

Newsletter



St Osmund's
CE Middle School
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Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely recently to experience the warmer weather and lighter evenings. With the better weather I know that the children have really appreciated the opportunity this week to once again play on our school field. As always, it is such a pleasure to see them playing and socialising, both at break and lunchtime, in such a positive and respectful manner. The summer term is always a special time in the life of the school. During this term many of our children will be going away on residential trips to Land and Wave, Rockley, Bude and Paris. At St Osmund's we highly value the benefits of these trips, from so many different perspectives. For many of our children the memories and friendships that they will make on these trips will stay with them for many years to come.

We are also at a time of year when children throughout the country will shortly be taking national exams or assessments. In the week beginning Monday 13th May our children in Year 6, alongside all children nationally, will undertake end of Key Stage 2 assessments, commonly referred to as SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) in reading, spelling, punctuation, grammar and maths. The tests are designed to help measure the attainment of pupils in relation to the standards set out in the national curriculum, and help teachers and parents identify where pupils may need additional support in a certain subject area. There are no tests for English writing or science, at the end of Key Stage 2, instead Year 6 teachers will make a judgement based on each child's overall work and performance. As with the tests, these judgements will help to indicate if a child requires more support in the subject. Schools throughout the country will receive the results of the end of Key Stage 2 SATs at the beginning of July. In the week beginning Monday 11th June students in Year 8 will sit externally produced and marked assessments in maths and English. We look forward to sharing the results of the end of Key Stage 2 SATs and Year 8 GL progress tests, as part of our end of year reports

Finally, just a date for your diary. On the 7th June we will be holding our summer music festival "Ossie's Fest 2024", which promises to be another exciting event in the school calendar, featuring a Ceilidh band, student performances, and an open mic, alongside a BBQ and cocktail bar. We have already secured £2,000 of sponsorship for the festival and are extremely grateful to Deane Computer Solutions, Thomson Interiors Ltd., James Newsam Construction, Hunt's Food Group and Charminster Stores and Post Office for their generous sponsorship.

I would just like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy and relaxing weekend.

Deputy Headteacher



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OSSIE'S OPPORTUNITIES—WEEK 22ND APRIL

LUNCH		AFTER SCHOOL 3.15pm - 4.15pm
M O N D A Y	<p>Zoneball – KS2 – WDA – Sports Hall</p> <p>Zoneball – KS3 – WDA – Sports Hall</p> <p>Spanish/French Homework – KS3- (VAT) - Rm 20</p> <p>MFL Speaking – KS3- (VAT) - Rm 20 – INVITE ONLY</p> <p>Culture Club – KS2 – JTA – Room 5</p> <p>Library Club – KS2 – Library</p> <p>Coding Club – Year 5 – LPI - ICT2</p>	<p>Art Club – KS3 – SST – Art Room</p> <p>Striking & Fielding Cricket – KS2 - DK1</p> <p>Rounders – KS2 - CNI</p> <p>Tennis – KS2 - WDA</p> <p>Concert Band – All years – GMI – Music Room</p> <p>Homework Club – Room 14 – Invite Only</p>
T U E S D A Y	<p>Street Soccer – KS2 – WDA – Sports Hall</p> <p>Street Soccer – KS3 – WDA – Sports Hall</p> <p>Debate Club – Year 7 – STH – Room 13</p> <p>Library Club – KS2 – Library</p> <p>Comic Club – Yr5 – NJO – Room 6</p>	<p>Textiles Club - KS3 – SPA – DT room</p> <p>Athletics – All Years</p> <p>Yoga – All years – External Instructor – Drama Studio</p> <p>School Production Workshop – All years</p> <p>Homework Club – Room 14 – Invite Only</p>
W E D S	<p>Basketball – KS2 – WDA – Sports Hall</p> <p>Basketball – KS3 – WDA – Sports Hall</p> <p>OCAG – KS3 – HMU, GOt, JAn, EWa, JCo – Rm 16</p> <p>12.30pm - Keyboard– KS2 – JCO – Ray Pontin</p>	<p>Dance – All years - HAD – Drama Studio</p> <p>Pickleball – KS2 – WDA – Sports Centre</p> <p>Girls' Cricket – Yrs 6, 7 & 8 – External Coach</p> <p>Homework Club – Room 14 – Invite Only</p>
T H U R S	<p>Street Soccer – KS2 – WDA – Sports Hall</p> <p>Girls Street Soccer – KS3 – DK1 – Sports Hall</p> <p>Library Club – KS3 – Library</p> <p>Homeworking Lunch – KS2 – JTA – ICT2</p>	<p>Fencing – Invite Only</p> <p>Striking & Fielding Cricket – KS3 - GBI</p> <p>Rounders – KS3 – DRO & JHA</p> <p>Softball – KS3 - DK1</p> <p>Tennis – KS3 - ERE</p> <p>Ultimate Frisbee – KS3 – WDA</p> <p>Gardening Club – Register interest with Miss Pike</p> <p>Rock & Pop Band - GMI – Music Room</p> <p>Drama Club – CWA - All years – Drama Studio</p> <p>Homework Club – Room 14 – Invite Only</p>
F R I	<p>Chaos Tag – KS2 – WDA – Sports Hall</p> <p>Multi Sports – KS3 – WDA – Sports Hall</p> <p>Library Club – KS2 - Library</p> <p>Library Club – KS3 – Library</p> <p>Karaoke Club – KS2 – JTA – Drama Studio</p>	<p>Badminton – INVITATION ONLY – WDA – Sports Centre</p>

Blue = Sports Clubs Purple = Performing Arts Orange = Homework clubs Green = All other clubs

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 26th April—Ossie's Festival of Food—Morning Break—Bring 50p/£1

Tuesday 7th May— Year 6 Rockley trip Parent Information Evening, 5pm

8th & 9th May— Year 5 Subject Parent/Teacher Consultations

Sunday 12th—Friday 17th May—Year 7 Bude Trip

Monday 13th—Thursday 16th May—Year 6 SATS Week

Tuesday 21st May— French Trip Parent Information Evening, 5pm

Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May—Half Term

Friday 7th June—OSSIE'S FEST! 5pm—9pm—more details to follow



BUS PASSES

If your child travels to school on a Council bus please ensure that their bus pass is in date and if it is lost, parents need to contact Dorset transport on dt@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or phone 01305 224011. The cost of a replacement pass is £15. They take about two weeks to come through.

Dorset School Travel Pass

<Forename>

<Surname>

<School>

<Bus Route Number>

Expiry Date: <dd/mm/yyyy>



HAVE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGED OVER EASTER?



Children from families who are entitled to Free School Meal's will receive financial help from the school for uniform, including school shoes, additional learning resources, financial support for both curriculum and residential trips along with free hot meals, provided by Local Food links. To check if you are eligible for free school meals please click on this link—it only takes two minutes! <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/at-school/free-school-meals>

PARENT WORKSHOP TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH EXAMS

KoothTalks are running training webinars specifically to help parents support young people sitting exams. The training will cover the following:

- An overview of how Kooth works as a mental health service
- How to support your child to manage exam stress
- Tips when talking to young people about their feelings
- Q&As



Supporting the mental health of
children and young people in your
school community

These sessions are free and are especially worth attending if you are worried about your child's anxiety.

OSSIE'S FESTIVAL OF FOOD

Culture Club are holding a Festival of Food to celebrate Eid (end of Ramadan). Students are invited to make a cultural/heritage dish and bring it to school on the morning of Friday 26th April.

Portions of food will be sold at morning break for between 50p-£1 and the proceeds given to our local YMCA as part of our community outreach to help them with the running cost of their brilliant centre.

If you are interested in making a dish for the day (the more the merrier) please take an ingredients list from the registers or come to Miss Watters' room (room 5) and collect one.

Unsure what to make? Have a look in our heritage cook book (available from the office for £5).

We would really appreciate parental support with this. Please get in touch if you have any questions about the festival.



**REMEMBER:
NO NUTS!**



Thank you for your support,
Ossie's Culture Club



YEAR 8 PARENTS

The Thomas Hardy School will be holding a sale of second-hand uniform on Tuesday 16th July. For further information and to book a slot to attend:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/818498770857?aff=oddttdtcreator>



CAN YOU HELP?

In the week beginning Monday 13th May, the children in Year 6 will take national curriculum assessments, or 'SATs' as they are sometimes referred to, in English grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading and mathematics.

The tests help measure the attainment of pupils, in relation to standards set out in the national curriculum, and help teachers and parents identify where pupils may need additional support in a certain subject area.

The tests are scheduled to take place on the following days:

- Monday 13th May – English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- Tuesday 14th May – English reading
- Wednesday 15th May – Mathematics
- Thursday 16th May – Mathematics



We are seeking volunteers to assist the teachers in the class to administer these tests. This will involve a commitment of approximately two to three hours on each of the four days (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday between 8.40 and 10.50 and on Wednesday from 8.40 to 11.40) and attendance on a training session on either Tuesday 23rd April or Wednesday 24th April from 3.30 to 4.30.

We would be very grateful to parents/carers/relations, who have got children in any of the four year groups who are available to support the school at this time.

If you are able to volunteer for these four mornings, please would you contact Mrs. White on 01305 262897 or jwhite@stosmunds.dorset.sch.uk



Poetry Competition

The 6th June 2024 will mark the **80th Anniversary of D Day**. This was a very significant event in history. To commemorate it, Local Food Links are asking pupils to write a poem about WW2. The winning poem will receive a **family pass** (2 adults & 2 children) to the **Nothe Fort** in Weymouth.

How to enter

Send your hand written poems to

natasha.elliott@localfoodlinks.org.uk by **Sunday 31st May**.

It's important to include your child's name, age, class, year and school on your entry email.

Unleash your creativity and honour the past with your words.

We can't wait to read your wonderful poetry.



Fun Junior Squash Coaching Spring 2024

Starts Sat 13th Apr for children aged 6 to 16
for 6 weeks led by head coach Neil Chambers.



Free
T-shirt
(newbies)

A
Bargain
at £20

Beginners: 9.30-10.30, Improvers & Adv: 10.30-12.00

Contact Janet Biles:

janet.biles@virgin.net, 07752-641190.

DORCHESTER TENNIS & SQUASH CLUB



Sawmills Lane, Weymouth Avenue, Dorchester DT1 2RZ. Web: <https://www.dtsc.org.uk/>



Saturday 18th May
10am – 2pm
@ Thomas Hardy School

A day celebrating youth music and drama for all the family

Performances, Workshops (for adults and children),
Come and Try instrument sessions, Barn Dance, Big Sing,
Massed Orchestra, Big Drum Groove, BBQ, refreshments
and much more!

For full information (including how to sign up to take part in
workshops)

music.wessex.ac

FREE ENTRY

(with donations gratefully received to support Wessex Schools
Music)



MUSIC, DJ & ART SESSIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



EXPRESS ...through music and art
Your SELF A project for Young People


Music Sessions
Facilitated group sessions with local musician Andy Grant for fledgling young artists and performers
Dates: 12 May, 9 June, 7 July, 18 Aug (Sun 2 - 4pm)

DJ Workshop
One to One Vinyl DJ Skills session to get expert advice on using the decks and mixing music
Date: Sunday 19th May

Art Sessions
Design an album cover with your own soundtrack
Dates: Fri 31 May 2 - 4pm, Sun 23 June 2 - 4pm

Scan here for further details and booking (free). For the DJ Workshop, please email helen_moody@hotmail.com

Supported with a grant from Dorchester Town Council, fundraising and donations from friends of the shop



DORSET POLICE COMPETITION

Calling all storytellers.

We are searching for creative talents to help spread empowering messages to prevent fraud.

5 Age Categories

1st Prizes £100 Amazon Vouchers

2nd Prizes £50 Amazon Vouchers

3rd Prizes £25 Amazon Vouchers

Overall winner an additional £100 Amazon Voucher



For more information and competition details visit
<https://competition.mysaferdorset.com>



Enter our
competition
today

AFTER SCHOOL ART SESSIONS

Pavilion in the Park, Poundbury

Join us for
**AFTER
SCHOOL ART**

Wednesdays

**24th April, 8th May and
22nd May 2024**

4 - 5pm

*A fun hour of arts and crafts
for 5 - 10 year olds*

**An adult must accompany children at these sessions.
Sessions are Free but places must be reserved in advance**

**To book please contact
Kerry Smith - kerry@pipspoundbury.com
or call 01305 259 142**



The Alternative Parents' Evening

TR Therapy

Please join us for a free online event, designed for parents who are feeling under pressure.



Tuesday 23 April 2024, 7pm-8pm online on Zoom

If you live in **Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, Bristol or Dorset** you are invited to join us for a free online event, designed for parents who are feeling under pressure. The event is an opportunity for you to hear about a free project we have in your area.

Sarah Ingram (Head of Strategic Development) at Tavistock Relationships along with **David Levy** (Systemic Family Therapist, MBT therapist) will be outlining some of the challenges parents are facing. If you can answer 'yes' to any of the following, then please do join us.

- Do you have a child or children aged between 8 and 14?
- Have you been arguing more in the last few months?
- Are there tensions between you and your partner or ex-partner?
- Have you seen a change in your child's behaviour?
- Are they upset by your arguing/silences?

Go to <https://www.tfaforms.com/5118745> or scan the QR code on the right to register free. Spaces are limited so please sign up early. To find out more about free help for parents under pressure in the areas mentioned above visit <https://tavistockrelationships.org/sipco>

Scan QR Code
to register for
this event



About TR

TR (Tavistock Relationships) specialises in couples counselling and psychotherapy including reducing parental conflict. We've been helping relationships since 1948. As well as supporting clients face-to-face, we also provide online therapy.

Wargaming drop-in

Get immersed in the world of Wargaming! Bring your friends and your kits and use the library space to travel through new campaigns. If you haven't played before, come along to meet new friends and learn from each other.



Dorchester Library and Learning Centre

**Every Friday
4:00pm - 6:00pm**

Booking
available via
eventbrite



Suitable for ages 10 to 18 years. This session will be overseen by staff but not staff run.

For more information:

☎ 01305 224440

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