



## Believe and Achieve

### Monthly Newsletter

### March 2015



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week is Book Week in school and I am looking forward to seeing many of you attending the in-class reading sessions with your children and the range of book characters your children will come to school dressed as on Thursday. Reading is one of the most important skills a child can acquire and in this age of the internet it is perhaps even more important for so many activities in daily life. Please do make time to help your children practise reading at home regularly and to share books with them.

Easter is early this year. Before we know it we will be breaking up for the Easter holidays (Friday March 27th is the last day of term). After a busy few weeks of learning the last week of term will see us celebrate Easter. As part of our celebrations parents will be invited into school to participate in Spring activity sessions; please look out for details from your child's class teacher. In addition pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be presenting a Spring performance to parents on the afternoon of 25th March.

Thank you for your continuing support

Best Wishes

Judith Lloyd-Williams

## Dates for your diary

### School Events

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
School Class Group Photographs

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
World Book Day – Dress as a book character

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
INSET Day – School Closed to pupils

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Penguin Class Assembly

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Comic Relief - Non Uniform Day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Rolls Royce to see Year 6

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>/Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 3 to visit Derby Cathedral

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Tiger Class Assembly

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
Spring Celebration Year 3/4/5  
Year 2 to visit Derby Cathedral

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 4 to visit Blue John Cavern

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Rolls Royce to see Year 6

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Last day for children – school closed for 2 week Easter Holiday

### Term Dates

Easter Holidays  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Half Term  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015

INSET DAYS  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Last Day of Summer Term – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015

Attendance from September now stands at

**95.6%**

Thank you for your support

### Celebrations this Month

- March 1<sup>st</sup> – St. David's Day (Wales)
- March 5<sup>th</sup> – Purim
- March 6<sup>th</sup> – Holi
- March 9<sup>th</sup> – Commonwealth Day
- March 15<sup>th</sup> – Mothering Sunday
- March 17<sup>th</sup> – St Patrick's Day (Ireland)
- March 20<sup>th</sup> – Start of Spring
- March 21<sup>st</sup> – Hindi New Year
- March 28<sup>th</sup> – Ram Navami
- March 29<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday
- BST starts – clocks go forward one hour



### Independence Days:

- Bosnia & Herzegovina (1<sup>st</sup>);
- Ghana (6<sup>th</sup>);
- Lithuania (11<sup>th</sup>); Mauritius (12<sup>th</sup>);
- Tunisia (20<sup>th</sup>); Namibia (21<sup>st</sup>);
- Greece (25<sup>th</sup>); Bangladesh (26<sup>th</sup>)

### Community News

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**FREE BMX COACHING**

Every Saturday in March

1-3pm

Helmet, Gloves and Bike provided

Children 8 yrs +

Consent form needed  
(ask in Enthusiasm or see Kwalo at the track on Saturdays)

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**MFL**  
**La phrase du mois:**



**French**  
**Bonne fête des mères**  
**Bon fet day mair**



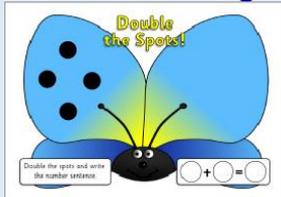
**The children at Osmaston Primary School have been busy this month . . .**

**Nursery**

Thank you to all our parents who attended Parent's Evening. We are pleased to tell you that we had 100% attendance! Please continue to help by informing us if you unable to keep your appointment so alternative appointments can be booked Thank you. This month children have been learning about polar animals. We had our very own igloo in nursery and this generated much interest especially from the boys! There was a great deal of excitement when children came into nursery and found a large mound of ice with animals trapped inside! Children thought of different ways to free the animals and a parent got involved with this activity! Our Parents' Activity was a success once again. This is always linked to the current theme and covers all areas of learning with a greater focus on art and design. Our next session will be linked to Easter, let us know if you have any ideas and we will see if we can incorporate them into our sessions. The next session will take place on 25th March. Letters will be sent out shortly.



**Foundation Stage 2**



**Let it snow.....!**

When Rabbit, Squirrel and Lemur Class started reading the book "Ridiculous" about a tortoise called Shelley who didn't want to hibernate and instead decides to venture out into the snow, we could not believe our luck when it actually did begin to snow! Children had a first-hand experience of exploring ice and the factors which contribute to it melting.



Thank you to all the parent/carers that attended parent teacher meetings this month. It is an ideal opportunity to share how your child is developing; share your own impressions and build on what your child is learning at home. Encourage your child to look at different types of letters you receive in the post. Please support your child in hearing them read regularly and completing homework tasks.

**Key Stage 1**

**Fairy Tale Day**

The end of last half term saw year 2 having a fun fairy tale day. Children and staff dressed up as fairy tale characters, we had princes, pirates, Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty and not forgetting Elsa!



Parents came into the classes and helped the children make puppets and fairy-tale settings to help them tell stories. A fun time was had by all with lots of glitter!



**Key Stage 2**

**Fire Talk to Year 6**

Leopard  
 Class  
 Reward

Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service came to talk to Year 6 about fire safety. They discussed the different causes of fire and how to keep safe. They stated the importance of having a working smoke alarm in the home. Please check and see if yours is in workina order!



Congratulations to Leopard Class in Year 3 who went to Calke Abbey on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015 as a reward for excellent attendance. The theme was 'Go Wild' outdoors. As you can see they had a great time!



**Our Value for March is HUMILITY**

**. . . thinking more of others**

**. . . knowing you may be wrong at times**

**. . . recognising your strengths and weaknesses**



**OPS Intra-School Sports Event**



On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015 Key Stage 1 took part in an intra-school event which was led by the Derby City SSP and our very own newly qualified Year 5 mini-leaders! The event involved children playing sitting volleyball, boccia and water polo. Well done to everybody that was involved and congratulations to Lion Class (Year 1) and Ladybird Class (Year 2) for winning in their year group.