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Dear Parents

On Monday morning we were visited by a member of staff from the Weldmar Hospice trust who talked to the children about the hospice and the sponsored Rudolph Run they will be taking part in on Wednesday 4th December. Parents are welcome to join us at around 9 am on this day for our run/walk around the playground.

This week we put on two parent workshops on Spelling which we hope parents found useful. Our next parent workshop is on Tuesday 3rd December at 9.00 am on Maths.

We had the School Nursing Team in on Tuesday giving pupils the nasal flu vaccination. If you registered your child, they would have received this, if you missed the registration but would still like your child to be vaccinated, you can complete the online registration with the same details and you will be given some alternative dates and venues for follow-on vaccination clinics.

Thank you to the Year 3 parents for donating cakes for the PTA cake sale this afternoon, it is much appreciated.

School admissions consultations

St Osmund's Middle School is required to consult on its admissions arrangements if a) changes have been made to the school's admissions arrangements or b) if the school has not consulted upon its admissions policy in the last 7 years.

As a result, St Osmund's Middle School is consulting upon its admissions arrangements under point b. This is for the allocation of school places for the start of the academic year in 2021. The consultations are running from Monday 25th November 2019 to Monday 6th January 2020.

Responses, including comments or objections, must be submitted either in writing to Mrs V Smyth, Clerk to Wessex MAT, Thomas Hardy School, Queens Avenue, Dorchester, DT1 2ET or by email to vsmyth@thomas-hardye.net by Monday 6th January 2020. The policy will be attached to the newsletter email or you can view it on St Osmund's website.



Brigade uniform

Brigade have a black Friday 4 day event, 20% off all online orders via the parents direct & direct to school online service. It starts Friday 29th November through to Monday 2nd December inclusive.

Online code: **BCBLACK19** MUST be entered in the promotional code box in the payment section for the discount to be applied. www.brigade.uk.com

Parents Coffee morning

All parents are welcome to our drop-in coffee morning on Friday mornings over in our Kidszone building. We look forward to seeing you.

Upcoming Dates

Please see our upcoming dates

Monday 2 nd December	School Nurse drop-in session – 8.45-9.15 am
Monday 2 nd December	Year 4 visit to ‘Journey to the Stable’ – United Church in Dorchester
Monday 2 nd December	Christmas Stories Evening at St Mary’s (all children invited to listen to Christmas Stories & drink hot chocolate) – 5.00-6.00 pm
Tuesday 3 rd December	Parent Workshop - Maths – 9.00 am
Wednesday 4 th December	Rudolph Run for Weldmar Hospice 9.00 am – information to follow – parents are invited to come and join the children doing a sponsored run or walk
Wednesday 4 th December	Wessex FM recording Year 4
Friday 6 th December	The Book Bus is visiting St Mary’s – opportunity for families to look at & buy books
Monday 16 th December	School Nativity Plays – details to be confirmed
Tuesday 17 th December	School Nativity Plays – details to be confirmed
Wednesday 18 th December	PTA running the Christmas Shop – details to be confirmed
Wednesday 18 th December	Haycorns’ Mini Christmas Production – Haycorns’ parents invited for 10 am in the School hall
Thursday 19 th December	School Christmas Party – during school hours – children to wear party clothes on this day

Thursday 19 th December	Carol Service – 6.00 pm at Holy Trinity Church – all families welcome
Friday 20 th December	Advent Service - 1.15 pm – parents of Reception to Year 4 children welcome to join us for this service. Children can go home after the service or at normal pick up time.
Friday 20 th December	Children finish for Christmas Holidays
Monday 6 th January 2020	Children return to School

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Paula Fearn
Head Teacher