edmund's ~ 3pm
- 24/03/20 ~ Class Mass ~ Year 3 ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 25/03/20 ~ Change 4 Life Festival ~ Years 3 and 4 ~ St Edmund's ~ 10:30am
- 26/03/20 ~ Stations of the Cross ~ School Hall ~ ALL welcome ~ all day (except 11:15-1:30pm)
- 27/03/20 ~ PSA Race Night ~ School Hall
- 03/04/20 ~ Passiontide Mass ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 03/04/20 ~ Break up end of Term 4
- 20/04/20 ~ School re-opens for Term 5

With all best wishes,

Mr R Sanderson  
Headteacher

*If your child wants to change their library book, they can bring it in any day and change before and after school on the bus. It is also open at lunchtimes for them.*

*Please ensure your child only borrows one book at a time and the last book must be returned before taking out a new one.*

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