

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy and productive half term in school. Thank you so much for the excellent attendance at Parents' Evening: the link between home and school is so vital in securing the best learning experience for your children. We much value having you able to support academic and social progress. As teachers, we always learn so much from you about your children too - which helps us to teach them and personalise our lessons.

A second thank you for avoiding parking on and driving up Barnes Way at drop-off and collection times. The area is considerably calmer in terms of traffic and therefore much safer for students as they cross the road. Further improvements to traffic around our site are in the pipeline and I will keep you informed.

If you have volunteered for the new Parent Forum, to help us consult and shape our future work, we will shortly be communicating with you. Any further volunteers please contact the office.

Finally, can I remind you that on Tuesday 26th February at 5pm, we will run the first update on progress against our Ofsted report. I would like to share our Raising Achievement Plan with you and share movement since November too. There will be a chance for you to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

I hope you enjoy a happy half term full of family fun.

Saira Sawtell

DT RESOURCES PLEA

We are always in need of resources for our DT department and would be grateful for any donations of:

- clean yoghurt pots, cardboard boxes, cereal boxes & cardboard tubes
- unwanted fabrics, ribbons, buttons, wool, string
- scrap wood

For further enquiries please contact Miss Way at:
eway@stosmunds.dorset.sch.uk

MANY THANKS!

ST OSMUND'S PTA

We are always looking for permanent members of our school PTA to help organise events and raise funds for the school. If you can help please contact the school office by emailing: office@stosmunds.dorset.sch.uk

School News

Year 5 News

Our Year 5 Egyptian Day will be held on 12th March. Come to school in Egyptian dress.

BikeAbility courses for Year 5 will be starting after half term. If you haven't filled in a form and you would like your child to take part then please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Land and Wave Residential

An information evening for parents of children attending the Land and Wave trip will be held at school on the **12th March 2019 at 6pm**.

Year 6 News

Rockley Park Residential

Please ensure that you have completed and returned the medical forms to the office.

We will be holding an information evening for parents on **13th March 2019 at 6pm**.

Year 7 News

Congratulations to the Year 7 girls netball team who are through to the county finals!

We are holding an information evenings for the following Year 7 trips:

- 26th February—6.00pm Scotland
- 5th March— 6.00pm—Bude

Year 8 News

French Trip

We are holding an information evening for parents on 19th March at 6pm.

Please could you bring in copies of passports and EHIC cards as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Chelsea's Choice

On the 25th March Year 8 will be watching a drama production called 'Chelsea's Choice'.

YEAR 9 LANGUAGE CHOICES FOR CURRENT YEAR 8 PUPILS

All parents of Year 8 pupils should have hopefully received a letter from Mr Foley, Head of Thomas Hardy School, informing them of the procedure for language choices for study in Year 9. After half term all Year 8 pupils will be taking part in taster lessons delivered by the German and Spanish teachers from Thomas Hardy School, to help them make their language choice.

After the tasters, pupils will need to decide if they will continue to study French or start a new language (Spanish or German) which is decided by the college they join. A small number of pupils will be selected to study two languages in Year 9 and at the end of that

year they will decide which language to study at GCSE.

Please note that any parents who wish to request a language based on specific reasons, should only contact Mr Davison after the taster sessions.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attending school on a regular basis is key to your child doing well at school. Attendance is regularly monitored by the school, any attendance below 90% is also monitored by Dorset County Council.

Please remember that children should be present at 8.50am for registration.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you for your support with our new uniform policy.

Details can be found on our website:

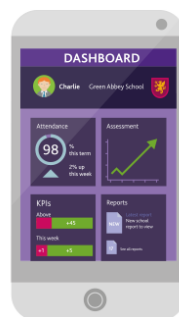
www.stosmunds.dorset.sch.uk/key-information/uniform/

Dates for your Diary

- 26th February—5.00pm Post-Ofsted Parent Update
- 26th February - 6.00pm Information Evening for Scotland Trip
 - 27th February—Careers Fair
- 28th February—5.00pm SEND Focus Group for parents of ASD children
- 4th March—5.00pm Parent Forum—Relationship Policy
- 5th March—6.00pm Information Evening for Bude Trip
- 6th, 7th, 8th March—Life Education Bus visiting
- 12th March—6.00pm Information Evening for Land and Wave Trip
- 13th March—Stem Careers Event at the Tank Museum for Year 7 & 8
- 13th March—6.00pm Information Evening for Rockley Trip
 - 12th March—Year 5 Egyptian Day
- 18th March—3.30—4.30pm Year 5 Parents Information Evening on Sex and Relationship Education talks
- 19th March—6.00pm Information Evening for France Trip
- 29th April—**ADDITIONAL INSET DAY**

NEW SIMS PARENT APP

Hopefully you will have now received an invite to download and access your child's details on our new Parent App. If you have not received an invite, or know a parent who hasn't, then please contact the school office with your email address.



We would really encourage all parents to download this app—it gives you valuable information about your child's attendance, timetable, merits/behaviour and you can review and change the contact information we hold on file. In the near future you will also be able to view your child's homework tasks and latest school reports.

CAREERS FAIR

We are holding a Careers Fair for Year 7 and 8 pupils, during the afternoon of Wednesday 27th February, where parents are very welcome to come and share their professions with us. We are interested in how you got there and what it is like! More volunteers welcome.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mrs Roberts:

droberts@stosmunds.dorset.sch.uk