

Newsletter



St Osmund's
CE Middle School
Hope · Community · Respect · Love

Friday 28th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Two terms done, one to go. Two terms done! How can this be already!?! With such busy school days, weeks and terms, let's pause for a 'windows, mirrors, doors moment' to reflect on where we have travelled so far and consider how to move forwards for the rest of this academic year. Talking of travelling, if you have not done so yet, I recommend looking at the @OssiesInAigas 'X' (Twitter) account; our Year 7 Ossie's in Scotland have had another brilliant experience; maintaining this long-standing school link and making memories of their own in the Highlands. We cannot wait to hear about their stories on their safe return.

I love Easter, not just because it's a Christian holiday (oh and chocolate – I also *really* love chocolate), but mainly because it's a time of renewal, of hope for new beginnings, and excitement for the prospect of what such new beginnings might bring. On the days we enjoy something other than wind and rain, the returning warmth of the sunshine combined with the rebirth of floral and animal life certainly lifts the spirits. With the darker days and winter evenings firmly behind us, the longer evenings physically draw us out to make more of the daylight. It feels timely that the clocks 'spring forward' this Sunday (don't forget!) and the world seemingly invite us all to make more of the school break from being outdoors for longer.

*** EASTER HOLIDAY CHALLENGE FOR ALL OSSIE'S ***

As a Church of England school, at the very core of our purpose is to develop the sense of spirituality in all of us. I am setting an open challenge for all Ossie's this Easter break; **how do you live our vision and values when away from school?** As a reminder, our school's vision comes from the New Testament, from *Thessalonians 5:11*, "*So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this. No one left out, no one left behind*". As we all know, our school values are *hope, community, respect and love*. The challenge is easy:

Be photographed doing something that you have thought of showing how you live our vision and/or values when away from school. This can be a simple act of kindness or recognising our vision or values when caught in the moment of doing something lovely. Examples are, but not limited to:

- Volunteering to help someone or an organisation,
- Doing something to help improve the environment,
- Raising awareness of something good in our community or society.

Please email your photo to me head@stosmunds.dorset.sch.uk with one sentence to describe what you were doing, and how it shows our school's vision and/or specific values. Parents/carers – when emailing me, please clearly state if you grant permission to share the image for school website or social media in the future. I cannot wait to see what our Ossie's get up to in the holiday!

Our staff work incredibly hard to provide a great standard of education and care for your children, our Ossie's. Thank you for your support through this spring term; together we have achieved and enjoyed so much. Let us all enjoy the break and return recharged and ready to learn on Monday 15th April; this will be Week 1 on the timetable. Bring on the sunshine; bring on the summertime! Before then, I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful Easter, however you decide to enjoy it.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gareth Biddle

Head of School



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OSSIE'S OPPORTUNITIES—WEEK 15TH APRIL

Please note that homework clubs start week beginning 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 MFL Speaking – KS3- (VAT) - Rm 20 – INVITE ONLY 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 - DKI</p> <p>Rounders – KS2 - CNI</p> <p>Tennis – KS2 - ERE</p> <p>Ultimate Frisbee – KS2 - WDA</p> <p>Concert Band – All years – GMI – Music Room</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>LEXIA – INVITE ONLY – FINISHES AT 4PM</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>
T H U R S	<p>Street Soccer – KS2 – WDA – Sports Hall</p> <p>Girls Street Soccer – KS3 – DKI – Sports Hall</p> <p>Library Club – KS3 – Library</p> <p>Homeworking Lunch – KS2 – JTA – ICT2</p> <p>Comic Club – Yr5 – NJO – Room 6</p>	<p>Fencing – Invite Only</p> <p>Striking & Fielding Cricket – KS3 - GBI</p> <p>Rounders – KS3 - DRO</p> <p>Softball – KS3 - DKI</p> <p>Tennis – KS3 - ERE</p> <p>Ultimate Frisbee – KS3 - WDA</p> <p>Rock & Pop Band - GMI – Music Room</p> <p>Drama Club – CWA - All years – Drama Studio</p> <p>LEXIA – INVITE ONLY – FINISHES AT 4PM</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

Monday 15th April—Back to School

Wednesday 17th April—Bude Trip Parent Information Evening, 5pm

Tuesday 7th May—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



NEW SCHOOL PRODUCTION



Coming to a theatre near you, in March 2025....We are really excited to launch our next whole school production! There are lots of ways to get involved...

For those children who would like to be on the stage, workshop sessions will start after Easter, for four weeks, each Tuesday until 4.30. These sessions will include some

singing, dancing and acting. **Pupils who wish to be involved in the show must be able to commit to these 4 workshops.** At the end of these workshops, there will be auditions for pupils in Y6 and Y7, in order to allocate the main parts. There are lots of ensemble parts too, and some cracking songs to sing! Any child who can commit to rehearsals will be able to take part in the show in some way, regardless of which year they are in. There will also be opportunities for the new Year 5s in September to get involved too.

Please contact Mrs. Macnair on Imacnair@stosmunds.dorset.sch.uk if you have any questions. We are hoping to see lots of pupils there on Tuesday 16th April for our first workshop session!

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION RESULT

We are happy to announce that following the ballot draw yesterday afternoon, Jamie Powell has been selected as the new Parent Governor. Thank you to everyone who voted and to both of the candidates for putting themselves forward.

SUPPORTING THE MAGPIES

Dorchester Town Football club are offering all school children free advance tickets to their last home fixtures of the season, for the game AFC Totton, on Saturday 27th April. Please access the club website and use the discount code SCHOOLS to zero out the under 12 and 12 to 16 prices.

Tickets at:

<https://dorchesterownfc.ktckts.com/event/dch2324124/totton>



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. 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.

MEMORY BOXES DONATED TO DCH

Our school's vision and values mean nothing unless you experience them. In living out our school vision '**no one left out, no one left behind**', today our Year 7 Agents of Hope delivered 7 'memory boxes' to Dorset County Hospital. Memory boxes are used to support dementia patients as part of their care; the contents might trigger a memory and brief moment of joy in the patient. Our Agents are pictured with volunteers and practitioners from the hospital that will use these boxes in their work. The team at the hospital were deeply grateful for this thoughtful donation; thank you to everyone that donated shoes boxes and items through the early part of the spring term to help make this happen. This idea originated from Miss Stuart (Midday Supervisor, pictured on the left) who also volunteers at the hospital to support dementia patients.





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OPEN DAY

Join the fun at our watersports open day in partnership with The Official Test Centre. With a range of either discounted or free sessions available throughout the day there's something for everyone!

- Bouncy Castle
- Face painting
- BBQ
- Sailing
- Paddleboarding*
- Kayaking*
- BYOBoat - cardboard boat race

Book today

 01305 457400

 portland@andrewsimpsoncentres.org

DATE & TIME

 Saturday, 4th May 2024

 10:00-15:30

 WPNSA
Osprey Quays
DT51SA

*Please contact us to prebook these sessions

EASTER CAMPS!

YOUTH TRAINING

open to ages 10-15 yrs
11th & 12th April

**Coaches: Henry Lewis &
Jenson Stewart**



Martinstown Cricket Club are delighted to share the following cricketing opportunities...

Summer youth cricket

For details on youth cricket for ages 5 to 15, please follow the link below. Free taster sessions available:

https://martinstown.play-cricket.com/web_pages/youth

Easter Cricket Camps

To be held on the 11 and 12 April. More details:

[https://martinstown.play-cricket.com/news_details?
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cle_id=194059&date_range=last_year&keyword=&model_name=NewsArticle&news_type=news
&page=1](https://martinstown.play-cricket.com/news_details?article_id=194059&date_range=last_year&keyword=&model_name=NewsArticle&news_type=news&page=1)

Dorset Cricket Board sessions

The Dorset Cricket Board are running sessions over Easter, including a girls cricket afternoon and hiit wickets session:

<https://www.dorset-cricket.co.uk/news/easterEvents>

Retro games for teens

Bored on a Saturday afternoon in the Easter Holidays? Come and hang out at Dorchester Library with friends and have fun playing retro games, including Nintendo Wii, board games and more! No need to book, just turn up.

Retro Games for Teens

Dorchester Library and Learning Centre

Saturday 6 April, 2:15pm - 3:15pm
Saturday 13 April, 2:15pm - 3:15pm



Suitable for ages 10 years and above.

For more information:

☎ 01305 224440

✉ dorchesterlibrary@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

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8 - 11th
APRIL



CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

9am - 3pm

FREE with a HAF passcode



£24.00
PER WORKSHOP

Mon 8th April - Drama
Tues 9th April - Art
Wed 10th April - Music
Thurs 11th April - Dance

*Ages 8+



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GOLF LESSONS

'Came Down Golf Club are launching their spring junior coaching sessions shortly. The sessions will take place on Tuesday afternoons (from 4 pm) and start on **Tuesday 9th April**. The coaching is done in groups and each session is an hour long. No experience is necessary, and clubs can be provided. You sign up 6 weeks at a time and the cost is £40. The coaching is done by our two PGA instructors, Nick and Sean, and is an ideal way for children to have a go at golf in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

There is lots of easy parking and parents are very welcome to stay and make use of the clubhouse whilst the children have their lesson. You can enjoy a complimentary tea/coffee, use the club's Wi-Fi, watch SKY TV, or just relax for an hour and enjoy the magnificent views of Dorchester and the surrounding countryside!



JUNIOR GROUP GOLF COACHING

£40 FOR 6 WEEKS

TUESDAYS AT 4PM
FROM TUESDAY 9TH APRIL

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN

- 1 HOUR A WEEK
- CLUBS PROVIDED
- FUN COMPETITIONS
- BRING A FRIEND
- PGA COACHES
- NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY



TO BOOK OR FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT NICK

01305 812670 PRO@CAMEDOWNGOLFCLUB.CO.UK
CAME DOWN GOLF CLUB, DORCHESTER, DT2 8NR

Rise

Rise is a **FREE** creative therapy programme aimed at supporting mums who are suffering with postnatal depression and anxiety. A crèche is available which runs alongside the two hour class, meaning mums have a safe space where their babies can be cared for.

What previous Rise Mummies have said:

"I feel more confident and my anxiety is easier to manage"

"It has allowed me to feel less isolated and alone"

"I have made some genuine friendships and loved every minute of it"

"It has provided a space to talk and take time for myself"



Dorchester

Thursdays, 10am - 12pm

Location: The Corn Exchange, High East St, Dorchester, DT1 1HF

Sherborne

Tuesdays, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Location: Raleigh Hall, Digby Rd, Sherborne DT9 3LW

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referrals

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