

# St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## Final Summer Events

We have had a fabulous and busy final few weeks at St Osmund's. Since I last reported, we enjoyed a fantastic Year 6 play in which the children performed with confidence and clear enjoyment. We also had the privilege of taking a group of children to Wimbledon where we managed to get Court 1 tickets and saw some amazing players; what an experience! We also enjoyed immensely our Staff vs Parents Netball Match last week! It was great fun and I am 'pleased' to report that the parents won 10:2. Last week, the Year 6 children enjoyed their Residential trip to Simonsbath on Exmoor. The weather was very kind and not excessively hot, which looking at next week is fortunate! The children were tree climbing, sailing, paddle boarding, orienteering, learning archery and much, much more! This week we have our Prize Giving on Monday, our Leavers' BBQ (Y6 only) on Tuesday and our Leavers Assembly on Wednesday morning before we break up at 1:30pm the same day.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and apologise that the arrangements for some events we have been publicising have been short notice. Sometimes this has been weather-related but we have also been very short staffed across our partnership with Christ the King and this has meant we haven't always been as quick to react as we would like; I am very sorry for this. I hope that you have enjoyed the events we have put on so far and the ones still to come!

## **Prize Giving Assembly**

On Monday we hold our Prize Giving Assembly. If your child is to receive a prize, you will have received an email invitation on Friday after the prize winners had been selected by the staff. We are not handing out attendance certificates this year. Not every child can receive a prize – in fact, most do not – but this does not mean they have not had a successful year. I really enjoyed reading the children's end of year reports and hearing just how well the children have done. You should all be very proud, we certainly are. We have moved Prize Day assembly to 9:15am having received extreme heat guidance from Wiltshire on Friday.

#### **Absences**

Please remember to contact the school office to report your child absent for every day they will be off. Not all messages left with friends or teachers reach the office which may result in an unauthorised absence mark. Please remember to cancel your child's lunch if you have booked one, otherwise you may still get charged for it. Absences can be phoned through on 01722 322632 or emailed on <a href="mailto:schoolcomms@sops.canacp.org">schoolcomms@sops.canacp.org</a>

#### **Covid Reminder**

If your child has covid (confirmed by test) we ask that you kindly keep them off school for 3 days.

Any child with a temperature should remain off school until their temperature returns to normal.

## **End of Year Reports**

Almost all of you (except Y6 due to Residential trip) will have received your child's end of year report. We hope that you find the report useful and easy to access. If you have any questions about your report, your child's class teacher will be happy to talk to you. Please do fill in the feedback sheet - it helps us to understand what is working well and any aspects to consider in the future.

The attendance section was more challenging this year — particularly the coloured highlighting part — which may, for some, have been a surprise to see a green, amber or a red colour. We have a statutory duty to report on attendance and this year, **St Osmund's attendance has been lower than the national average for all schools over the same period** so we know that we need to work on improving that. Wiltshire LA are bringing out updated attendance procedures in light of new government statutory guidance which is targeting attendance as a key priority for schools. As a result, we are required to create a new attendance policy for September. We will share this with you when is has been created.

#### Golden Book Awards

Rec: Jessica and Luigi

Year 1: Sofia and Annie

Year 2: Olivia and Luna

Year 3: Julian and Sofia

Year 4: Alina and Filip

Year 5: Joanna and Leon

Year 6: The Whole Class



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# Dates for your diary...

18.07.22 ~ Prize Giving Assembly ~ Whole school ~ Woodland Area ~ 9:15am

19.07.22 ~ Year 6 Leavers BBQ ~ Woodland area ~ 6pm

20.07.22 ~ End of Year Assembly focusing on our Year 6 ~ All welcome ~ 9:30am

20.07.22 ~ School Closes for the Summer Holidays ~ 1:30pm

05.09.22 ~ School re-opens for Term 1



Mr R Sanderson Headteacher

#### **Football Matches**

Well done to our Year 3 & 4 team, and Year 5 team who played a great couple of matches against St Martin's on Thursday evening. It was really enjoyable and the children played so well – our mixed teams played in a true St Osmund's spirit, they never gave up in spite of the warm conditions. Year 5 drew 1:1 and Year 3/4 won 3:1.

Well done boys and girls!

As we come to the end of the academic year, on behalf of all the staff and Governors at St Osmund's Catholic Primary School, I would like to wish you all a very enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday with your families and friends.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on the 5th September!

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