

# Newsletter



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

Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Ossie's Families,

School life is not just about what happens inside the classroom but also all the wider, enrichment activities our pupils enjoy on a regular basis at St Osmund's:

This week was World Book Day – a wonderful celebration of reading for pleasure. Pupils in all year groups (and staff) enjoyed dressing up as their favourite story character as well as undertaking book-themed activities. Stories were shared, competitions and quizzes were tackled; and much fun was had by all! Every pupil has been provided with a book voucher which can be exchanged for one of this year's World Book Day books. Alternatively, these vouchers give a £1 discount off any book or audiobook with a value of £2.99 or more from participating book sellers. The closest retailers to the school where these vouchers can be exchanged are Tesco, Waterstones, The Works and WHSmith. This is such a great opportunity to discuss reading preferences with your child and encourage them to try a new author or different genre.

Coming up next Friday (15<sup>th</sup> March) is a further national event which we will be supporting at St Osmund's: Comic Relief. We are inviting all children to come to school dressed in non-school uniform for a suggested donation of £1. This event will give our pupils the opportunity to reflect on the recent collective worship themes of social issues and character awareness as well as consider our school values of hope, love, respect and community in a different context. On each non-uniform day we seek to support the national event and a local charity or organisation. The proceeds from next Friday will be divided; 50% to Comic Relief and 50% to Dorchester Youth and Community Centre.

On 20<sup>th</sup> March, Miss February-Perring will take a mix of pupils from across the school to the Dorchester Area Schools Collaborative Writing Competition. Pupils from Ossie's will have the opportunity to work with students of all ages from local schools to compose their own original stories. We are excited to read what they write!

Finally, an event which is being anticipated with much excitement amongst our pupils is the end of term 'Just the Two of Us' event. Microphones are being swapped for paddles this time around with pupils pairing up with staff for a pickleball tournament. This is both a fun and a fundraising event with all money raised going to Mosaic; a local bereavement charity. This event will take place in the last week of the spring term.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend,

Mrs Sophie Farmer

KS2 English Lead

Teaching and Learning Lead

Assistant Headteacher



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 11th—Friday 15th March—OCAG Clothes Swap

**Friday 15th March—Non-uniform for Comic Relief**



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

23rd—30th March—Year 7 Scotland Trip

Thursday 21st March - Thursday 28th March—Pickleball Tournament

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**

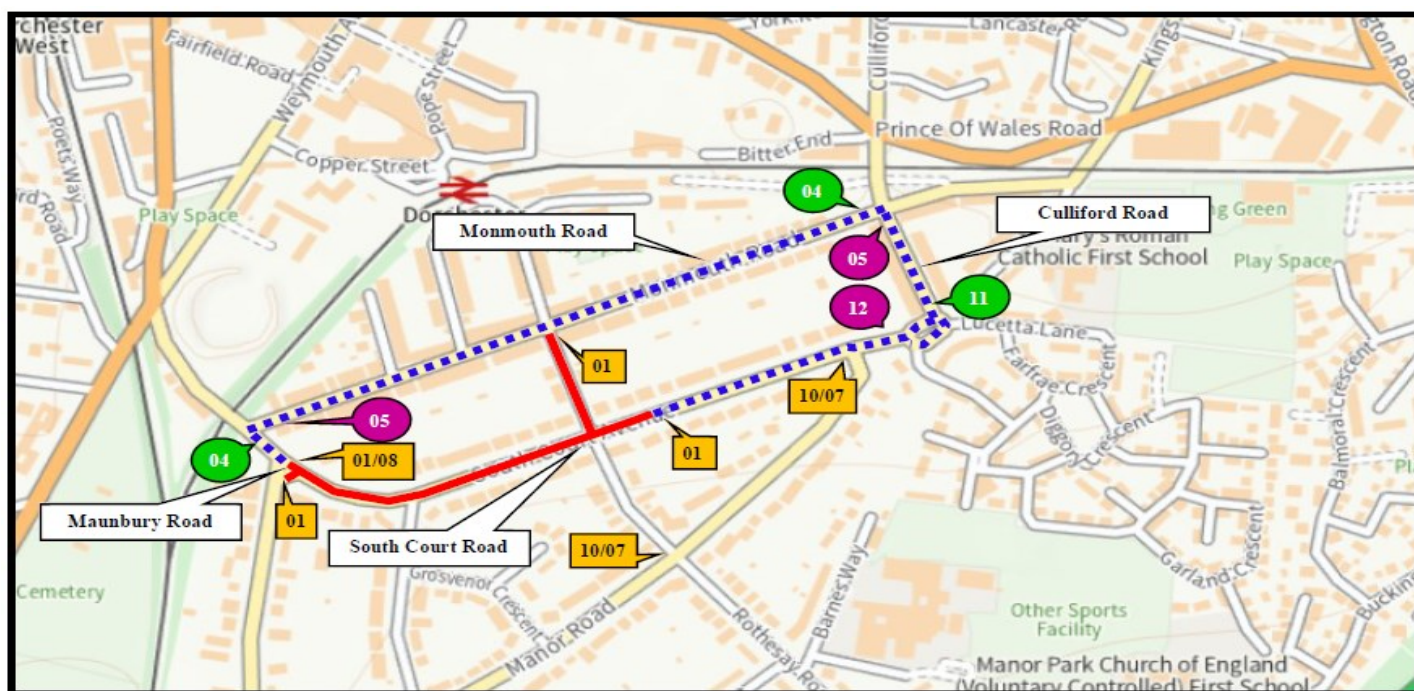
Monday 15th April—Back to School

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

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

## ROAD CLOSURES FROM MONDAY

As a school, we have just received a letter informing us that that, commencing **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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!



## ANXIETY, SELF-HARM & EATING DISORDER WEBINARS

The Charlie Waller Trust have released a number of **free** webinars aimed at parents, carers, education staff and young people taking place throughout March and April.

Webinars include:

- anxiety - spotting signs and supportive strategies
- self-harm - spotting signs and providing support
- eating disorders - spotting signs and providing supporting.

Click here: [Free mental health webinars from the Charlie Waller Trust](#)



## RAMADAN



We are aware that Ramadan is approaching. If, as a family, you will be observing Ramadan through prayer or fasting and have not received an email from us, please contact Mrs Topp ([ltopp@stosmunds.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:ltopp@stosmunds.dorset.sch.uk)) so that we can support your child in the best way while they observe Ramadan.

## HAVE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGED?



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. **Eligible families will receive a £30 food voucher before the Easter holidays.** 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/>

## EASTER IN DORSET



Easter in Dorset is designed to bring high quality, accessible and affordable holiday activities to Dorset families over the holidays.

All activities are FREE to attend for children and young people in receipt of benefit-related Free School Meals. Click here for more information: [Easter in Dorset - Dorset Council](#)

## NUT FREE ZONE



A reminder that St. Osmund's School is a nut-free zone. Please do not bring into school nuts of any kind as we have both students and staff who have allergies and can develop a severe and potentially life-threatening reaction.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> March. Only £4 per person per hour, cash. All equipment provided. Please email: [sportscentre@stosmunds.dorset.sch.uk](mailto: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.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**6pm (doors at 5:30pm)**



To book scan the QR code and complete the form  
or email: [kerry@pipspoundbury.com](mailto:kerry@pipspoundbury.com)



**Dorchester**  
Town Council



# EASTER Kids Club 5-10yr olds



**WED 3RD APRIL**  
**10AM - 2PM**



Funded by  
  
Department  
for Education

**ACTIVITIES | GAMES | FUN**  
**FOOD | FREE**

Easter in Dorset holiday & food pass code required, for more information or to apply ...  
<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/easter-in-dorset>

**PAVILION IN THE PARK, THE GREAT FIELD, POUNDBURY**  
EMAIL: [KERRY@PIPSPOUNDBURY.COM](mailto:kerry@pipspoundbury.com) FOR MORE INFORMATION



# **EASTER FUN AT PIPS 1ST APRIL**

**COLLECT YOUR MAP FROM THE CAFE -  
COMPLETE THE TRAIL AND CLAIM YOUR SWEET TREAT!**

**\*EASTER COLOURING\***

**DECORATE A BOILED EGG OR BRING YOUR OWN  
JOIN THE EGG ROLLING ON THE GREAT FIELD AT 11AM**

**FREE FAMILY FUN!**

**DELICIOUS EASTER TREATS AVAILABLE AT THE CAFE!**

**PIPS CAFE, THE GREAT FIELD, POUNDBURY, DT12FG**



# 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 2<sup>ND</sup> – FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**  
**WEEK 2: MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> - THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:ndarraghtennis@gmail.com) or 07788 973259

# 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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