

Osborne Primary School Newsletter Summer Issue 1-14.04.23

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers.

I hope that our Osborne families have all had a wonderful Easter Break and managed to enjoy the little bit of sunshine we have had. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 17th April for the final term of this academic year!

Please can I remind you that all children are expected to attend school in uniform EVERY day. Trainers and different coloured hoodies/jumpers are NOT part of our school uniform. On PE days, children can wear school PE kit to school. Trainers are permitted on PE days ONLY.

We have a number of pre-loved uniform items and a few pairs of shoes available for FREE. We also have a large collection of lost property in school. These items will be all be laid out in the hall after school on Thursday 20th April so please pop in via the main school entrance if you would like to have a look.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lisa Dodd Headteacher



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ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY



This term we will continue to work with our families to ensure that our Osborne children have excellent attendance. Next week, we will be announcing an incentive for all families where children have improved attendance over the Summer Term and/or a yearly attendance of 95% or above.

Our school target for attendance this year is 97%. It has been pleasing to see that our whole school attendance has improved over the course of this year but on average our whole school attendance is significantly below where it should be at 90.3%.

Our Year 5 cohort are the only year group at Osborne who are currently achieving our 97% attendance target. A HUGE well done to our Year 5 children and their parents/carers!

Attending school regularly and on time has a positive impact on learning and progress. Great attendance therefore provides the best life chances for pupils. Research shows that attendance and punctuality are important factors in school success.

DIARY DATES

<u>APRIL</u>



17.04.23 - Children return to school

20.04.23 – Uniform and lost property drop in after school in the hall (enter via the main entrance).

21.04.23 - Parent/carer coffee morning 9am - 9.30am in the school hall (enter via the main entrance).

24.04.23 – Year 5 residential visit to Whitemoor Lakes (children who have booked on only).

MAY

01.05.23 - May Bank Holiday: School Closed

Month of May - Year 2 SATs tests

08.05.23 - The Coronation of King Charles III: School Closed

09.05.23 - 12.05.23 - Year 6 SATs tests

12.05.23 - Pyjamarama event (more information to follow).

15.05.23 - 19.05.23 - 'This is me' week.

29.05.23 - 02.06.23 - Half Term Break: School Closed





Online Safety



We recently had a visit from a local Police Community Support Officer to talk about online safety. It came to our attention that many of our children have social media accounts or are playing games not suitable for their age.

Impact of Social Media

Most social media platforms have age restrictions (please see below). This is due to some of the dangers of social media.

In the media, we have seen many incidents of online grooming of young children of primary age via social media platforms. We have also seen incidents of children experiencing mental health challenges and self-harming due to cyberbullying via social media sites and messaging apps.

Online Games PEGI

PEGI is the system by which games are age rated to provide guidance to parents. They are rated based on suitability, not the difficulty of the game.

Some PEGI 12 games have graphic violence which children should not be exposed to. This can normalise this behaviour for children and could also cause them anxiety,

We hear about many of our children playing games with PEGI 12 ratings.

PEGI 12 Games

Fortnite
Poppy Playtime

PEGI 18 Games

Grand Theft Auto
Call of Duty

Age restrictions Pinterest on social media Reddit Snapchat Facebook Instagram Facebook Messenger Minecraft Skype Twitter Flickr Tumblr Kik WhatsApp ooVoo WeChat LinkedIn YouTube

CEOP Education (thinkuknow.co.uk)
Tips for Parents (https://pegi.info/page/tipsparents)