

St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Safe on the Internet

This Tuesday is national Safer Internet Day. It is so important to keep our children safe online and especially given that so much of what we need for day to day life is now online.

Here are some links with useful information and steps to take to help your child stay safe online.

Have an ongoing conversation:

- Continue to talk about the apps, games and sites they like to use, and what they like and don't like and any concerns about being online.
- Discuss with them when to unfollow, block or report. For help starting this conversation, follow the link: https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/having-an-open-and-honest-conversation-about-online-safety-5-questions-for-parents

Make sure they know where to go for support:

- Remind your child they can always speak to you or an adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried or upset.
- Remind them that they won't be in trouble and that you are there to help.

For a breakdown of report services, visit: https://www.internetmatters.org/report-issue/ also see our school website as we populate guides for popular apps, games and platforms here (courtesy of nationalonlinesafety.com)

Lent Approaching

After half term we begin our Lent preparations – Ash Wednesday starts the season on Wednesday 22nd February with a Mass in Church at 10am.

As always, we will be asking the children to think in advance about a Lenten promise – something they would sacrifice to enrich the life of someone else.



Quiz and Curry

On 10th March 2023, we will be holding the annual PSA Quiz – you are all very welcome and details can be found on the PSA newsletter and PSA Facebook page. Save the date for this fun family event!



School Gateway

If you don't already use the School Gateway app please consider doing so. You will be aware that the school uses School Gateway for communication but you might not know that we get charged to send a text message to anyone that doesn't use the app. By installing the free app you will be helping us keep costs on messaging to a minimum. Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance

Please see our Attendance Policy and our Attendance Statement on the school website if you have any questions about school attendance - https://www.st-osmunds.wilts.sch.uk/key-documents-policies/policies-1

Golden Book Awards

Rec: Mason and Amy

Year 1: Leia-Skye and Kenshin

Year 2: Elizabeth and Sofia

Year 3: Joey and Robbie

Year 4: Luca and Damian

Year 5: Tommy C and Lola-Rose

Year 6: Tommy P-C and Itbaan





Dates for your diary...

07.02.23 ~ Class Mass ~ Year 6

09.02.23 ~ National Dental Programme ~ Y6

10.02.23 ~ End of Term 3 ~ 3.15pm

20.02.23 ~ Start of Term 4

21.02.23 ~ Year 4 Water Meadow Trip

22.02.23 ~ Ash Wednesday Mass ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 10am

22.03.23 ~ Chaplaincy Team trip ~ the Bible comes to life ~ St Paul's ~ 11am

27.02 – 03.03.23 ~ Book Week (World Book Day is Thursday 2nd March)

10.03.23 ~ Quiz and a curry ~ PSA event

14.03.23 ~ Parents' Evening ~ 3:30-6pm

15.03.23 ~ Parents Evening ~ 4-7pm

16.03.23 ~ Class Photographs

23.03.23 ~ Stations of the Cross ~ School Hall All welcome



Mr R Sanderson Headteacher

Useful online safety websites for parents

National Online Safety – safety guides on ALL aspects of internet use https://nationalonlinesafety.com/ a number of them (including safely managing WhatsApp, YouTube, Roblox etc) are also regularly added to our school website here: https://www.st-osmunds.wilts.sch.uk/news-events/electronic-online-and-device-safety

Internet Matters – wide range of online safety advice for parents to keep their children safe online.

Dear God.

Thank you for the wonderful things that the internet brings. We are thankful that each one of us is different and this creates our own unique identity. Help us to be kind online and have the courage to speak out against unkindness if we ever need to.

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