

Newsletter 20th June

Smartphone Free Childhood

As part of our cluster school work, we advocate as schools for a smartphone-free childhood for all children in Monmouthshire. We wish to work in collaboration with our families, asking them **not** to provide a smartphone for their child until they are at least 14 years old. We know there is a range of research evidence to show mobile phone use is linked with lower academic achievement, a decrease in wellbeing and an increase in bullying in schools.

When pupils transfer to Year 7, they will not be allowed to use mobiles in school and if they are visible, they will be confiscated.

Pupils at Osbaston are NOT allowed to bring mobile phones to school. In the same way, we wish to inform you that smart watches are NOT permitted either. There are a number of pupils receiving these watches as gifts and currently wearing them to school. Please can we ask for these to stay at home.

A copy of our Monmouthshire Strategy can be found here:

<https://schoop.co.uk/UploadFiles/14106/smartphone-strategy-mcc-schools.pdf>

Parent Information Session

Last term we sent home a questionnaire to find out what you knew about Osbaston as a Church in Wales School and what you felt was important and how our values are understood. We have also been working with staff, pupils and Governors to explore this further and to update our vision and values as a school.

We would like to share this with you and are offering two short sessions where you can come along and find out more:

Monday 14th July at 3pm

Monday 14th July at 5pm

It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible, so please save the date

New School Value

This half term we are exploring the value of justice, considering about ensuring things are fair and equitable for everyone.

Please click the link to find out how you can talk in more detail about this at home.

<https://schoop.co.uk/UploadFiles/14106/justice.pdf>

Olivia Production

Next week we will be sending a link to parents of pupils in the Upper School to request tickets for our production of Olivia on Tuesday 8th, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th July (2pm start). All families will be offered 2 tickets (per family NOT per pupil) for you to select 2 days. Due to numbers, we cannot offer 2 tickets on the same day, but you may wish to swap with other families.

If there are spare tickets for any of the dates, these will be prioritised for Y6 families in the first instance.

Mrs Beavan & Baby Orla

At last, we are delighted to be able to share the news of the safe arrival of Orla June Beavan on 4th June weighing 5lbs 12oz. Both Mrs Beavan and baby Orla spent some time in hospital before going home last Thursday. Here they both are looking beautiful!



Year 5 Canoeing

The Y5 canoeing trip takes place on Monday. As the weather is due to be warm, please ensure your child has plenty of water, a sunhat and brings sun cream with them to reapply during the day.

Welsh Showcase- Lower School

A reminder that the Lower School classes are holding a showcase for parents/ carers on the following dates:

Reception: 30th June at 2.30pm

Year 2: 2nd July at 2.30pm

Year 1: 4th July at 2.30pm

These will take place in the Lower School Hall.

Moving Up Morning

All pupils will be spending the morning in their new classes on Tuesday 1st July. For new Reception pupils, this will be between 9.15-11.15am.

Breakfast Club Payments

Please can we ask you to ensure ALL Breakfast Club accounts are in credit. All outstanding debts MUST be cleared by the end of the school term.

School Lunch Menu

Dydd Llun/ Monday- Battered fish OR salmon fishcake OR cheese and onion quiche OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Mawrth/ Tuesday- Chicken masala with rice OR chickpea masala OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Mercher/ Wednesday- Pork sausage roast with Yorkshire pudding OR vegetarian Gllmaorgan sausage roast OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Iau/ Thursday- Beef bolognaise OR vegetarian bolognaise OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Gwener/ Friday- Cheese and tomato pizza OR rainbow vegetable pizza OR filled jacket potato