



Believe and Achieve

Monthly Newsletter

April 2015



Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of all the staff thank you for your support this term. We hope that you enjoyed the Easter activities on offer.

I am pleased to report that all children have worked extremely hard over recent weeks and we are very proud of their achievements and successes. Next term will be a very busy one with lots of learning challenges as well as a range of exciting activities. Please help your child's learning over the holiday period by taking an interest in any homework that has been set and encouraging him/her to read.

If, over the holiday, anyone has a spring clean and finds any spare items of clothing that they are able to donate to school we would be very grateful; our stock of trousers and underwear are running low. Thank you in anticipation!

I hope that everyone has an enjoyable Easter period and I look forward to welcoming the children back at the usual time on Monday 13th April.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Best wishes

Judith Lloyd-Williams

Celebrations this Month

April 2nd – Maundy Thursday
April 3rd – Good Friday
April 3rd – start of Pesach (Passover)
April 4th – Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)
April 5th – Easter Sunday
April 13th – Vaisakhi (Sikh)
April 14th – Hola Mohalla/ Birth of Guru Nanak (Sikh)
April 16th – Yom HaSho'ah
April 21st – first day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
April 23rd – St George's Day (England)

Independence Days:

Senegal (4th) Morocco (7th)
Georgia (9th) Syria (17th)
Zimbabwe (18th) Ireland (24th)
Sierra Leone / Togo (27th)

Sainsbury Vouchers

Please help us save vouchers so that we can add to our PE equipment – you can keep collecting right up until May 5th!



Dates for your diary

School Events

Friday 27th March
Last day for children – school closed for 2 week Easter Holiday

Monday 13th April – children return to school

Wednesday 22nd April – FS2 trip to Twycross Zoo

Diary dates for May:

Tuesday 5th May – Year 6 and FS2 Height and Weight Measurements with School Nurse

Wednesday 6th May – Year 6 and FS2 Height and Weight Measurements with School Nurse

Monday 11th May – Year 6 KS2 SATs – all week

Term Dates

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

Monday 4th May – May Bank Holiday

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

95.43%

Thank you for your support

MFL
La phrase du mois:



French



Poisson d'avril
Pwason davreel
(April Fool)

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

Foundation Stage 1

Our topic on Babies and Animals led to a very busy month - learning about animals through hands on experiences and having our very own Vet role play area in Nursery. Our Easter Parent Activity Session was hugely popular once again! Thank you to all the parents who attended to spend quality time with their children. We know your children look forward to seeing you! Judging by the work produced it is evident that we have lots of creative parents. If you wish to share your ideas and would like to be more involved in the preparation of activities, please speak to one of the nursery team who will be happy to assist you. We are pleased to let you know that, for children who are ready, we gave out our first set of reading books this term.

Reminders:

Please can you continue to keep us updated if your child is absent from nursery. Regular attendance is really important to help your child get the most out their time in nursery.

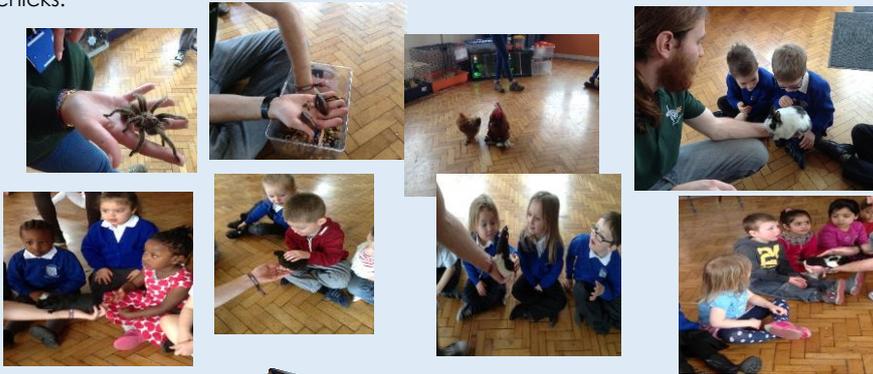
We are very short on spare clothing. If you have any unwanted items such as trousers, jumpers, sock and underclothes please bring them into nursery.

Lost Property

The Lost Property box is situated next to the nursery door in the corridor. Anything left at the end of each term will be donated to charity or used as spare clothing. Thank you.

Foundation Stage 2 White Post Farm Animal Road Show

Foundation Stage 1 and 2 children were very excited to meet, face to face all the different types of animals that travelled from White Post Farm. We handled and found out lots of interesting facts about mice, rats, snakes, tarantulas, cockroaches, bearded dragons, clucking hens and fluffy chicks.



The visit led to playing lots of animal naming games, answering questions related to what, how, who and where and children discovering the names of adults and babies. How many does your child remember?

Wednesday 22nd April 2015- FS2 Trip to Twycross Zoo. Permission and payment slip to be returned to school no later than Wednesday 15th April 2015. Thank you.



Key Stage 1

Book Week

As part of World Book Day, children took part in lots of fun activities as part of book week. We had a bedtime story day - everyone came to school in their pyjamas and we all shared our favourite bedtime stories



Year One looked at stories with magic in them, they made magic wands, chicks and role played having a magic paint brush.

Year Two read parts of the Magic Faraway Tree and made up their own magic lands - chocolate land, snowman land and my favourite milk and cookie land.

The week ended with a dress up day, where staff and children dressed as their favourite book characters.

We hope this week encouraged your children to read and use their imagination. Don't forget to spend your book week voucher, and keep enjoying books with your children!



Key Stage 2

34 of our Year 6 children went on a teambuilding residential to Kingswood from Wednesday 18th March until Friday 20th March. They took part in a range of activities which included abseiling, zip-wire, problem solving, shelter building, nightline and much more. On Thursday they had a disco - a fitting end to a fantastic couple of days. The children were a credit to Osmaston Primary School and presented themselves as we would expect them to - polite and kind to others. A great time was had by one and all!

Kingswood Residential Visit



Our Value for April is

FORGIVENESS

. . . is a constant attitude of the strong

. . . being strong enough to understand people make mistakes

. . . choosing not to hold on to past hurts

