



# St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## Covid-19 Update

As you could probably tell from the quiet playground in the mornings last week, we had an increasing amount of pupil sickness which included a rising number of confirmed positive Covid-19. At one point we had over 30% of the school off for one reason or another, as well as, sadly, a significant staffing shortfall. We hope that all our children and staff who are off get well very soon. Not all schools are affected at the same time and last week, we seem to have had our surge in cases. Hopefully, it will settle down in the coming days. Thankfully, for the very large majority, Covid-19 remains very mild, particularly in children, and we wish all our community a sense of health and wellness this year.

Yesterday, the government sent out new operational guidance for schools and in it they are reflecting the news you may have heard recently that restrictions are easing in response to the national picture. Once cases at St Osmund's settle down soon, our intention is to move away, once again, from 'bubbles' and allow assemblies, singing and mixed playtimes again. While we need to ensure continued good hygiene and cleaning, the effect of such a prolonged period of isolation of classes has a noticeable and detrimental impact on children's social and emotional development. Children need to socialise, play with a range of other children and see each other as role models across year groups. We all miss our PSA events and at the recent meeting of enthusiastic parents, there was such excitement for the fundraising initiatives to come this spring and summer. Our intention is to return to normal as soon as possible – and we can't wait!

## School Uniform

Great news! We are pleased to inform you that all uniform can now be purchased from Kids Klobber, 20 Endless Street, Salisbury. They supply everything including ties and PE Kits. For those who are in receipt of Free School Meals and are yet to claim this academic year's entitlement, please collect a letter from the School Office to take to Kids Klobber with you.

## Keep us Informed

Please remember to inform us of any changes to your contact details. It is vital for us to have current phone numbers and email addresses on our records in case we need to contact you in an emergency. You can email any updates to us, [Schoolcomms@sops.canacp.org](mailto:Schoolcomms@sops.canacp.org)

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

## Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Members of the PSA will be selling pre-loved uniform every first Friday of the month, in the school playground, weather permitting. The first of these sales will be on Friday 04 February 2022 after school. Donations of good condition, outgrown uniforms are gratefully received.

## Work at Home

We receive a large number of requests for online learning or work sent home for children who are not coming into school because they are poorly.

Online Learning (live lessons and work posted on google classroom) is for **isolating children OR children off with Covid-19 themselves and have no symptoms**. It is **not intended for children who are off poorly**.

If a child is off poorly, but you believe they are able to do work, then they really should be in school.

Please do send your child in to school if at all possible. Attendance is very important and we are required to send all absence details to the Local Authority. Coughs and colds are normal at this time of year. Keep testing using LFD tests and isolate if positive for Covid-19.

## Golden Book Awards

Rec: Oscar and Annette  
Year 1: Aiden and Jones  
Year 2: Octavia and George  
Year 3: Jack and Finley  
Year 4: Olivia Zie and Borys  
Year 5: Joanna and Teddy  
Year 6: Iris and Paul

Our  
weekly  
winner



## Dates for your diary...

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25.01.2022 ~ Class Mass ~ Year 6 ~ Virtual ~ 10am  
31.01 & 01.02.2022 ~ Bikeability Yr 6  
01.02.2022 ~ Class Mass ~ Year 5 ~ Virtual ~ 10am  
08.02.2022 ~ Class Mass ~ Year 4 ~ Virtual ~ 10am  
15.02.2022 ~ Class Mass ~ Year 3 ~ Virtual ~ 10am  
18.02.2022 ~ End of Term 3  
28.02.2022 ~ Term 4 begins



Mr R Sanderson  
Headteacher

**‘Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus [who is] sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.’**

**Hebrews 12: 1 – 2**

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