



Believe and Achieve

Monthly Newsletter

January 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very Happy New Year to you all. I hope that everyone had a pleasant and relaxing holiday period.

2015 is a very exciting year for Osmaston Primary School as it will see the completion of our newly refurbished building (hopefully in June). Thank you very much for bearing with us so far during the process. This term should be easier as Foundation Stage 1 to Year 4 are all in the refurbished part of the building and joined together by the link block which is known as the atrium. I know that the many improvements that the school will gain from the upgraded building will have been worth all the upheaval. The improved building will be a definite asset to the school and the wider community.

This term is an important one for the pupils in terms of their learning. I am sure that all pupils will return to school with a good attitude and ready to work hard. I look forward to sharing their successes with you as the term progresses.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Best Wishes

Judith Lloyd-Williams
Headteacher

Keeping Warm in Winter

Even when the weather is cold, children at Osmaston Primary take part in many outdoor activities – Foundation Stage outdoor learning, playtime and lunchtime activities, the weekly walk to swimming and other local community events. Children enjoy all these activities but need to be adequately dressed during the cold winter months.

- Wrap up warm, inside and out
- Layer clothing to stay warm
- Wear shoes with a good grip
- Eat breakfast – the three bears had the right idea with a daily bowl of porridge – remember, breakfast club is only 20p per child!



Celebrations this Month

January 1st – New Year's Day
January 3rd – Milad un-Nabi (Sunni Muslim)
January 5th – Guru Gobindh Singh birthday (Sikh); Twelfth Night
January 6th – Epiphany
January 8th – Milad un-Nabi (Shia Muslim)
January 13th – Maghi (Sikh)
January 25th – Burns Night (Scotland)
Independence Days: Czech Republic (1st), Sudan (1st), Slovakia (1st)

Dates for your diary

School Events

Tuesday 6th January 2015
Children return to school

Thursday 8th January
Y6 – Height & Weight – School Nurse

Monday 12th January
Y6 visit to Galleries of Justice

Tuesday 13th January
School Refurbishment Opening Ceremony

Wednesday 21st January
Y5 visit to Galleries of Justice

Friday 30th January
Whole School Intra Sports Activity Day

Friday 6th February
Children break up for half term holiday

Term Dates

INSET DAYS for Refurbishment
Monday 5th January 2015

Half Term
Monday 9th February until Friday 13th
February 2015

INSET DAY – Friday March 6th 2015

Easter Holidays
Monday 30th March until Friday 10th
April 2015

Half Term
Monday 25th May until Friday 29th May
2015

INSET DAYS
Monday 1st June 2015
Friday 10th July 2015

Last Day of Summer Term – Thursday
23rd July 2015

**Attendance from September
now stands at**

95.63%

1.13% increase on last year

Thank you for your support

MFL
La phrase du mois:



French



Bonne Année

Bon ah-nay

The children at Osmaston Primary School have been busy this month . . .

Parents joined **Bears in Nursery** for a Christmas Activity and party day - our special visitor caused quite a stir!



Welcome 2015! Before we forget about last year, here are a few memories of Christmas 2014. We hope you all rested and are ready for a fresh start to the New Year.

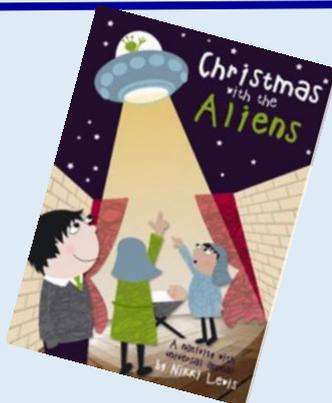


Spring Term will give us a chance to hold some more parent/ carers workshop such as maths and sharing your child's Learning Journey Workshop.



Key Stage 1

Christmas Production - We put on a successful production of 'Christmas with the Aliens'. It was enjoyed by all parents and children. The children did remarkably well to learn all their lines and I am sure we have some budding actors and actresses among them!



Activity Day

Key Stage One had a lovely Christmas activity day, children made cards, angels' trees and classroom floors were covered in lots of glitter! Thank you to all the parents who came to support their children in the afternoon! Look at for similar events in the new year.

Key Stage 2



Homework club

Year 6 at Merrill

Some of our Year 6 children have been selected to go to Merrill Academy where they are completing maths work to challenge their thinking and thus help support their learning.

The Study Buddies run an Upper Key Stage 2 homework club every Monday after school between 3:20pm to 4:15pm.



In Year 6 a small group of children have created a journalistic club. They will be writing a termly school newspaper. The articles will include a current theme, an interview with a member of staff, sports information and a fun page.



Journalistic club

Community News – The Marble Hall

Work has now started on the Marble Hall. After the boardings were erected, children were invited to literally make their mark and become part of the project – each class took turns to leave their handprints on the wall.



Tuck Shop

The Early Worm wins!

Tuck Shop is available from 8.30 daily. Due to refurbishment and limited storage space we have daily deliveries and cannot guarantee that items will be available for late comers.



Price List

- Crisps or Cereal Bars – 40p
- Drinks – 30p
- Fruit Nuggets or Fruit – 20p



Our Value for January is

ACHIEVEMENT

Achievement is a result of hard work.

Achievement is a great deed.

Achievement gives a sense of pride.

As the refurbishments enters its next stage, the Tuck Shop will be relocated to the Rotunda so that all children will be able to access it on the way to their relocated class lines as they enter through the Amber Street gates.