



Believe and Achieve

Monthly Newsletter

May 2015



Dates for your diary

School Events

**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**

**Friday 22nd May – School closes for
half term**

Forward Planning for June

Monday 1st June - Inset Day

**Tuesday 2nd June – Children back to
School**

w/c Monday 8th June - KS1 SATs

**w/c Monday 15th June – Assessment
Week and Year 1 Phonics Screening
Tests**

Term Dates

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**

95.5%

Thank you for your support

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term at Osmaston Primary School. I hope you all had a relaxing Easter.

Now that Summer is fast approaching and the days are getting longer, please can you reinforce the safety messages that the school has given to the children. Our golden rules are:

- * letting adults know where they are playing
- * not speaking to strangers
- * taking care in traffic and when crossing roads
- * wearing protective clothing if an activity requires it e.g., at the BMX track
- * making sure they keep out of strong sunshine and wear sun cream if necessary

As well as playing hard it is important that the children continue to work hard in school. This is the term when end of year assessments take place for all pupils. Please support your child with reading and homework and talk to them about their learning. We look forward to seeing you at the Summer Term Parents' Evenings on 7th and 9th July where you can discuss your child's achievements this year.

Thank you for your continuing support

Best wishes

Judith Lloyd-Williams

Headteacher

Community News

Latest Photos on the School Development:

<http://oscarderby.org/news/osmaston-primary-school-under-construction/>

Latest Photos on the Marble Hall Development (Building opposite the school) <http://oscarderby.org/news/marblehall/>

Need to contact your ward Councillor or see what's happening in the community? Call in at the resource centre on Addison Road.

Celebrations this Month

- May 1st – May Day
- May 2nd – Ridvan (Baha'i)
- May 4th – Bank Holiday
- May 4th – Wesak (Buddhist)
- May 8th – VE Day 70th Anniversary
- May 14th – Ascension Day
- May 15th – Lailat al Miraj (Muslim)
- May 24th – Whit Sunday
- May 24th – Shavout (Jewish)
- May 25th – Bank Holiday Monday
- May 31st – Trinity Sunday

Independence Days:

- May 4th – Latvia
- May 10th – Romania
- May 21st –
Montenegro
- May 24th – Eritrea
- May 25th – Jordan
- May 26th – Guyana

MFL
La phrase du mois:



French



La Fête de la Victoire
La fet duh la viktwaar

Foundation Stage 2

OPS took FS2 to the zoo in April,
Zoo in April, zoo in April!
OPS took us to the zoo in April,
We had so much fun!

The children at Osmaston Primary School have been busy this month . . .
Foundation Stage 1

We have had a very busy start to the summer term!
This term we have welcomed Miss Johnson to the Foundation 1 Team as well as our new summer starters. We are pleased to inform you that they have settled in very well with the odd occasional tears!
Our current topic has been very popular with lots of fun learning happening through hands-on experiences. We had our own 'Fruit and Vegetable Shop' role play. As young children learn predominately through sensory experiences this provided an ideal opportunity to explore a range of popular vegetables such as broccoli, cauliflowers, potatoes, carrots, turnips, swede, parsnips and onions through using their sense of touch, sight and smell. Magnifying glasses provided an opportunity to observe more closely which many of our children were keen to do!
We will also be having a sunflower competition. Children have all planted a sunflower seed to take home next week. There will be prizes for the tallest sunflower! Letter to follow...
Our next parents' session is on Wednesday 20th May. We hope that as many parents can join us!
Thank you.



Rabbit, Squirrel and Lemur Class were blessed with a glorious warm, sunny day on their trip to Twycross Zoo on Wednesday 22nd April 2015. From observing rolling baby gorilla's, a giant tortoise, walking through the tropical butterfly forest experiencing butterflies first hand literally, watching the giraffes, elephants and zebras it was truly an amazing experience! A big thank you to all the adults that ensured the day went well and I am sure they would agree that the children behaved very well as well as having a wonderful day!



Tuesday 19th
May FS2 Maths
Workshop.
Details to follow.

Look out for
curriculum news
in our topic
web and letter.
Thank you for
your continuing
support in
helping your
child with their
learning.

Key Stage 1

We hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday and the children had plenty of rest as this half term sees Year 2 children preparing for their SATs test in June. They are busy revising maths calculation strategies and basic skills in reading and writing. Thank you to all the parents who attended the information for parents meeting, we hope it was useful. Here are some useful websites for helping your children practise skills taught in school.

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>
- <http://www.theschoolrun.com/ks1/key-stage-1-sats>
- <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=8>



Key Stage 2

Welcome back to the Summer Term!
A very busy term for all of the children, especially Year 6. They will be completing their SATs w/c 11th May and have been working hard to achieve their potential.
We will be working as a team in KS2 to ensure that OPS is a calm learning environment for the duration of the week.
We wish to thank the community for their support in helping Year 6, and the rest of KS2, achieve their best.

Lost Property Reclaim

On May 19th, 20th, 21st there will be a table on the playground after school (under the Rotunda, if wet) for you to reclaim any clothing your child may have lost. Please help keep the number of items lost down by naming all of your child(ren)'s clothing and encouraging them to be responsible for their own belongings.



Our Value for May is
COURAGE is . . .

- . . . not letting your fear stop you
- . . . doing what you know is right – even when it is hard
- . . . being yourself and following your dreams

