



St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Festivities and Plays

It was a privilege to see the children performing their Christmas Plays this week. Reception performed 'The Sleepy Shepherd' and Years 1 and 2 gave a performance of 'A Midwife Crisis'.

The children sang their hearts out, performing in front of family and friends – a joyous experience that we can never take for granted. Both Nativity plays retold the Christmas Story wonderfully. What better way to prepare for Christmas than by hearing the greatest story ever told, by our wonderful children? Thank you to all the staff for all their hard work preparing for these performances.

We also had a visit from a very special person yesterday – **HO HO HO** – and his wonderful elves! All the classes visited him in his outdoor sleigh and because they have all been so good, they got a present! This year, Father Christmas is thinking about nature and looking after God's creation, so he has given all the children a bird feeder to make and put outside their houses – it is Christmas for the birdies too! Thank you to the PSA for writing a special letter to Santa to ask him to visit us, he is such a busy person so getting a visit is extra special.

Lastly, as a special treat, we were able to send Reception, Year 5 and 6 to the Panto at the Playhouse yesterday. At the last minute we received 90 tickets! In addition, everyone will get to see a panto as next week a virtual, interactive show will be beamed into each class for the children to enjoy.

Farewells

We are all sad to say farewell to some members of staff this week.

Mrs Camisa, our Admin Officer, who has worked at the school for many years, firstly as a TA and in recent years in our office, has decided to hang up her computer and step away to spend time with her family and look after her Mum and Dad. I am very sad to see Mrs Camisa leave; she has kept us all on the straight and narrow and her support has always meant so much. No doubt we will all still see Mrs Camisa in Parish life.

Mr Rudorf, a TA in Year 4 is also moving onto pastures new (old). Mr Rudorf has spent a year with us and has been a really positive addition to the team. Mr Rudorf is returning to his career in construction, but he has already promised to come back in the new year to run our Football Club!

Lastly, as parents know, Miss Badham is leaving us at Christmas. Miss Badham has been teaching at St Osmund's for 3 and a half years and in that time has taught nearly 120 children, run netball clubs, and has supported many parent and school events. We will miss you Miss Badham, good luck and stay in touch! Miss Ford, our new teacher, who has been visiting in the last week, joins us in January to take the reins in Year 3.

Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 15 December 2021 is Christmas dinner day at St Osmund's. You should have already booked your child's dinner on School Grid, if not then please speak to the office on Monday.

Christmas Jumper Day

Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day was today however we thought it would be nice to support this on Wednesday 15 December 2021 to coincide with our Christmas Dinner Day.

Your child can wear their Christmas jumper with their uniform instead of their cardigan or jumper. There is a £1.00 donation to Save the Children can be made via School Gateway.

Golden Book Awards

This week, our Golden Book award winners will be announced in Monday's assembly.

Our
weekly
winners



End of Term

School finishes at 1.30pm on Friday 17 December 2021.
Term 3 starts at 8.55 on Tuesday 04 January 2022.

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Dates for your diary...

15.12.21 ~ Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

17.12.21 ~ End of Term 2 @ 1.15pm

04.01.2022 ~ Term 3 Begins



Mr R Sanderson
Headteacher

Prepare for Jesus

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

*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.*

You may have seen this week that St Osmund's was in the Sunday Times Best Schools guide (and Salisbury Journal) – 58th highest performing primary in the country and top primary in Wiltshire!

It has been a very different and difficult two years for **everyone**, and this recognition is a real boost.

There are so many factors that go into school performance, and most importantly at Osmund's success is built on our daily Mission, to show...

Love for God, Love for Each Other and Love for Learning in an ethos of

'We can'...

Success and achievement is within **every** child and our fabulous, strong teaching **team** draws that out each and every day.

St Osmund's is what it is because of the support of you – our amazing parent community – and our fabulous team of teachers, teaching assistants, admin, support, site staff and governors. Well done all of you!

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