



# OSMASTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Believe and Achieve**

## Monthly Newsletter December 2015

Attendance from  
September-October  
31st now stands at

**95.4%**

### Diary Dates

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

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

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

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December FS  
Concert.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December –  
Non-uniform Day and  
Christmas Party Day

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

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – INSET  
day

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January– School  
reopens for pupils

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you very much for your generosity on Children in Need Day. As a result of our efforts the school raised £221.

It was lovely to see so many of you attending the Autumn Fair last Friday. I trust that you enjoyed it. The pupils in school certainly had a lot of fun and excitement in preparing items for their class stalls. The event raised money for school fund. This money will be put towards school funds and will be used to supplement the school's resources and educational experiences for all pupils next half term.

Raffle tickets are still on sale from the office. The draw will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December at the Key Stage 1 concert.

The school's attendance team has been reviewing the Autumn Term's attendance figure to date and are very concerned to note that attendance from September 2015 is 95.4%. This time last year the figure was 96.2%! So there is quite a bit of work to do. Please can you make sure that your child attends school regularly so that together we can quickly raise our overall attendance figure to above 96% again.

On behalf of everyone at school can I wish you a very happy time over the Christmas period. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the school's Christmas events. Please check out the diary dates.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Best Wishes

Judith Lloyd-Williams

Headteacher

## Community News

### What's happening this Month?

December 6<sup>th</sup> – Channukah begins

December 10<sup>th</sup> Human Rights Day

December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Winter Solstice (shortest day)

December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day

December 26<sup>th</sup> – Boxing Day/ Kwanzaa

December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve

Independence Days: Portugal (1<sup>st</sup>), Tanzania (9<sup>th</sup>), South Africa (11<sup>th</sup>), Kenya (12<sup>th</sup>)

MFL

La phrase du mois:



French

Joyeux Noël  
Jwhy-uh No-well



## Home Learning

As the evenings become darker we would like you to design a road safety poster to encourage people to wear brightly coloured clothes which can be seen more easily. Use the slogan 'Be Safe, Be Seen' and hand your entries to Mr Gard for your chance to win a prize !

### Quote of the Month

*"Life must not be spent always hoping, always waiting. Life is for living."*  
-Kensuke"

Kensuke's Kingdom,  
Michael Morpurgo.

Our Value for  
December is

**JOY**

Joy is a feeling of  
great happiness.

Joy lies in the

Joy

## Foundation Stage

All the children in the Foundation Stage are starting the very exciting topic..... Christmas. We are busy preparing our Christmas Play "It was the night before Christmas" and are looking forward to seeing you at one of our shows. Don't forget all tickets need to be ordered by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

We consider ourselves partners in your child's learning. The activities that you do with your child at home are important in supporting their learning and development, and have a really long lasting effect on your child's learning as they progress through school. Everyday tasks such as; talking, listening, reading, singing nursery rhymes, cooking and baking or playing outside with your child can all be used to support learning in a fun way.



## Key Stage 1



### Lego man

As part of the homes topic being taught in year 1, the children have been lucky enough to have the 'Lego man' in.

He brought over 6000 bricks with him and supported the children in building a miniature town.

The children had a great time and produced some amazing structures!

## Key Stage 2

Two year groups in Key Stage 2 have had the opportunity to have some real hands on experiences based on the topics they have been learning.

Year 3 went exploring Poole Cavern as part of their topic on rocks. They had an exciting day exploring the caverns learning about rocks and how caves are formed.

Year 6 had a visit from The Derby Museum Archaeology Team where they got to explore what life was like in Viking Britain. They even got the chance to meet a real life Viking!

The children learnt a lot about Vikings as well as having a really enjoyable day.

