



St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Thank you for your support

As we begin the summer holidays, on behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for your unwavering support this last academic year. It means so much, particularly when times have been so challenging financially. You have raised record amounts of money for good causes such as Pakistan flood relief, EdUKaid, the Diocesan Water Aid project and Alabare, as well as funding school playground and library improvements! Like many of us experience personally, school budgets are squeezed as we face mounting costs just to maintain the status quo – that is why we are so grateful to you all for your generosity; it makes such a difference and we could not do without it!

The children have achieved some amazing things this year; lots of sporting success such as Quad Kids, golf and swimming. They have produced so truly inspirational artwork in our **ART AND DT** curriculum, and the geographical work produced this year has been earth-shatteringly good. In national tests, our children have achieved very well indeed in their SATs, Year 1 reading and maths fluency in Year 4. In addition, our Early Years children have made tremendous progress through reception and go into Year 1 ready to fly. This achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our children, as well as the commitment of our incredibly talented and devoted team of staff.

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to you, the parents, for your invaluable support, trust, and cooperation throughout this academic year. Our partnership is invaluable, and I look forward to September when we once again embark on another exciting school year. Wishing you and your families a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Mr S.

Good luck to our friend and colleague

Over the last week or so, we have done a lot of celebrating the successes of the year at St Osmund's. We have also been celebrating the contribution Mrs Sterck has made to our school over the past 9 years as she leaves us to take on a new challenge as Head of a school in Dorset. On Thursday we had a wonderful assembly to give thanks for her service and to pray for her continued success. I have been fortunate to have worked with Mrs Sterck for 7 of those 9 years and she has been a trusted colleague and friend to me, and the staff. She is a true servant leader, giving tirelessly to the community of our school. She has also been an amazing teacher to many and her impact has been tremendous. Good luck Mrs Sterck, you will be missed by us all but you richly deserve every success 😊

Farewell to Miss White

After 32 years of incredible service, Miss White has decided that it is time to focus on her gardening and home improvements! Mary has been offering private piano tuition here at St Osmund's for all this time and has guided children to great success. We wish Mary all the best in her retirement.

We have a new piano teacher called Elena Clark. If you wish to discuss lessons, please contact the office.

Farewell to Mrs Gill

Mrs Gill re-joined the St Osmund's family last September but has very sadly been poorly and not in school since Christmas. We have been in touch with Mrs Gill as she gradually improves, but as you know, she has sadly decided to resign this summer. Mrs Gill, the children you have taught over the years at your schools have flourished in your energy and enthusiasm. You will be missed and we wish the best of health as you move forward in your life.

Dates for your diary...

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- 04.09.23 ~ School re-opens for Term 1
- 08.09.23 ~ Whole School Mass for the start of the new year ~ 10am ~ school hall, all welcome
- 11.09.23 ~ Meet the Teacher meetings Y1-6 this week – days tbc
- 17.10.23 ~ School breaks-up end of Term 1 ~ 3:15pm
- 30.10.23 ~ School re-opens for Term 2

Mr R Sanderson
Headteacher

God of peace,

As we head into the school holidays, let us give thanks for the guiding light that is Your Son Jesus.

May we all enjoy rest and recuperation, health and happiness this summer.

Lord please especially care for Mrs Sterck and Mrs Gill as they embark on new chapters in their lives.

Amen

Summer Swimming Courses

Five Rivers Leisure Centre are holding intensive swimming lessons over the summer. They will run from 08.00 – 09.00am on Monday to Fridays for swimming stages 1 to 5 and will be weekly from 24th July through to 25 August.

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 Sambrook – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Windsor – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

The importance of safeguarding our children does not go away over the summer holidays and is the responsibility of everyone.

If you are a professional, young person, carer, family member or a member of the public and you are worried about a child or young person, who has or may be likely to suffer significant harm, you can contact:

Wiltshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) **0300 456 108** (8.45am-5pm Mon-Thurs) and (8.45am-4pm) Friday

Emergency Duty Service **0300 456 0100** (5pm-8.45am)

If a child is in immediate danger or left alone, you should contact the police or call an ambulance immediately on **999**.

You can also contact us through the usual email contact schoolcomms@saps.canacp.org please note this will be monitored weekly, and you may therefore not get an immediate response. Please use the MASH contacts above if you are worried a child is at risk of harm.

Wishing you and your families a safe and enjoyable summer holiday.

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Autumn Term uniform

In September, we return to normal school uniform, not the summer uniform.

If we have a spell of very hot weather (wouldn't that be nice?) then we will decide about uniform at the time and will let you know. Please can I also take this opportunity to remind you to clearly label all jumpers, cardigans, ties etc. We are still encountering a lot of unnamed clothing which is almost impossible to return to its rightful owner.

Cake Sale

Thank you to our Chaplaincy Team for organising the EdUKaid cake sale. Over £400 was raised! Well done Miss Ramsay for all your hard work coordinating!

Contact Details

If you have a new mobile phone or change any contact details over the summer, let us know by emailing schoolcomms@sops.canacp.org so we can still contact you in an emergency.

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