



St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Attendance / Online Learning

It is vital that if your child has any of the 3 'classic' symptoms of Covid-19 (temperature, new cough, loss of taste/smell) you must keep them off, tell us, and get a PCR. Likewise, children with diarrhoea/vomiting should be off for 48hrs after their last 'episode'. For general seasonal colds, your child should attend school. Please contact us if in any doubt.

YOU SHOULD BOOK A TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

a high temperature.

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).

OR a new continuous cough.

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough it may be worse than usual)

OR a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste.

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

In terms of online learning, our Google Classroom Live Lessons system is designed to cater for children who are well but are required to isolate and have been advised to do so by a health professional. Google Classroom Live Lessons are

not designed for children who are off with bugs etc. If children are well enough (non-Covid) to join live lessons, then we would expect them to attend school instead. As good as the Live Lessons are, they are no substitute for being in school.

There are exceptions in terms of attending school in the case of certain bugs (see <https://www.st-osmunds.wilts.sch.uk/news-events/sickness-managing-absence-and-infection-control>), and Reception parents should also have regard for a further letter sent out this term on the same page.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Wiltshire Council have confirmed that vouchers will be issued to children entitled to Free School Meals during the Christmas holidays. These will be emailed out during the last week of term.

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please speak to the office for details on how to apply, or go to

<https://pages.wiltshire.gov.uk/schoolseducationandlearning/schoolsandcollages/parentadvice/educatinggrants/freeschoolmealsform.htm>

PSA Virtual Family Quiz

The PSA Virtual Family Quiz will take place on Friday 26 November 2021 at 6pm.

It is only £4.00 per family to enter. Payment can be made on School Gateway and the virtual link will be sent out nearer the time to those who have paid. Mr Sanderson will be your host and Quizmaster. We look forward to you joining us for a fun evening.

Coats, Hats, Gloves and Scarves

With the cold temperatures forecast to set in next week please may we remind you that all winter clothing is named. It is much easier to reunite these items to the rightful owner! Thank you.

Photographs

All of the children looked very smart when they had their pictures taken today. You will be able to order your photograph when the proof is brought home in a couple of weeks. Orders are to be made directly with Fraser Portraits.

Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to come into school to support children with their reading. We welcome volunteers who can give a regular slot – for however long each week – to support our children in a Covid-safe way.

If you feel you can support us, then we will have an initial conversation, then set about a DBS clearance so you can get started as soon as possible. Please contact schoolcomms@sops.canacp.org if you can help!

Golden Book Awards

Rec: Nathan and Ridvik
Year 1: Amelia and Michal
Year 2: Leah and Cody
Year 3: Oscar and Laura
Year 4: Rocco and Bella R
Year 5: Valentina and Alex P
Year 6: Zachary and Jasmine B

Our
weekly
winner



Dates for your diary...

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23.11.21 ~ Y3 Class Mass (Virtual) ~ 10am (St Osmund's Church TV)
26.11.21 ~ PSA Virtual Family Quiz ~ 6pm
29.11.21 ~ Advent Begins
08-09.12.21 ~ Reception and KS1 Nativities
15.12.21 ~ Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
15.12.21 ~ Key Stage 2 Carol Service – Church ~ 6pm (Provisional date)
17.12.21 ~ End of Term 2 @ 1.15pm
04.01.2022 ~ Term 3 Begins



Mr R Sanderson
Headteacher

Children in Need

Our non-uniform day last week raised over £150 for Children in Need to add to the £39million raised in last night's telethon (is that still a word??). Thank you all for your support 😊

Nativities

Reception: 08 December at 2-3pm
09 December at 10 -11am
Key Stage 1: 09 December at 2-3pm, 6-7pm

Letters with full details will be sent out nearer the date.

We have been asked if, given Wiltshire Council is advising schools to put in place some measures, the nativities will be going ahead.

It is still our firm intention to do so but we *may* have to consider measures such as testing, limits on numbers, and recorded performances. We will assess nearer the time.

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