



## Believe and Achieve

### Monthly Newsletter

## November 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term holiday. I hope that you all enjoyed a restful break.

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evenings. It was lovely to have the opportunity to share your children's successes.

It is important that we maintain regular contact with each other and so I hope that if you didn't manage to make an appointment with your child's class teacher that you find a mutually convenient time to have a discussion and update on progress.

Thank you to all parents and carers who completed the parent questionnaire. I am pleased to confirm that an initial review of the responses given by parents is extremely positive concerning the efforts the school is making to provide for pupil and family needs.

A copy of the questionnaire may be found on the school's website in the letters section and completed questionnaires can be returned to the school office.

This half-term will be a very busy one as we lead up to Christmas. Please support your child's learning by making sure that they complete homework set, hearing them read and ensuring that they have the right equipment in school on the right day so that they can be successful learners.

Thanking you for your continuing support and co-operation.

Best wishes

Judith Lloyd-Williams

Headteacher

### Celebrations this Month

- November 5<sup>th</sup> – Bonfire Night
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – Armistice Day; Diwali (Sikh/Hindu)
- November 26<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving (USA)
- November 30<sup>th</sup> – St Andrew's Day (Scotland)
- Independence Days:  
Poland (11<sup>th</sup>), Latvia (18<sup>th</sup>), Albania (28<sup>th</sup>)

## Dates for your diary

### Term Dates

Christmas Holidays  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016

INSET DAY  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016

### School Events:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3 trip to Poole Cavern

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Ladybird Class Assembly

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Year 1 & 2 Flu Vaccinations

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Zebra Class Assembly

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – 3.30 -5.00 pm – Autumn Fair

### **Diary Date:**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>/Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December – FS/KS1 Concert – look out for ticket information!

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Activity Day

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Non-uniform day

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – school finishes for Christmas

MFL

La phrase du mois:



French

Salut. Ça va?  
Saloo. Sah vah?

Très bien merci.  
Treh bee-ahn mercy.

Et toi?  
Eh twa?

**Attendance from  
September- October 31st  
now stands at**

**95.7%**

Thank you for your support

After a busy half term we are delighted to see that children in Rabbit, Squirrel and Lemur Class have settled into full time school life beautifully.

We encourage all children to be independent learners at school. It is therefore important that children are given opportunities from home to support this. This includes encouraging your child to look after their own belongings and putting things away in bags. Remember that other children in the setting will be wearing similar clothing of the same size and so name labels are the only way of truly identifying which items belong to each child. Get label happy!

Thank you to all parents and carers that regularly attend our "Stay and Play" sessions taking place every Tuesday from 8.50am to 9.05am. These sessions are a good way of finding what your child is learning at school.



**Our Value for November is**

**PEACE**

**Peace is using kind words.**

**Peace is keeping our world safe.**

**Peace is respect for one and all.**



### Osmaston Primary School Meals Update

At Osmaston we offer nutritious balanced meals made from fresh local ingredients, choice of desserts, drinks, a fruit and salad bar and a variety of breads.

We are now starting to offer a sandwich option for those children who do not want to have the main option for that day. This means that you do not need to send your child in with a packed lunch. They will receive a sandwich from a choice of fillings, a hot or cold dessert, drink and fruit and a chance to try something different every day.

**If your child is in Reception up to Year 2, this could save you up to £430 each year!**

We are developing our menus to offer children a variety of new foods and are currently having taster sessions during lunchtime, which all children have tried and come back for more!

**12/11/15 Conchiglie Lasagne – minced meat, Italian herbs stuffed into conchiglie tubes topped with cheese sauce**

**19/11/15 Kedgeree – smoked fish, boiled eggs and rice in a creamy sauce**

**26/11/15 Herbed chicken and red onion ciabatta**

**3/12/15 Chilli con carne**

**10/12/15 Thai Green vegetable curry**

We are always looking for positive role models to take lunch with our pupils and to encourage them to fully enjoy a varied diet. We will shortly be inviting you to come in and have a meal with your child. Watch this space, details to follow . . .

Over half term we had some finishing touches made to the outside areas of our school!

Each of our playgrounds has had specific markings chosen to suit the year groups that use them. The colourful decorations can be used to enhance learning in all areas of the curriculum as well as being fun during playtimes. The children have already enjoyed playing hopscotch and completing the fitness courses.

Here's hoping that we get the weather to use them!

