

Newsletter



St Osmund's
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Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Ossie's Families,

If you follow us on social media, you may have seen posts about this year's Ossie's Fest. For those of you who attended last year, you will know what a fabulous event it was. We were treated to great music, food and drink and (whilst it seems hard to believe in these grey, damp days), fabulous weather! This year, we are looking to make the event even better and so we are looking for support from local businesses to sponsor the event. If you know of any businesses who might be interested in helping in exchange for promotion and free tickets, please do get in touch with Mrs Cradock.

In other news, our Key Stage 3 students have had a firsthand experience of democracy in action this week when they were able to vote in the Dorset Youth Parliament election. One of our Year 7 students, Noah, is running as a candidate and during a Worship, which he co-presented with Mr Biddle, he explained how and why he became involved with the Youth Parliament and shared his election manifesto video with the whole school.

Finally, next week brings World Book Day. There is already much discussion on the corridors, in the playground and even in the staff room around costume choices and outfit planning. Personally, I am looking forward to seeing what the office team choose, as their team efforts are renowned (the Wizard of Oz of March 2020 being a particular favourite!). Alongside the opportunity to dress up as a character from a book, we are promoting books and reading in lots of other ways. One of which being a 'guess the book' competition being run in the library that is already causing much interest and discussion!

Have a restful and restorative weekend.

Miss Carter-Miles



OSSIE'S OPPORTUNITIES—WEEK 4TH MARCH

| | LUNCH | AFTER SCHOOL 3.15pm - 4.15pm |
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| M O N D A Y | <p>Zoneball – KS2 – WDA – Sports Hall Zoneball – KS3 – WDA – Sports Hall Spanish/French Homework – KS3- (VAT) - Rm 20 MFL Speaking – KS3- (VAT) - Rm 20 – INVITE ONLY Culture Club – KS2 – JTA – Room 5</p> <p>Library Club – KS2 – Library Coding Club – Year 5 – LPI - ICT2</p> | <p>Art Club – KS3 – SST – Art Room Football – KS2 – DKI, CNI & WDA – Field Girls Football – KS3 - SDA Field Concert Band – All years – GMI – Music Room HOMEWORK CLUB – ROOM 14 – INVITE ONLY</p> |
| T U E S D A Y | <p>Street Soccer – KS2 – WDA – Sports Hall Street Soccer – KS3 – WDA – Sports Hall Debate Club – Year 7 – STH – Room 13 Library Club – KS2 – Library Comic Club – Yr5 – NJO – Room 6</p> | <p>Textiles Club - KS3 – SPA – DT room Ossie's Singers – All years – GMI – Music Room Hockey Club – All years - External Coach Netball – KS3 - CANCELLED DUE TO FIXTURE Football – KS3 – DKI & SDA – Field Badminton – KS3 – WDA – Sports Centre Yoga – All years – External Instructor – Drama Studio HOMEWORK CLUB – ROOM 14 – INVITE ONLY</p> |
| W E D S | <p>Basketball – KS2 – WDA – Sports Hall Basketball – KS3 – WDA – Sports Hall OCAG – KS3 – HMu, GOt, JAn, EWa, JCo – Rm 16 12.30pm - Keyboard– KS2 – JCO – Ray Pontin</p> | <p>Dance – All years - HAD – Drama Studio Pickleball – KS2 – WDA – Sports Centre HOMEWORK CLUB – ROOM 14 – INVITE ONLY</p> |
| T H U R S | <p>Street Soccer – KS2 – WDA – Sports Hall Girls Street Soccer – KS3 – DKI – Sports Hall Library Club – KS3 – Library Homeworking Lunch – KS2 – JTA – ICT2 Comic Club – Yr5 – NJO – Room 6</p> | <p>Rock & Pop Band - GMI – Music Room Drama Club – CWA - All years – Drama Studio Netball – KS2 – ERE & JHA – Top Courts Rugby – KS2 – GBI – Field Girls Rugby – KS3 – DKI – Field Basketball – KS3 – CANCELLED DUE TO FIXTURE Fencing – INVITE ONLY – Sports Centre HOMEWORK CLUB – ROOM 14 – INVITE ONLY</p> |
| F R I | <p>Chaos Tag – KS2 – WDA – Sports Hall Chaos Tag – KS3 – WDA – Sports Hall Library Club – KS2 - Library Library Club – KS3 – Library 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

Monday 4th—Friday 15th March—OCAG Clothes Swap

Thursday 7th March—World Book Day—Dress up as your favourite character



Friday 15th March—Non-uniform for Comic Relief

20th & 21st March—Year 7 Subject Parent/Teacher Consultations

23rd—30th March—Year 7 Scotland Trip

Wednesday 27th March—Performing Arts Showcase—Sports Centre, 5.30pm

Thursday 28th March—Last Day of Term

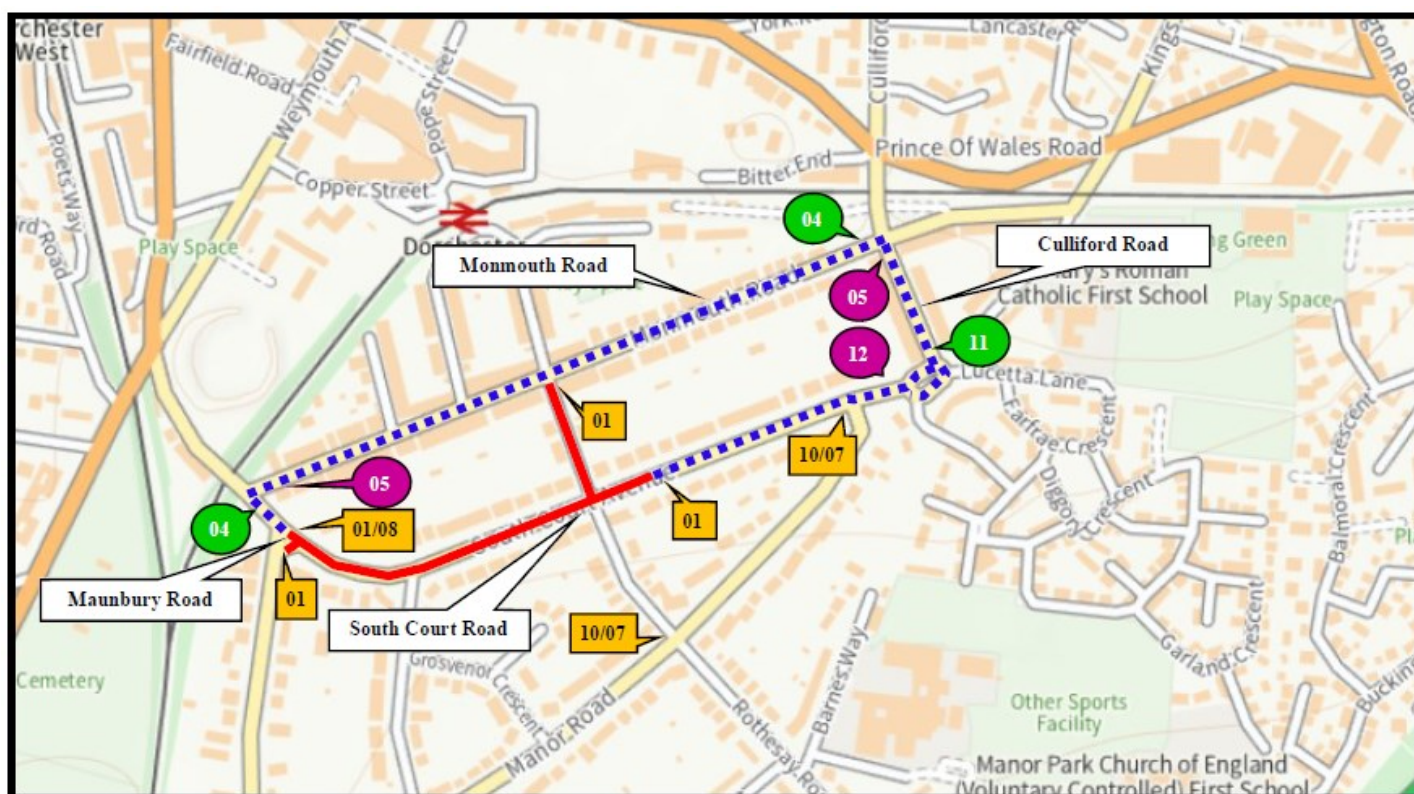
Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April—EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 15th April—Back to School

Thursday 21st - Thursday 28th April—Pickleball Tournament

ROAD CLOSURES FROM 11TH MARCH

As a school, we have just received a letter informing us that that, commencing **Monday 11th March**, there will be temporary road closures in South Court Avenue and part of Rothesay Road. There will be a diversion in place along Monmouth Road and Culliford Road. This is in order that the utility company can replace the old cast iron mains with new polyethylene plastic pipes, as part of an ongoing upgrade programme. It is possible that the planned temporary road closures might lead to traffic delays and therefore we would recommend allowing more time for your journey, if you are travelling to school at this time. The red line shows road closures, the blue line is the diversion.



OCAG CLOTHES SWAP

OCAG are organising a student clothes swap on the 14th and 15th March. Have a sort out of your clothes and bring in any unwanted items from Monday onwards, and take to Ms Mugridge (room 15) or Miss Way (room 3). Please make sure that the items of clothing are clean and tidy, ready for someone else to enjoy.

You will receive a token for each item of clothing and then on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th you can exchange it for some new clothes. Ideal for the non-uniform day on Friday 15th March!



PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT FOR MOSIAC CHARITY



Just the Two of Us returns! In the week leading up to Easter (Thursday 21st to Thursday 28th April) the PE department will be running a “Just the Two of Us” Pickleball competition. The idea is that a pupil identifies a member of staff they wish to participate with in a doubles pickleball tournament. Pickleball is a fun sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. It is played both indoors or outdoors on a badminton-sized court and a slightly modified tennis net. Players use solid paddles to hit the ball over a net. Locally and nationally, Pickleball is gathering popularity. It is taught in both the KS2 and KS3 curriculum and will be a great way to finish the term. The competition will be in support of Mosaic. Mosaic is a child-centred service offering a pathway of support for bereaved children, young people and their families. They offer support pre-bereavement, post bereavement and immediately following a bereavement.

Thursday 21st - Year 7 tournament - 3.15pm to 4.30pm

Friday 22nd - Year 8 tournament - 3.15pm to 4.30pm

Monday 25th - Year 5 tournament - 3.15pm to 4.30pm

Tuesday 26th - Year 6 tournament - 3.15pm to 4.30pm

Thursday 28th - Year group finals - lunchtimes



NEW TIME FOR BASKETBALL SESSIONS

Please note that the new basketball Saturday sessions time has changed to 12pm—1.30pm. It's for children aged 8-14 years old. Drop in session, no booking required—only £4 per person. Come and have a go!



JUNIOR PICKLEBALL SESSIONS



St. Osmund's Sports Centre are pleased to introduce a new Junior Pickleball (8-14 years) club on Saturday mornings, 10-11am or 11-12pm. Start date 9th March. Only £4 per person per hour, cash. All equipment provided. Please email: sportscentre@stosmunds.dorset.sch.uk to let us know your child is attending. A gate code will be issued for the entrance on Barnes Way.

RAG BAG



Just a reminder that we have a donation point, in school, for clothing, handbags and paired shoes. The clothes are recycled or sent to good causes and the school receives money for the donations. This money is used for further recycling projects. Please just drop off any donations to the school office. We cannot accept soiled or wet rags, carpets or rugs, pillows or duvets or bric-a-brac.

RESOURCE CONTRIBUTIONS REMINDER

Thank you to everyone who has already paid the £14 contribution, as per the letter back in September. If you have not yet done so, please download the School Gateway app, Click on 'New User' and enter your details. Your login details will be automatically generated using the email address and mobile number that we already have for you. Once you have logged in, you will see under payments an item called '**RESOURCES CONTRIBUTION 23/24**'. This is an annual voluntary parental contribution of £14. If you are in receipt of free school meals or receive pupil premium funding (excluding service families), a contribution will be made for you.

Schoolgateway



The contribution goes towards DT and art materials, locker keys and Retreat days. As you probably realise, to run an exciting and stimulating DT and art department there is a heavy cost involved in purchasing the consumable materials used in pupil projects. We thank you for your support.

DORSET COUNCIL SEND INSPECTION

Dorset Council has received formal notification of an inspection for local area arrangements for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). This framework will focus on the impact of our local area arrangements for children and young people with SEND across Dorset area partnerships. The inspection began on Monday 26th February, and inspectors will be onsite at Dorset Council from Monday 11th March-Friday 15th March.

For parents and carers, Ofsted would like to hear your views about the support that your child receives and how it has helped you and your child. This survey is for parents/carers of children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and disabilities. You can provide your views by completing an online survey at the following link:

[Area SEND inspection for Dorset Local Area Partnership \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

For children and young people, Ofsted would like to hear your views about the support that you get and how it has helped you. You can do this by completing an online survey at the following [Area SEND inspection for Dorset Local Area Partnership \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

Your views are important and will help inspectors understand your experience of the arrangements within Dorset and how well you have been supported. The survey will close at 9am 5 March, to give the inspector time to look at the results. The surveys work in Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Internet Explorer 11, and on mobiles and tablets when you copy and paste the link into the browser. Ofsted would also like you to provide feedback on the survey process itself. This will take the form of some extra questions at the end of the survey. The survey is voluntary, and you do not have to take part. The surveys are confidential, and the responses will complement the evidence collected by inspectors during the inspection. Ofsted do not ask for your name, so you will not be identified from your responses

SPRING SHOWCASE

St Osmund's School Performing **Arts Spring Showcase**



**Featuring Ossie's Singers, Concert Band, Rock
and Pop Bands, Staff Choir and Dance Group**

St Osmund's School Sports Hall

Wednesday 27th March 2024

6pm (doors at 5:30pm)

Free Bikeability: Easter Holidays

St Osmund's Sports Centre



Level 1 Traffic Free Course:
Year 5+ Riders
8 April 2024
9 - 11am

Level 2 On Road Course:
Year 5+ Riders (Post Level 1)
9 April 2024
9 - 12am

Level 3 On Road Courses:
Year 6+ Riders
(Post Level 2)
Dates available on request

**For bookings or more
information, please contact:**

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dorsetsafecycling@gmail.com

DORSET TENNIS ACADEMY



EASTER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS



Mini Tennis for children 4-8 years old
Tennis for children 9-14 years old

WEEK 1: TUESDAY 2ND – FRIDAY 5TH APRIL
WEEK 2: MONDAY 8TH - THURSDAY 11TH APRIL

9.30am – 12.30pm

At St. Osmund's Sports Centre, Barnes Way, Dorchester

What's on offer

A fantastic, fun session of tennis including:-

- Great coaching from LTA qualified and accredited instructors
- Fun games, competitions and prizes
- Rackets provided if you don't have one
- Indoor facilities in case of bad weather

What to wear/bring

- Sports kit, trainers/tennis shoes, a coat if wet
- Snacks and drinks



| SESSION(S) | PRICE |
|------------|--------|
| Per day | £16.50 |
| Full week | £62.00 |

To book a place, please visit the Dorset Tennis Academy website using the following link or google 'Dorset Tennis Academy Holiday Camps':-

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/DorsetTennisAcademy/Coaching/Camps>

For more information, please contact Neil Darragh, DTA Manager/Head Coach on ndarraghtennis@gmail.com or 07788 973259



Mothering Sunday Service

10.00am

10th MARCH

**9.15am Breakfast for Mum & family
in the Church Hall.**

**Manor Park Choir will be singing in the
Service and flowers distributed.**

**AT ST GEORGE'S CHURCH,
FORDINGTON**



SPRING EVENT AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

CANTAMUS 2024

Directed by Peter Nardone

Spring, clad all in gladness

Beautiful choral music for the season

Saturday 23rd March at 7pm
St Mary's Church
Edward Road, Dorchester

Tickets £12 on the door (cash/card)
Refreshments will be available

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