Newsletter

St Osmund's CE Middle School
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Friday 16th October

Dear Ossie's Families,

As we step towards the half term break, it has been another fun-filled week at Ossie's. We deeply hold the passion for encouraging and developing reading in our school; this is widely-considered THE most important skill for students to access and engage with learning at school. On Monday and Tuesday, we participated in the Dorchester Literary Festival, with Years 5 and 7 enjoying visits to listen to authors Stew Foster and Ele Fountain at the Thomas Hardye School. It has been wonderful to talk with our Ossie's about the authors, the books and their own reading interests. Someone once told me that "reading is like chocolate for the brain" and our Ossie's are certainly fed a varied and interesting reading diet through our school!

On Thursday we held our annual Open Evening for prospective parents and students to join us in September 2027, to see and get a feel for how we go about our business. From connecting with a hall full, it was terrific to meet so many people and to share what we do together to achieve great things. A shout-out here to our brilliant Year 8 Buddy+ and Anti-Bullying Ambassador students for representing us so well last night. Thank you all!

Fittingly, this week's theme is 'flourishing where we are planted together' and in whole school collective worship this afternoon we have reflected on a very successful first half term of this academic year. More than 22,000 Achievement Points have already been awarded this academic year, and we have been celebrating students that have received bronze, silver and gold awards. Well done to everyone! Let's also remember and celebrate our school's specialness in being a Church of England school, as well as our talents, heritage, sporting successes, working with adults and working together to live out our school's vision and values. Already this year we have achieved so much together.

Although we are closing in on our first school break of this year, we're not there yet! Next week students are only in school for Monday and Tuesday, so let's all work together for fantastic attendance on these two days. And do not forget, it's our first Frossie's Silent Disco of the school year on Tuesday evening! Tickets are still available. Next Wednesday (INSET Day) we look forward to form tutors meeting with their tutees with SEND, with their parents/carers, to construct or refresh their Individual Learning Plan.

I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful weekend, however you decide to enjoy it.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gareth Biddle
Head of School



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Tuesday 20th October – School Disco

Tuesday 20th October—Last day of school

HALF TERM—21st October—30th October

31st October—Deadline for applying for Upper School (Year 8 Parents)

Monday 2nd November—BACK TO SCHOOL

Wednesday 11th November—Flu Vaccinations

Friday 13th November – Non-uniform Day – more details to follow

Monday 16th November Odd Socks Day

Thursday 19th November—Just The Two Of Us

Friday 4th December – Year 6 Retreat Day – more details to follow

Friday 4th December – Ossie's Christmas Fair

Tuesday 15th December – Carol Service – more details to follow

FUNDRAISING AUCTION – FORMER STUDENT, JACOB!



OSSIE'S OPPORTUNITIES

If your child would like to attend a club, they do not need to sign up in advance, they can just attend on the day (with the exception of pickleball, gardening club & concert band).

	LUNCH	AFTER SCHOOL 3.15pm - 4.15pm
MONDAY	Zoneball – KS2 – WDA – Sports Centre Zoneball – KS3 - WDA – Sports Centre KS2 Reading Club – SCA – Room 10 OCAG – KS3 – HMU / EWA – Room 20	Wonderland Rehearsals – Y6 - Y8 – SSH – Music Room – see rehearsal schedule in newsletter KS2 Football – DKI / SDA / JFO—Field Netball – KS3 – ERE & JHA – Top Courts Basketball – KS2 – WDA – Sports Hall
TUESDAY	Street Soccer – KS2 – WDA – Sports Centre Street Soccer – KS3 - WDA – Sports Centre KS2 Creative Writing Club – SCA – Room 10	Wonderland Rehearsals – Y6 – Y8 – SSH – Music Room - see rehearsal schedule in newsletter Football – KS3 – DKI – Field Netball – KS2 – WDA – Top Courts Art & Textiles – KS3 – SPA/SST – Art & Textiles Room
WEDSNESDAY		
THURSDAY		
FRIDAY		

HARVEST DONATIONS

A huge thank you to all our families for your incredibly generous Harvest donations today. We are delighted to share that, thanks to your kindness, we donated an amazing 289.6kg of food to Storehouse Church Community Larder.

Your generosity will make a real difference to individuals and families in our local community who need a little extra support.





RACE 4 LIFE

This year's Race for Life is on Friday the 6th of November, 3.20pm - 4pm. Pupils can sign up at breaktime with a minimum £1 donation. All money raised will be going to Cancer Research. Pupils participating are encouraged to get changed into their PE kits at lunchtime on the 6th and accessorize with pink where possible. To encourage participation, the tutor group with the most pupils taking part will win a pizza lunch on the following Friday.

For more information ask the PE department or contact dkinsey@stosmunds.wessex.ac

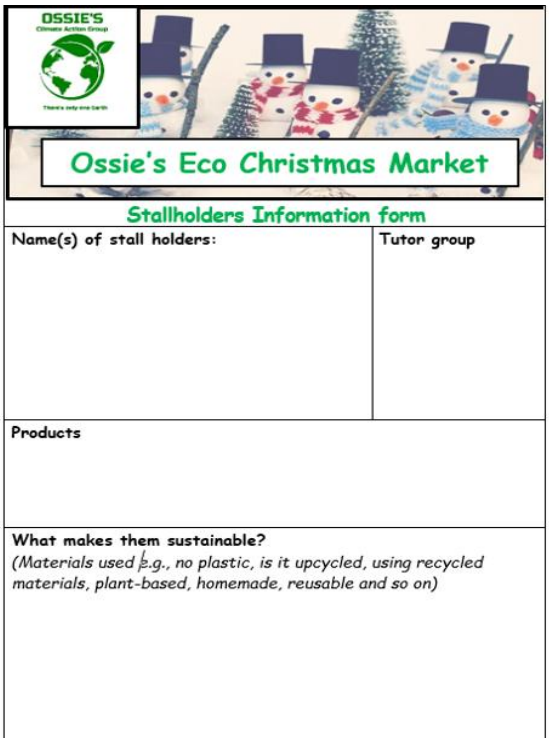


POPPY APPEAL

We continue to raise vital funds for the poppy appeal. Paper poppies and other merchandise is available in the office at break and lunchtime. Cash only.

OSSIE'S ECO CHRISTMAS MARKET





OSSIE'S HERITAGE

It is time for us to update and replenish our wall showing the cultural mix within Ossie's. This visible representation of our school shows how culturally diverse we are, and it significantly helps in giving our Ossie's a sense of belonging in our school. We are proudly English and also seek to know and celebrate the additional countries that are special in our stories.

If your child was born in England, and both of your child's parents were born in England, then there is no need for you to complete this form. Ossie's Heritage Form 2026 – Fill out form

If your child was born in a country outside of England or if either/both parent/s were born outside of England, then complete this form if you wish to share the country or countries that your child has an immediate heritage connection with. If your child was born outside of England, and each parent was also born in a different country, this means that anyone completing the form can only tick a maximum of 3 countries.

REHEARSAL PLAN FOR WONDERLAND—AUTUMN 1

Rehearsal plan for "Wonderland" – Autumn 1

Please find below the plan for this half term's rehearsals. Please do check it carefully – we are rehearsing things out of sequence in some weeks! Do email me on lmacnair@stosmunds.wessex.ac if you are unsure. We are not rehearsing with the Y6 and Y7 chorus on Tuesdays – the hope is that this gives the opportunity for these Ossies to attend another club on a Tuesday after school, should they wish.

After half term, Monday rehearsals for Wonderland will be suspended, and will turn into preparations for the Carol Service at the end of term, so our full cast will be required each Monday for these practices – we are very much hoping that all the cast will want to participate as part of the choir for this important school event. Tuesday afternoons will continue to be small group rehearsals for individual characters/ scenes.

WONDERLAND - AUTUMN 1

Monday 5th October	All songs and dances	Full Cast
Tuesday 6th October	Scene 8	All Alices, White Rabbit, All Playing Cards, King, Queen, Mad Hatter, Dormouse, Head Cook, Mum, Dad
Monday 12th October	Scene 4 Mad Hatter's Tea Party (dance)	Alice 4, Cooks, Cheshire Cat, Caterpillar, Duchess Alice 5, Mad Hatter, Dormouse, March Hare, All Y6 and Y7 Chorus
Tuesday 13th October	Scene 5 Falling (movement)	Alice 5, Cheshire Cat, Mad Hatter, March Hare, Dormouse Alice 1, White Rabbit
Monday 19th October	Mad Hatter's Tea Party (dance) All Alone in Wonderland (movement)	Alice 5, Mad Hatter, Dormouse, March Hare, All Y6 and Y7 Chorus Alice 3
Tuesday 20th October	Oh, my ears and whiskers! (movement)	Alice 2, White Rabbit

JUST THE TWO OF US!

Tickets are now available to purchase via Arbor!





SILENT DISCO

Tickets are now available to purchase on Arbor. If you are in receipt of targeted or Ever 6 pupil premium, there will be no cost but a ticket still needs to be purchased via Arbor.



OCAG CLOTHES SWAP



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OUR FIRST SWAP OF THE YEAR!

NO MORE THAN 5 ITEMS PER PERSON

BRING IN TROUSERS, SHORTS, T-SHIRTS, JEANS, JUMPERS, SKIRTS AND DRESSES.

ITEMS MUST BE WASHED AND IN GOOD CONDITION.

WE DON'T WANT SWIMMING COSTUMES, PYJAMAS OR LEGGINGS.

BRING CLOTHES IN TO MS MUGRIDGE IN ROOM 20

CLOTHES AGED 10 TO 16

KS2 CLOTHES SWAP
MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER AND TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

KS3 CLOTHES SWAP
WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER AND THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

ALL YEAR GROUPS CLOTHES SWAP
FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER



LET'S SHARE, CARE AND GIVE CLOTHES A NEW HOME!

OSSIES OPEN DAYS

Open Days

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We are welcoming parents of all Year 4 students, from any school, to come and visit our setting during our upcoming open days. You'll be able to chat to teachers, meet current students and discover how our Christian values of hope, community, respect and love run through our school. The school was judged as Good by OfSTED in all inspection areas (September 2022) and received a strong SIAMS report (January 2026). You are welcome to one or both events:

OPEN MORNINGS

The best way to learn about St Osmund's School is to witness a day in action. See our engaged, motivated pupils and staff working together to create an inspiring and nurturing environment, where pupils achieve their very best.

Thursday 8th October—Tours at 9am or 11am

Wednesday 18th November—Tours at 9am or 11am

Tuesday 8th December—Tours at 9am or 11am

Wednesday 13th January— Tours at 9am or 11am

Book your ticket now on Ticket Source: www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-osmunds-school

OPEN EVENING

Join us on Thursday 15th October, 5pm – 6.30pm, for an informative talk with Mr Biddle, the Head of School, and a tour of the school. You will have an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Book your ticket now on Ticket Source: www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-osmunds-school

OSSIE'S ECO-CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Bring the whole family to our exciting Christmas Fayre on Friday 4th December, for another chance to see our school. The fayre is organised by our OCAG (Ossie's Climate Action Group) students and has an eco-theme. There will be stalls, food and exciting games. See our Facebook page for more details.



Ofsted Good Provider

There is no parking on site. Please park considerately on the surrounding roads.

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WHEN THE ADULTS CHANGE PARTNER SCHOOL

DORCHESTER RUGBY CLUB

One Club

15th NOVEMBER 2026

10am - 11am: MILITARY TAKE OVER JUNIOR TRAINING!

£2 SUGGESTED DONATIONS PER CHILD



11am - 3pm: FESTIVAL MARKET & ACTIVITIES



CAMOUFLAGE FACE PAINTING



BEAT THE FORCES CHALLENGES

MARKETPLACE

A DIVERSE RANGE OF MARKET STALLS & STANDS

CRAFTS ITEMS | LOCAL PRODUCE | CLUB MERCHANDISE

RATION STATION



CRAFTS, LOCAL ARTISANS, COMMUNITY GROUPS, & UNIQUE GOODS

FUNDRAISER GAME: SUGGESTED DONATION £2 1pm KO: MILITARY FUNDRAISER MATCH

FORCES BARBARIANS

FORCES BARBARIANS Vs DORCHESTER!

PROCEEDS SUPPORTING:

THE ROYAL MARINES CHARITY

COMBAT STRESS

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL – EVERYONE IS WELCOME! #ONECLUB

FREE ENTRY TO THE MARKETPLACE. NOT JUST FOR CLUB MEMBERS.

Donate Here

LOCAL FOOD LINKS COMPETITION

DESIGN A Christmas Jumper



In honour of this years **'Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day'** we need your child's help – by drawing or painting the design for a Christmas Jumper.

The only things we ask are: the image represents the theme of Christmas, it is A4 in size, please do not use a jumper template as we need the image to be printed onto a jumper and the work of art should be sent to us via email – other than that your child can be as creative as they want!

It's totally free to enter and your child could **win their design printed on a jumper ready for Christmas Jumper day.**

What to do:

1. Draw your Christmas design on an A4 piece of plain paper. Please **DO NOT** use or draw a jumper template.







2. Please include your child's name, age, class, year and school on your email.

3. Email your design to **comps@localfoodlinks.org. uk by Monday 16th November.**

We will accept the following file types: PDF or JPG.

LOCAL FOOD LINKS

OCTOBER HALF TERM



LEWESTON HAF CAMPS

PRIMARY SPORTS & EDUCATION

LEWESTON HAF CAMPS

HOLIDAY FUN FOR AGES 5-13




FOOTBALL


LASER TAG


GLOW SPORTS


ARTS & CRAFTS


INFLATABLE ASSAULT COURSE


SWIMMING

LOTS MORE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING...

- Nerf Wars
- Dodgeball
- Capture the Flag
- Street Dance
- Tennis
- Cricket
- Archery
- Gardening/Horse Grooming
- Baking & Pizza Making
- Board Games
- Silent Disco
- Film & Popcorn
- Team Games
- Arts & Crafts
- ...and much more!

HAF DAY
9:00am – 1:00pm

FREE

FUN, ACTIVE & INCLUSIVE SESSIONS FULLY FUNDED FOR ELIGIBLE CHILDREN

STANDARD DAY
9:00am – 3:30pm

£10

A FULL DAY OF ACTION-PACKED ACTIVITIES

EXTENDED DAY
8:00am – 5:30pm

£15

MORE TIME
MORE ACTIVITIES
MORE FUN!

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