

# St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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## Giving Thanks

On Friday we enjoyed our start of year Mass with our new Parish Priest, Father Joseph. He is joining the Salisbury Catholic churches as assistant priest with Father Anthony. We are so happy to welcome our new priest and we look forward to working with him in the years to come, strengthening our school/parish links and the Parish youth work.



What a weekend our nation has had. Like lots of you, I was watching the Queen's funeral yesterday with a mixture of sadness and loss, thanks for her amazing work, and pride in our nation's response. In school, we marked the occasion the day following Queen Elizabeth's passing with a special assembly of remembrance and reflection. Prior to Mass on Friday, we also took a small group of the Pupil Council to the Town Hall to sign the book of condolence.

It was truly wonderful to read some of the comments the pupils made in the book, giving thanks for the Queen's life of service to the country, Jesus' inspiration for us all and how we can all try to live our lives with a spirit of giving.

### **School Applications**

Will your child be transferring to Secondary School in September 2023? You MUST apply for a Secondary School place. Apply online at wiltshire.gov.uk or complete an application form, available from all Wiltshire Council offices. The deadline is midnight on 31 October 2022. Contact Customer Services on 01225 713010 for more information.

Will your child be four years old before September 2023? You MUST apply for a primary school place. Apply online as above, the deadline for applications is midnight on 15 January 2023.

#### **IT** Issues

During the migration of our IT systems we encountered some issues we had no knowledge of until some were brought to our attention, concerning School Gateway. Please accept our apologies for this and be assured that we are working to resolve these issues. Thank you for your patience during this time.

## **Baby News**

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Brownsword gave birth to a baby girl, Lilly Lynne, on Saturday. I'm sure you join us in congratulating Mrs Brownsword and her husband Dan.

## **Using the Woodland Area**

Your child may use the timber trail in the morning or after school but it must always be under the supervision of the child's parent. Please do not go into the Woodland Area at all.

We use the Woodland Area during the day and lunchtime and playtime but we make sure we are supervising at all times. We cannot do this before or after school.

#### Harvest

Times are so hard for families, and getting harder. Now, more than ever, if we can show a little generosity to others it would make a huge difference. We are now collecting for our Harvest.

Each class will produce their own box/arrangement of donations so we ask if you can spare an item or two to send in. Ideal items are non-perishables such as tins such as beans, soup, vegetables, and packets of dried food such as pasta, noodles etc.

#### Golden Book Awards

Year 1: Kenshin and Annette

Year 2: Ruby and Luca

Year 3: Nyomie and AJ

Year 4: Matteau and Lena

Year 5: Amelia and Rocco

Year 6: Michelle and Dominik



## Dates for your diary...

20.09.22 ~ Y5 Meet the Teacher Meeting ~ 3:15pm New Date

10.10.22 ~ Parents Evening – 3:30pm-6:30pm

12.10.22 ~ Parents Evening – 4:00pm-7:00pm

19.10.22 ~ End of Term 1

31.10.22~ School Re-opens for Term 2

#### Headlice

Please can we remind you that from time to time we see cases of headlice in school. Here is a link with information on headlice:

www.onceaweektakeapeek.com.

NHS Choices has some useful background and advice: <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-">http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-</a>

lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx



Mr R Sanderson Headteacher

#### Great and gracious God,

We give thanks to you for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth II. We thank you for her life of service, her faithfulness and her kindness. Help us to live our lives in the same spirit of giving.

We pray now for her family, loved ones and others who will feel her passing most keenly.

Lord may your comfort and peace be with them. In Jesus name, Amen.

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