Newsletter

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

Friday 6th November

Dear Ossie's Families,

It has been a real privilege visiting classrooms this week and to see the children fully engaged in their learning and refreshed from their half term holiday.

After school today many of our children will be undertaking our own 'Race for Life', by running or walking 3 kilometres on our school field. This promises to be a wonderful event, organised by the children themselves, with all the money raised being donated to Cancer Research. You are very welcome to support this special event which starts at 3.20pm, with the intention of finishing by 4.15pm. In the Sports Centre many of the children and colleagues working in the school, have given their own very personal reasons why they are supporting this event. By their actions, in organising and supporting this event, the children are clearly exemplifying all our school values – Hope, Community, Respect and Love.

This half term is a special time in the life of the school, marked by several important events and occasions. On Sunday several of our Year 8 students, with a connection to our Armed Forces, accompanied by Mr Biddle, will lay a wreath on behalf of the school community at the Remembrance Day service, at the War Memorial, in the town. On Wednesday we will all come together as a school community to pay our own respects to those who lost their lives in conflicts, in order to protect our democratic freedoms. At this time, we will take the opportunity to talk to the children about the significance of Remembrance and provide them with the opportunity to reflect and pay their respects with a two-minute silence. Similarly on Wednesday members of our school choir 'Ossie Singers' have been invited to sing as part of the Council Remembrance Day Service. During the Service they will sing 'In Flanders Fields' and 'Let us Stop and Remember'. Alongside laying a wreath the children in 'Ossie Singers' will come forward to the memorial and drop poppies onto the wreaths, on behalf of the people of Dorset.

Finally, I would just like to take this opportunity to tell you that on the Friday of next week we will be supporting 'Children in Need' day. On this day, if they wish, the children can wear their home clothes, for which we suggest a donation of £1. The money kindly donated will be equally split between Children in Need and a local charity.

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

Mr S Beet

Simon Beet.

Assistant Headteacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 9th November – Thursday 12th November – Clothes Swap Week – see poster

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

Monday 14th December – Carol Service 6pm – parents invited - more details to follow

Thursday 17th December – Christmas Jumper Day – more details to follow

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.

FROSSIES NEEDS YOU!

Our wonderful committee will be leaving St Osmund's next July as their children move schools.

Without a functioning committee we will not be able to run events and raise funds to help our school. We need new people to join the committee, we will need a Secretary, Treasurer and an Events Coordinator, these roles MUST be filled. Please get in contact if you can offer any help with the above roles.

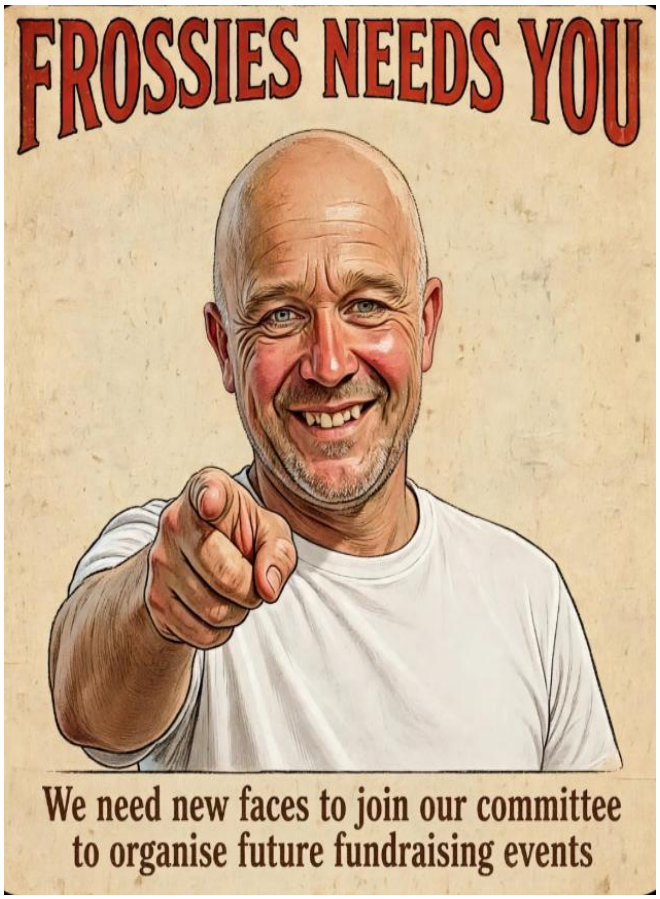
We hope to start raising funds to help the P.E. Department and are also looking into supporting a sensory room.

Please, we do need your help.

You can contact us through the school or at frossies@stosmunds.wessex.ac.

Simon

Chair, Frossies (Friends of St Osmunds)



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 – EBA – Sports Centre Zoneball – KS3 - EBA – Sports Centre KS2 Reading Club – SCA – Room 10 OCAG – KS3 – HMU / EWA – Room 20	Ossie's Singers & Exeter Cathedral – Wonderland Cast & Year 5 – Music Room KS2 Football – DKI / SDA / JFO—Field Netball – KS3 – ERE & JHA – Top Courts Basketball – KS2 – EBA – Sports Hall
TUESDAY	Street Soccer – KS2 – EBA – Sports Centre Street Soccer – KS3 - EBA – Sports Centre KS2 Newspaper Club – SCA – Room 10	Wonderland Rehearsals – Whole Cast – Small Hall Football – KS3 – DKI – Field Netball – KS2 – EBA & ERE – Top Courts Art & Textiles – KS3 – SPA/SST – Art & Textiles Room
WEDSNESDAY	Basketball – KS2 – EBA – Sports Centre Basketball – KS3 - EBA – Sports Centre OCAG – KS3 -HMU – Room 20	Girls Football – Years 6/7/8 – ERE - Field Pickleball – All Years – Sign up required
THURSDAY	GIRLS Street Soccer – KS2 – EBA – Sports Centre GIRLS Street Soccer – KS3 - EBA – Sports Centre KS2 OCAG – SCA – Room 10	2.45 - 3.15pm - Concert Band—KS3—SSH—Music—INVITE ONLY Basketball – KS3 – DRO – Sports Hall Rock & Pop Club – All Years – SSH – Music Room Robotics Club – Year 8 – Room 21 - (Invitation Only) Rugby – KS3 – DKI & GBI – Field Chess Club – LSO – Room 11
FRIDAY	Dodgeball – KS2 – EBA – Sports Centre Dodgeball – KS3 - EBA – Sports Centre KS2 Korean Club – SCA – Room 10 Comic Club – KS2 – SPA – Textiles Room	Badminton – KS3 – Sports Centre Girls Rugby – KS3 – DKI - Field Dungeons & Dragons Club – Year 8 – EST - Library

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Just a reminder that it is non-uniform this Friday. 50% of the money raised will go to Children In Need, 50% will go to a local charity (TBC). There is now an option on Arbor, under 'School Shop' to make a donation, or please send your child in with cash on the day - suggested donation £1.

For students in years 5 and 6 who have a PE lesson on Friday, please ensure they wear clothes suitable for sports i.e. trainers and no jeans.

For students in years 7 and 8 who have PE on Friday, they will need to bring their PE kit in as usual.



GARDENING CLUB

Gardening Club had a great end to their season, cooking with the produce they had harvested.
Over the last few months, they have grown a variety of different things as well as tending the flower beds. They grew strawberries and raspberries, French beans, tomatoes, potatoes, sweetcorn, pumpkins and squash. Although the sweetcorn struggled with the drought over the summer, the rest of the crops did pretty well.

Gardening Club made potato wedges with the potatoes they had grown themselves and enjoyed it with a tomato ketchup, from their homegrown tomatoes.
They also used their pumpkin and squash to make a delicious autumnal soup, taking it home to share with their family.

We have had a great time this spring and summer and we look forward to another great season, when spring arrives next year.















REHEARSAL PLAN FOR WONDERLAND—AUTUMN 2

Rehearsal plan for “Wonderland” – Autumn 2

Please find below the plan for this half term’s rehearsals.

Monday: Ossies Singers - Wonderland cast and any interested Year 5’s. All welcome!

Ossies Singers will be involved in the Carol Services at the end of term, including an evening service on Monday 14th December at 6pm in St Mary's Church. Please bear this in mind before committing to these rehearsals.

Tuesdays - all Year 6, Year 7 and Year 8 cast will be required for Tuesday rehearsals.

WONDERLAND - AUTUMN 2

Tuesday 10th November	Scenes 1 2 and 3 Including songs	Full cast
Tuesday 17th November	Scenes 4, 5 and 6 Including songs	Full cast
Tuesday 24th November	Scenes 7 and 8 Including songs	Full cast
Tuesday 1st December	Run through – scenes 1 – 4 **NO SCRIPTS! You must know your words before this rehearsal.**	Full cast
Tuesday 8th December	Run through – scenes 5 – 8 **NO SCRIPTS! You must know your words before this rehearsal.**	Full cast

JUST THE TWO OF US!

Tickets are now available to purchase via Arbor!





OSSIE'S ECO CHRISTMAS MARKET

Would you like to run a stall at Ossie's Eco Christmas Market?

- Sustainable Materials
- Upcycled
- Pre-loved
- Recycled
- Plant-based

Friday 4th December 5pm to 7pm

Come and see Ms Mugridge in room 20 or Miss Way in room 3



Stallholders Information form

Name(s) of stall holders:	Tutor group

Products

What makes them sustainable?
(Materials used e.g., no plastic, is it upcycled, using recycled materials, plant-based, homemade, reusable and so on)

FUNDRAISING AUCTION – FORMER STUDENT, JACOB!



OCAG CLOTHES SWAP



OCAG CLOTHES SWAP





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.

Barnes Way, Dorchester, DT1 2DZ T: 01305 262897

www.stosmunds.wessex.ac /stosmundsschool

WHEN THE ADULTS CHANGE PARTNER SCHOOL

AN INTRODUCTION TO AUTISM

Free Parent/ Carer session: 'An Introduction to Autism'



What is the session about?

The session was co-developed with parents of autistic children, a SENCo, Dorset Parent Carer Council and Specialist Teachers and Educational Psychologists from Dorset Council.

It will help you to:

- Understand what autism is and how it may impact young people and families
- Learn some practical strategies to support an autistic child/young person
- Please note, this is a general information session, so we won't be able to discuss individual children or schools

Who can attend?

Anyone from the community, this could include people:

- with an autistic child
- with a child undergoing an assessment for autism
- who are interested in learning more about autism

Where and when?

Via Teams - There are two sessions a term and 50 spaces available for each session.

To book a place, please fill in this form and pick the session that suits you best:

An Introduction to Autism

Please click on this Link or scan the QR code above:

The session will be delivered by either an Educational Psychologist or a Specialist Teacher from Dorset Council

DORSET MIND MENTAL ELF RESTIVE FUN RUN



Book your place today!

SCAN ME!

mind Dorset

https://dorsetmind.uk/get-involved/fundraise-for-us/mental-elf-festive-fun-run-dorset/

LIVING WITH PARENTS WORKSHOP



Living with Parents workshop

An activity-based day for parents and young people aged 11-16 to encourage and rebuild communication in a fun and exciting way. This session has an amazing track record of improving family life.

School attendance approved. Each young person to be accompanied by their parent/carer.

This one off session is **FREE** and runs from 10am - 2.30pm

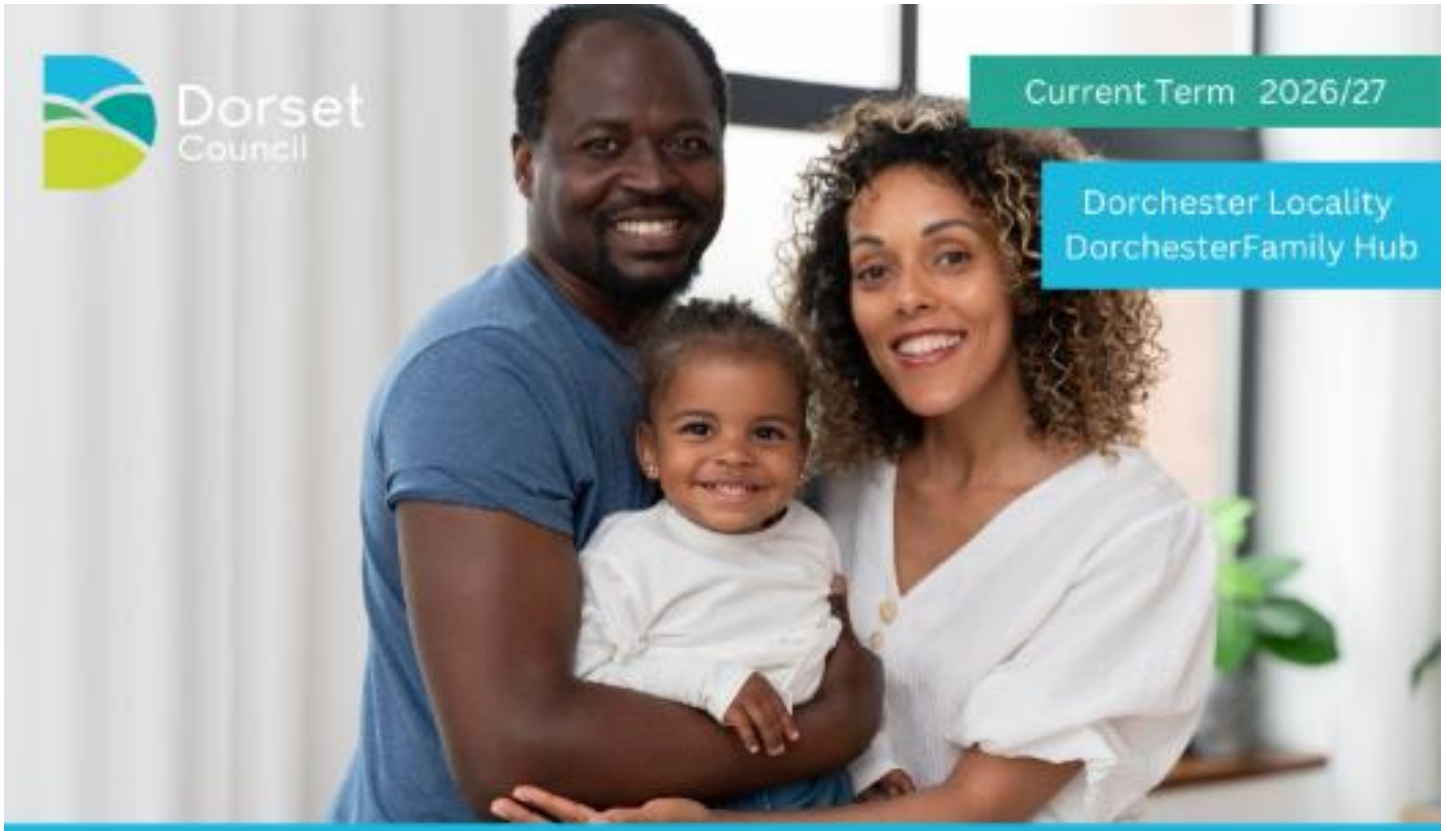
Weds 25th Nov at Dorchester Youth and Community Centre, Kings Road, Dorchester, DT1 1NJ

Scan to book

Places are limited.
Scan to book and take our short survey.

For more information, please email dorchesterfamilyhub@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

FAMILY HELP ADVICE SESSIONS



Family Help Advice Sessions

The opportunity for parents/carers to meet 1:1 with a member of our team to gain practical and friendly support, information and advice regarding children and young people aged 0-19.

Please feel free to drop in. However we advise that you book a time slot, which can be held face to face or over the phone.

Thursdays 10am-12pm

Dorchester Family Hub Room 1
in Dorchester Library
Charles Street
Dorchester
DT1 1EE

For more details and to book a place, please contact:
01305 224220 or dorchesterfamilyhub@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

For more news, events and support, join us at
https://www.facebook.com/groups/dorchesterlocality


THE TRUMPET MAJOR
WHAT'S ON THIS CHRISTMAS
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
30TH NOVEMBER, 6PM - 8PM
WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP, £35PP
11TH DECEMBER, 5PM
CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON
12TH DECEMBER, 2PM - 5PM
KRAZY KEV
12TH, 13TH, 19TH & 20TH DECEMBER, 9AM - 11:30AM
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
18TH DECEMBER, 7PM
INTERACTIVE QUIZ NIGHT, £3PP
19TH DECEMBER, 11AM - 3PM
CAR PARK MARKET
26TH DECEMBER, 9AM - 11:30AM
BOXING DAY BREAKFAST
1ST JANUARY, 12PM - 5PM
NYD CARVERY


BREAKFAST WITH Santa
12TH, 13TH, 19TH, 20TH DECEMBER
9AM TILL 11:30AM
£11.29
PER ADULT
£8.99
PER CHILD
(GIFT INCLUDED)
Enjoy a delicious breakfast and meet Santa!
MEET SANTA
RECEIVE A GIFT
ENJOY A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST
SPACES FILL FAST!
BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

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

THORNCOMBE'S FABULOUS FUNGI TRAIL

Seasonal activity trail

FREE

Thorncombe's Fabulous Fungi Trail

Wednesday 21 October to Sunday 15 November

Come and enjoy our free family-friendly nature trail across our beautiful reserve.

Pick up a free pocket map and guide, then follow the Thorncombe Loop to discover some of the fungi found here, even if they have been slow to arrive this year. Look for the beautifully hand-painted discs scattered around the reserve.

Our off-road mobility scooters can be hired to follow this trail. **Please book in advance on 01305 251228.**



Thorncombe Wood Hardy's Birthplace

Dorset Council

dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/hardysbirthplace