

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a great pleasure to write home in the first newsletter of the year, introducing myself to you all. I have very much enjoyed meeting you and your children this week and look forward to the partnerships ahead. Your children have impressed me with their thirst for learning, their caring and supportive behaviour and their character. Without exception, all around the school are well-equipped, smart students with fabulous energy and positivity. What a wonderful start to the year. Special congratulations to our Year 5 students; we have seen successful transition in action and feel privileged to be steering the next stage of their educational journey.

Please pick up on our theme of 'A Time for Everything' this half-term at home. We have been thinking about how the holidays have refreshed us and how we are now ready to work hard, cope with deviations and first attempts and fix our sights on our goals.

We would like to emphasise that we all understand that the start of the year can be testing for some, so please do contact your child's new tutor with any concerns.

Individual photographs are being taken in school next Wednesday 12th September, so extra-smart please!

We look forward to seeing you in school soon,

Saira Sawtell (Headteacher) and the St. Osmund's Staff Team

Are you entitled to free school meals?

Have your circumstances changed? If your household income has changed, you may be entitled to free school meals. You are not obliged to take the lunches however, this funding may entitle families to financial support for some residential trips. The extra funding that being registered entitles the school to will make a difference to the educational provision for all children within school. You can register for free school meals at:

<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/at-school/free-school-meals.aspx>

School News

Year 5 News

Mon 17th Sept 1.30pm: Welcome Service at St. Mary's Church.

Mon 1st Oct 9am-noon: open morning for parents of girls.

Wed 3rd Oct 9am-noon: open morning for parents of boys.

CAT tests will be taking place in school next week, from Monday 10th Sept.

Last call for expressions of interest in the residential.

Year 6 News

Our Information Evening for parents is Wednesday 19th Sept. at 6pm.

There are lots of extra-curricular clubs on offer to the pupils and it will great to see Year 6 making the most of these opportunities.

Year 7 News

Our Information Evening for parents is Tuesday 18th Sept. at 6pm.

CAT tests will be taking place in school next week, from Monday 10th Sept.

Year 8 News

Our Information Evening for parents is Tuesday 11th Sept. at 6pm.