



St Osmund's Middle School

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SPRING TERM DATES

April
Mon 16th
Term begins

Tuesday 24th
French Residential meeting

May
Wed 2nd
Yr 5 PSHE Day

Mon 7th
School closed—Bank holiday

Mon 14th - Fri 18th
Yr 6 SATs week

Mon 21st - Fri 25th
Activities Week

Half Term
Mon 28 - Fri 1st June

June
Wed 6th
Whole School Photo TBC

Wed 13th
Yr 6 trip to London

Fri 22nd
Sports Day

Tues 26th
New Building Dedication

July
Tues 3rd
Internet Safety Day

Thurs 5th
Transfer Day



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all very much for your understanding of the recent school closures. It is an extremely difficult decision to make as I am very aware of the disruption caused as the result of the school not being open.

The priority must always be the ensuring the safety of pupils and staff when travelling to and from school and the site itself. On these recent occasions the adverse weather conditions have prevailed!

It is hoped that this unseasonably cold weather relents and that the traditional Easter signs of renewed life can be enjoyed.

In this last week of the Spring Term, with Easter rapidly approaching, we will continue to focus on the importance of service within our acts of collective worship by celebrating the life of Jesus. We will discuss with the pupils how his ultimate personal sacrifice can inspire us all to give more of ourselves in helping others.

I hope that you enjoy your Eastertide with your family and friends.

With my best wishes

Jim Williams (Headteacher)

Staffing update

We are bidding farewell to Mrs. Dooley (SENDCo) and wish her every success as she furthers her career in a new school setting. We thank Mrs. Dooley for all of her hard work and commitment in ensuring that the needs of a large number of pupils have been met.

I am delighted to inform you the Mr. Absolom (Member of the Senior Leadership Team and SEN Lead) will be the SENDCo for the Summer Term. Should you have any question relating to SEN provision then please contact Mr. Absolom or Mrs. Dipple who is our Principal Teaching Assistant.

We are extremely pleased to report that Mr. Bagwell has now returned to school and we are delighted to welcome him back.

P.T.O for news of the recent Rock Challenge and 'When the Men Marched Away' performances.

News from the Music Dept.

Many congratulations to all of those students who this week are performing in this term's school production entitled: 'When the men marched away'. This performance tells the story of Dorchester during WWI by bringing characters based on real people who were living at the time, to the stage.

We are blessed with staff who have given of themselves tirelessly in order to prepare the children for this ambitious production. Mrs. Pugh and Mrs. Lawrence conceived the concept behind the production, led the preparations and rehearsals. We are so grateful for their significant efforts.

Our thanks are extended to the many individuals and groups within the wider Dorchester Community who have offered their support to Mrs. Pugh and Mrs. Lawrence in writing the script, composing the music and rehearsing the play.

In summary the production has been an outstanding success for all of those involved.

Rock Challenge

99 Key Stage 2 children took part in this year's Rock Challenge production 'Lest We Forget', winning St Osmund's awards for performance skill, soundtrack, concept, drama, lighting and overall entertainment. Anyone lucky enough to attend the evening at Southampton's Guildhall will agree that they put on a thrilling and emotionally charged performance that was highly commended by the judges.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Adams and Ms. Brady who directed the production, and to Miss. Grant for overseeing the set and costumes.

Student Voice

Student Voice have had a busy Spring term, organising events including Fair Trade fortnight, 'Wear Bright for Sight' and Sport Relief. Towards the end of term they hosted a DASP wide conference where they launched this year's 'Send My Friend to School' Campaign. Student Voice representatives from across DASP will head to London this summer to the Houses of Parliament, where they will meet with Oliver Letwin MP and take part in a debate around topical issues.

Term Dates for 2018-2019

Autumn Term

Monday 3rd September—Friday 21st December
Half Term Monday 22nd—Monday 29th October Incl.

Spring Term

Monday 7th January—Friday 5th April
Half Term Monday 18th—Friday 22 February Incl.

Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd April—Friday 19th July
Half Term Monday 27th—Friday 31st May

Inset Days 2018-2019

Monday 3rd September
Tuesday 4th September
Monday 29th October
Friday 15th February
Monday 22nd July