



# St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## Chaplaincy Day

This week we welcomed our friends from Wardour Catholic Primary School to St Osmund's for a Chaplaincy Day. Also here was the Diocesan Religious Education Advisor seeing St Osmund's for the first time, our wonderful children and grounds. The school Chaplaincy Team enjoyed a session of Prayer & Liturgy, followed by a taught session on what makes an effective pupil-led prayer session. The children also enjoyed learning about St Osmund, our patron saint.

### Did you know, St Osmund:

- Was born in France and became a Bishop
- Was the Bishop of Sarum when the Cathedral was at Old Sarum
- Helped assemble the Domesday Book
- Was musical and developed a love of music in his priests
- Built a library for his priests who were well known for their **love of learning** (like our Mission Statement!)



We all had a fabulous morning with Mrs White from the Diocese and our chaplains were so excited to show her around the Library Bus, Prayer Area and our outdoor Stations of the Cross. We will be doing it again in the Summer when we will hopefully visit Wardour.

## Day for Ukraine

Today we wear yellow and blue clothing as a show of solidarity with our friends in Ukraine. We give thanks for the strength and courage shown and pray for a peaceful resolution to the conflict as soon as possible. Donations can still be made on School Gateway.

## Wristbands

Please ensure that your child wears their wristband for school; they are a part of our uniform! It is a visual reminder of our school Mission Statement and values. Last term we issued many more STARS for reaching '20' on the class star chart! Well done children! New or replacement wristbands are free and are available in two sizes. Your child just needs to make their class teacher or teaching assistant aware.

## Contacting Staff

The [schoolcomms@sops.canacp.org](mailto:schoolcomms@sops.canacp.org) is the way to contact school if you have any questions for our ELSA, the teachers, support staff or myself. We ask that staff are not individually contacted via email, unless a different arrangement has been agreed prior. The exception to this is contact with our SENCo Team who do need to maintain a line of confidential, private communication. All contact with staff should come through [schoolcomms@](mailto:schoolcomms@) and will be passed on quickly to the recipient for their attention.

## Staffing Absence

It has been a testing week as we continue to navigate covid-related absence. We have had no admin staff in this week as they have been off poorly, as well as some members of the teaching and support staff – let's wish them a speedy recovery.

As it stands, the Government still recommend that anyone testing positive for Covid should isolate in the same way as before. So even though it is no longer *legally* enforceable, nothing has really changed. That being said, we expect new guidance on or around the 1st of April which will further guide us in managing respiratory illnesses and living with Covid.

I would like to thank you all for your patience as we have had reduced capacity to deal with phone calls and respond to non-urgent queries this week. We hope to be back and firing on all cylinders next week!

## Golden Book Awards

Rec: Clara and Jessika  
Year 1: Sofia and James  
Year 2: Beatrice and Aaron  
Year 3: Hanna and Dean  
Year 4: Olivia-Rose and Paulo  
Year 5: William and Aurelia  
Year 6: Leo and Jessica

Our  
weekly  
winner



## Dates for your diary...

[@St\\_OsmundsCP](https://www.twitter.com)

18.03.22 ~ Yr 3 Cake Sale ~ Break time  
23.03.22 ~ Yr 5 Trip to Portsmouth Dockyards  
25.03.22 ~ Yr 2 Cake Sale ~ Break time  
01.04.22 ~ Yr 1 Cake Sale ~ Break time  
05.04.22 ~ Stations of the Cross ~ School Hall ~ all day  
07.04.22 ~ Easter Egg Hung & Easter Bonnet Parade ~ Playground and Woodland Area  
08.04.22 ~ Yr R Cake Sale ~ Break time  
08.04.22 ~ Class Photo Day  
08.04.22 ~ End of Term 4 ~ 1.30pm  
15.04.22 ~ Good Friday  
17.04.22 ~ Easter Sunday  
18.04.22 ~ Easter Monday  
25.04.22 ~ School re-opens for Term 5



Mr R Sanderson  
Headteacher

### Cake Sales

As part of Lent, and our commitment to Almsgiving, in aid of CAFOD we are holding cake sales. After today's Year 3 sale, the next one is being held on Friday 25 March 2022 and will be the turn of Year 2.

We ask children and parents to donate cakes for us (no nuts please) to sell at a suggested donation of 50p per cake. Any cakes left over will be sold on the playground after school.

**Loving God,  
Help us to work together to share what we have  
so that everyone has what they need.  
Help us to build a better world, where each of us can  
become the best person we can be.  
Amen**

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