Newsletter

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

Friday 13th November

Dear Ossie's Families,

With the nights getting darker and the weather turning colder it definitely feels like winter is upon us now. Before too long it will be Christmas! Still too early for trees yet though!

Children, parents and staff alike have already been in the giving mood. Last week was Race for Life which raised a fantastic £461.25, last Friday, for Cancer Research and today saw children dressed in all manner of clothes, spotty items and ears for Children in Need. A massive thankyou goes out to our Ossie's community for the continued support.

The spread of love, respect and compassion didn't stop there. After Ossie representatives from KS3 attended the Dorchester Remembrance Service last weekend, it was the turn of everyone else on Wednesday as we came together as a school to listen to The Last Post, performed by a former Ossie and observe our own two minutes silence whilst 56 of our Ossie Singers performed and laid a wreath during Dorset Council's Remembrance Service at County Hall. I know this will mean a lot to our families with military connections.

Throughout the week, our OCAG representatives have been holding clothes swap sessions in school raising the importance of reduce, reuse and recycle and must be congratulated for their efforts.

Wednesday was also the day for flu immunisations, and I want to say a big thank you to students and staff for making sure the process was smooth and painless. Children presented themselves well throughout.

Don't worry, it has not been all fundraising and non-school uniform. The academic learning has also continued as all students have been getting immersed in new topics across all curriculum areas. Hopefully they have shared some of this learning with you. After assessments for Year 5, 7 and 8 last week, it was the turn of Year 6, who undertook their first set of Mock SATS for English and Maths. This can be a daunting process for some of our students, especially those with additional needs. Needless to say, the children did the staff, especially me, proud as they pushed themselves to achieve and prove that they can apply the learning from lessons under test conditions.

This morning, just under forty Year 6 pupils enjoyed the first Greater Depth Writing Workshop of the year. This involved working with peers at a similar writing level to plan, compose and edit a written sports commentary on a theme of their choice. Some pupils took inspiration from their work in English on diving, whilst others used their own experiences or knowledge from wider reading, to inform their writing. We definitely have some future commentators amongst our Ossie's!



Mr S Copping

Assistant Head of Inclusion/SENCO

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

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.

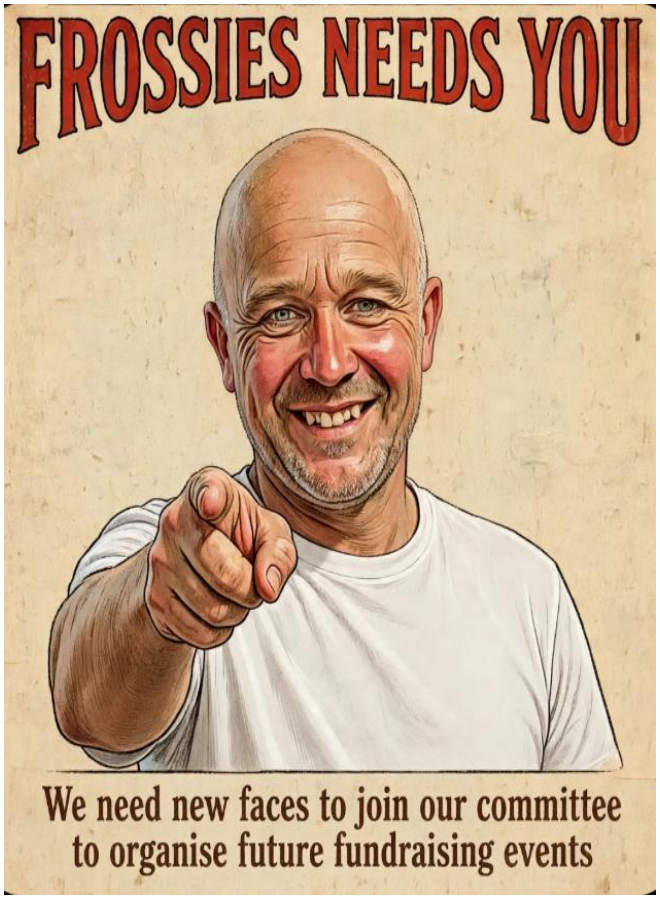
We hope to start raising funds to help the P.E. Department and are also looking into supporting a sensory room.

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 & 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 - CANCELLED 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 – CANCELLED DUE TO FIXTURE 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

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!





ODD SOCKS DAY

WOOHOO... MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week!
To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to work, school or wherever you go on Monday 16th November. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are partnering with the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti- Bullying Week, 'Who's Wearing Odd Socks?!'.



WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message that we should all be allowed to be ourselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.

MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

It's so easy! 😊 Here's what you do:

1. Make sure your child wears odd socks to school.
2. Donate £1 (or whatever you can afford) to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work.

If you want to, you can share a photo or video online and feel free to add the 'Who's Wearing Odd Socks?!' audio to your posts! Don't forget to tag us using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @ABAonline on X. Or @AntiBullyingAlliance and @AndyandtheOddSocks on Instagram.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the odd socks on Monday 16th November ...
If you have any questions please ask:

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BREAK THE SILENCE #ANTIBULLYINGWEEK | ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE ORGANISER | ANDY AND THE ODD SOCKS PARTNER

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HAMPERS OF HAPPINESS

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE SOMEONE SMILE AT CHRISTMAS

Hampers of Happiness

This Christmas, let's share the joy.

Your donations will help provide hampers filled with love ans Christmas Treats for young and older people who may find themselves alone this Christmas.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Donate
Big or small you can make a difference

Drop off
Dorchester Youth and Community Centre

Sponsor a hamper
for £10

Scan the QR Code to access our Amazon Wish List!

Scan me!



MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

- Chocolate, Sweets, Cakes, Biscuits
- Vouchers
- Christmas Treats
- Fidget Toys
- Toiletries
- Stationery

DONATE TODAY. MAKE CHRISTMAS BRIGHTER TOGETHER.

A small act of kindness can fill a heart and a table

LEARN MORE:
www.dycc.org.uk

DROP OFF LOCATION:
Dorchester Youth and Community Centre, Kings Road, Dorchester DT1 1NJ

FRAMPTON CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR



OSSIES OPEN DAYS

Open Days

St Osmund's CE Middle School
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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

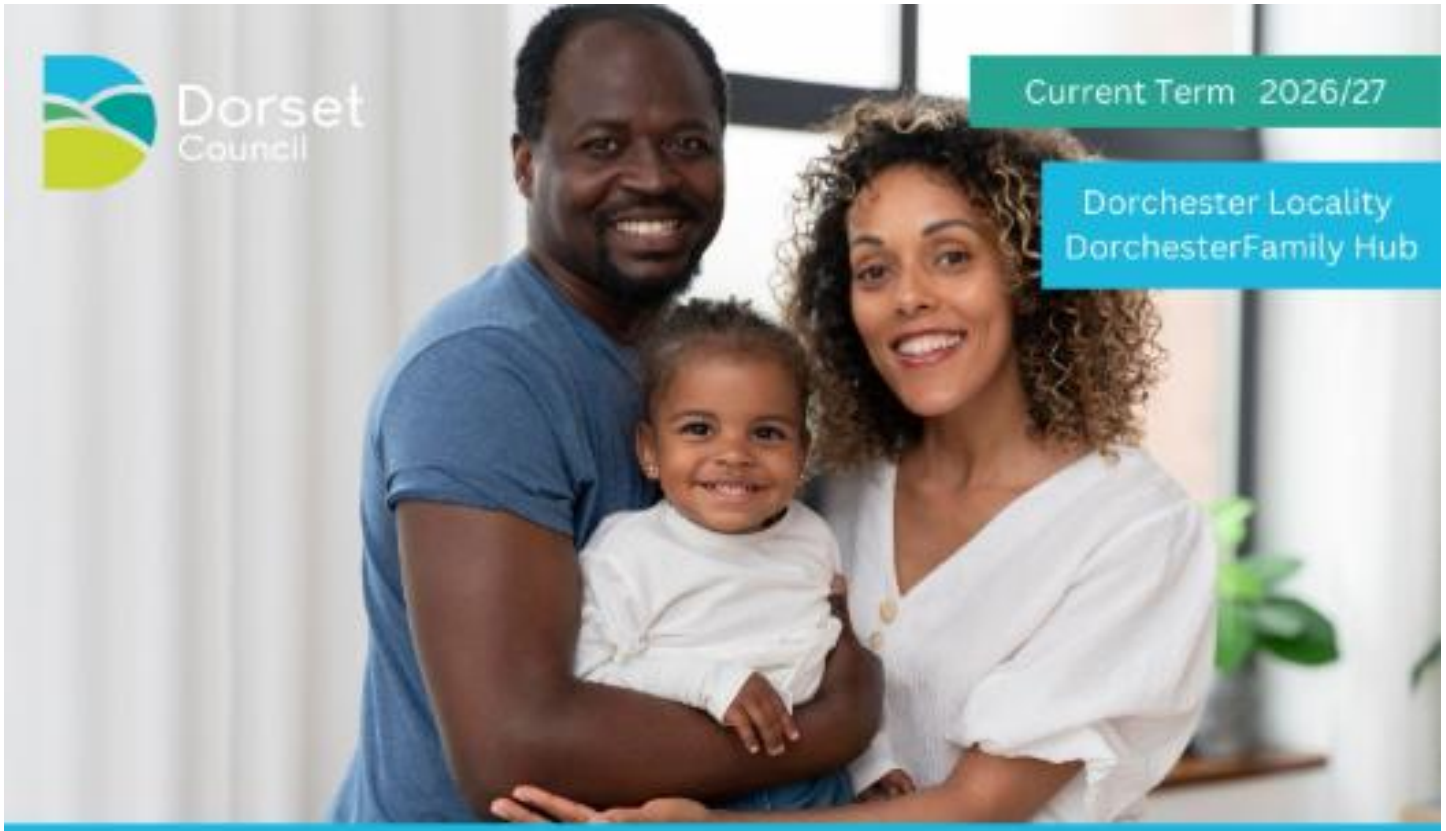
Weds 25th Nov at Dorchester Youth and Community Centre, Kings Road, Dorchester, DT1 1NJ

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

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Many sellers, one fee

Shop from several families, pay one small fee per basket.

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Answer a few quick questions, tick the early member box and we'll email you as soon as the app is ready.

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Be one of our first 30 members

Selling is always free. When the app launches, the first 30 early members to join pay no buyer fees for 3 months.


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

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