



# St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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## Shoebox Success!

This week I have been blown away with the generosity from our community. The Chaplaincy Team, inspirationally led by Miss Ramsay, wanted to collect items for our now annual 'Shoebox Appeal' which aims to provide essential items for locals in Salisbury who are homeless. This is a key part of our mission as a Catholic school to weave Catholic Social Teaching values into our lives – in this case, showing a preference for the poor. This value reminds us of God's preferential love for the poorest and most vulnerable people. God's love is universal; he does not side with oppressors, but loves the humble (Cafod). You can read more about Catholic Social Teaching values [here](#).

Just look at how much has been raised for our local residents! This will all be collated by our Chaplaincy Team and gifted to those who need it most through our local partner, Alabare.

Thank you parents and friends for your contributions, they are going to make **huge** difference. I would like to say a huge well-done as well to our Chaplains and Miss Ramsay for organising this amazing gift.



## PSA Christmas Raffle

Tickets for the PSA Christmas raffle are now available to purchase on school gateway. Unfortunately we are unable to accept payment by credit card. Tickets purchased on Gateway will be brought home by your child. Members of our PSA will also be selling tickets at the school gates on various days, and at the Reception and KS1 Nativities.

The draw will take place during the Christmas Fayre, at 5pm on Friday 15 December 2023.

## Christmas Jumpers and Lunch

We are inviting staff and children to wear their Christmas jumper to school on Wednesday 13 December. This will be a non-uniform day and we ask for a £1 donation to Save the Children which can be handed to their teacher during registration. The kitchen will be serving Christmas lunch on this day too, which can be booked in the normal way via schoolgrid by **Wednesday 06 December 2023**.

## Winter's Here!

Now that the cold weather is definitely here please can you ensure your child wears a warm winter coat to school as we do still go outside to play. Also ensure they have jogging bottoms or leggings for PE as this also takes place outside.

Please remember to clearly name coats, hats and **both** gloves, in a way your child will recognise. Hats often get left in the playground after break and gloves can become separated and lost. It is easier to return these items when they are named.

## St Osmund's Got Talent!

We nearly got through the whole Talent Show on Friday but we still have four acts to see on Monday morning! The judges – and the children in the audience – we really impressed by the skills and talents on show. Such variety! Well done children, you were so brave – be proud of yourselves 😊

### Star of the Week Awards

Rec:  
Year 1:  
Year 2: No Stars this week due to the Talent Show – they will be back next week!  
Year 3:  
Year 4:  
Year 5:  
Year 6:

Our  
weekly  
winners



## Dates for your diary...

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@St\_OsmundsCP



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  
13.12.23 ~ Christmas Jumpers and Christmas Lunch  
15.12.23 ~ PSA Christmas Fayre ~ 3pm – 5pm  
20.12.23 ~ Last day of Term 2 ~ 1:30pm

Mr R Sanderson  
Headteacher



### Hope

Christmas is coming the  
Church is glad to sing,  
and let the Advent candles  
brightly burn in a ring.

The first is for God's  
promise, to put the wrong  
things right,  
and bring to Earth's  
darkness, the *hope* of love  
and light.

### 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

### Talk PANTS

With the help of NSPCC's friendly dinosaur Pantosaurus,  
Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep your child  
safe from sexual abuse.

Pantosaurus has helped 1.5 million parents Talk PANTS and  
keep their children safe from sexual abuse.

Developed in consultation with children, parents, carers  
and teachers, Talk PANTS is there to help children  
understand their body belongs to them, and they should  
tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel  
upset or worried. For more information see  
[https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-  
for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/) and access very  
helpful resources and multimedia to support you. Finally,  
in the coming term, we will be welcoming the NSPCC to  
school to talk to our children about the PANTS campaign, as  
well as anti-bullying.

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ST OSMUND'S  
**CHRISTMAS  
FAYRE**

*JOIN US IN THE SCHOOL HALL FOR*

**CAROL SINGERS**

**MUSICAL PERFORMANCES**

**MULLED WINE & HOT CHOCOLATE**

**MINCE PIES & CAKES**

**LOCAL BUSINESS GIFT STALLS**

**FESTIVE GAMES**

**GINGERBREAD BAKE OFF**

*AND A SPECIAL VISIT FROM*

**FATHER CHRISTMAS & HIS ELVES!**

**PLUS RAFFLE DRAW @ 4PM**

**FRI 15<sup>TH</sup> DEC 3.15-4.30PM**

**FREE ENTRY!**