St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Well done to the PSA runners!!!!

Last weekend some members of the PSA ran a half-marathon… and only two of the team had run that distance before. They ran the Bournemouth event starting at Hengistbury Head, down towards Bournemouth Pier with a few loops in-between. The weather was warm but everyone finished!

Thanks to the team effort, and your amazing donations, £2256 has been raised so far. Our target has been smashed by 12%!

What a fantastic achievement from our super PSA! Once again they have excelled in a fundraising initiative, this time they were aiming to restock our library bus and classes with new and exciting books 😊 We will keep you informed about the purchase of the books and take some pictures once they have arrived.

runbournemouth.com

PSA Discos

Join us for a fancy-dress disco on Friday 10th November for a small donation of £2.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – your disco runs from 6pm until 7pm.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – your disco runs from 7:15pm until 8:30pm.

Free Bicycle Repair Event

Salisbury City Council are carrying out free repairs to children's bikes on 25 October 2023 from 10.30 to 3pm. For more information please contact bhc@salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk or call 01722 417100.

Performing Arts Half Term Camp

Catch Creative are a performing arts school who are holding a camp during half term at Greentree's Primary School. No previous experience is necessary and you can choose to go to Musical Theatre Day, Street Dancing Day, Ballet Day or Drama Day. The classes run from 9am -3pm during half term for 5 – 11 year olds and are priced at £37 a day. To sign up please go to book@catchperform.com

Illness

Please remember to keep your child off of school for 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting **or** diarrhoea. If they are sick in the night or before school please don't send them to school.

You can send your child to school if they have a cough or cold. Only if a fever accompanies general cold symptoms do we ask that you keep them off of school.

Poppies

The school will be selling poppies and other merchandise such as wristbands and keyrings from the start of next term. Our year 6 students will be going around each class so your child will have an opportunity to purchase something. Please send your child in with a sensible donation.

Star of the Week Awards

Rec: Frieda and Dana
Year 1: Cedric and Alexandra
Year 2: Ridvik and Helen
Year 3: Lily and Elizabeth
Year 4: Luna and Oliver
Year 5: Finley and Antoni
Year 6: Amelia and Borys

Our weekly winners

Dates for your diary...

17.10.23 ~ Class Mass ~ Year 3
17.10.23 ~ Last day of Term 1
18.10.23 ~ Teacher Training Day
30.10.23 ~ Term 2 begins
01.11.23 ~ All Saints Mass ~ Whole school ~ St Osmund's Church
08.11.23 ~ Individual Photographs
04.12.23 ~ Advent Mass ~ Church ~ 1:30pm
07.12.23 ~ Reception Nativity ~ 10am
07.12.23 ~ KS1 Nativity ~ 2pm
07.12.23 ~ KS1 Nativity ~ 6pm
08.12.23 ~ Reception Nativity ~ 2pm
12.12.23 ~ KS2 Carol Service ~ Church ~ 6pm
20.12.23 ~ Last day of Term 2 ~ 1:30pm

Mr R Sanderson
Headteacher

Let us pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel. We remember especially those who have died, those who are grieving, the injured and those now without food, shelter or medical supplies. We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace.
Amen.

Apply for a School Place

Applications for secondary school places close on 31 October 2023. If your child is in Year 6 please log on to Gov.UK and follow the instructions to apply for a secondary school place.

Safeguarding Team

If you have any concerns about a child's welfare or safety, please speak to a member of the school safeguarding team:

Mr Sanderson – Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Chapman – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Sambrook – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Windsor – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Concerning material online

We have become aware of some children watching some bizarre and often quite disturbing and unsettling material on YouTube.

The latest 'craze' we are hearing about in particular is something called 'Skibidi Toilet'. If you have heard your child talking about this, we urge you to look into it.

The main premise seems to be a conflict, or as the children describe it, a 'war'.   This war is between animated disembodied heads inside moving toilets, and other bizarre characters.

The concern we have at the moment is the impact this is having on children's conversation and play. As with other videos, and games such as Fortnite – see below – the children role-play what they are seeing and this spills into inappropriate behaviour.

As always, we strongly encourage parents to closely monitor all viewing and gaming habits. So many of these viral memes, videos and games are viral because they are controversial and addictive.

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Parent Factsheet

Keep your child safe on Fortnite

> Fortnite is an online video game where players compete to be the last person standing in a post-apocalyptic world. The most popular version is **Fortnite: Battle Royale**, which sees up to 100 players pitted against each other to stay alive on an island. Players can build and demolish structures, and collect weapons, supplies and armour to help them along the way

> Players shoot each other using a range of lethal weapons, but the brightly-coloured, cartoon-style graphics and lack of bloodshed mean it doesn't feel too gory or graphic

> The age recommendation to play is **12 and above** – but you don't have to provide your age when creating an account, so younger children can still use it easily

> Fortnite: Battle Royale **is free to download** on PC/Mac, Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch, Android and iOS devices (Apple phones and tablets)

What are the concerns?

You may have seen news reports or heard concerns raised about:

> **Communication between players:** they can talk to each other via messaging or a headset and microphone. Children could speak to strangers or be at risk of cyber-bullying

> **In-app purchases:** children can build up large bills on their parents' accounts by buying cosmetic items, like outfits for their character, and better-looking weapons ('skins')

> **The game's addictive nature:** there have been stories of children staying up all night to play, and falling asleep in lessons. Some people say this is down to the communal feel of the game – you can play with your friends – and because it's different every time you play

3 steps to take to keep your child safe

1. Use the parental controls on your gaming device

> Most devices allow you to **set time limits** on game play, **set age limits** for content, and **restrict in-app purchases.** Go to the website below for links to detailed instructions on your child's device – it covers PlayStation, Xbox, Apple and Android phones, and Nintendo Switch:

- [Ask About Games](http://www.askaboutgames.com/advice/parental-controls) - *www.askaboutgames.com/advice/parental-controls*

> Battles in Fortnite last around 20 minutes, so make use of this natural stopping point when limiting your child's screen time. Set a limit in terms of matches rather than hours and minutes, or set time limits in 20-minute increments

2. Turn off the voice chat feature

Speak to your child to make sure they understand how to use this feature safely. Encourage them to follow the steps below if they meet someone who is offensive or inappropriate in the game.

To **disable the in-game voice chat function**:

> Select the menu icon, then 'Settings'

> Select the 'audio' tab (it's represented by a speaker icon)

> Tap the arrows next to 'voice chat'

To **'mute' individual players**:

> Pause the game
> Hover over the player you wish to mute and select the mute button (a loudspeaker icon)

3. Make sure your child knows how to report inappropriate behaviour

To **report** players who make your child feel uncomfortable:

> Select the menu icon, then 'Reporting/feedback'
> On the 'Feedback type' tab, select 'Report player'
> Select the reason you want to report the player
> On the 'Select player' tab, select the name of the player you want to report
> On the 'Submit' tab, select 'Accept' to send the report
> Select 'Send report'

What else can I do?

> Download and play the game to help you understand it
> Take a look at the other parental controls explained on the Epic Games website:
> https://bit.ly/2o3YnaC
> Talk to your child about what they're doing online, and make sure they know they can talk to you about anything that has upset them. See more guidance from the NSPCC on how to do this here:
> https://bit.ly/1HpjYgO
> Check your bank statements and gaming system account balance regularly for in-app purchases you're not happy with, and to make sure your child isn't getting around any passwords you've set up

Sources

This factsheet was produced by [The Key Safeguarding](#):
thekeysupport.com/safeguarding

> [Fortnite, Epic Games](#)
> *https://www.epicgames.com/fortnite/en-US/home*
> ['Fortnite chat raises stranger danger fears from NSPCC, BBC News, 3 May 2018](#)
> *https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-43988210*