



# Osborne Primary School Newsletter Summer Issue 2 – 02.05.23

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that our Osborne families have all had a lovely long Bank Holiday weekend.

A huge well done to the 340 pupils in school who had 100% attendance at school last week! All of these pupils now have 1 entry into our Summer Term Attendance prize draw. As a reminder, for every week in the Summer Term that a child has 100% attendance, they will get 1 entry into our prize draw. If their are current barriers to your child's attendance, please contact Mrs Slimm in the school office for support.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Lisa Dodd  
Headteacher



## DIARY DATES MAY



Month of May – Year 2 SATs tests

05.05.23 – Red, white and blue non-uniform day. Please bring in chocolate or non-alcoholic bottle for the Coronation Fayre.

**08.05.23 – The Coronation of King Charles III Bank Holiday: School Closed**

09.05.23 – 12.05.23 – Daily SATs breakfast available for all children in Year 6.

09.05.23 – 12.05.23 – Year 6 SATs tests

12.05.23 – Coronation Fayre

**29.05.23 – 02.06.23 – Half Term Break: School Closed**



## KEEPING SAFE AROUND DOGS



We have had a small number of children arriving to school with injuries relating to pet dogs recently. Thankfully these have not been serious incidents. It is important that children are taught how to behave correctly around dogs and dogs are trained appropriately.

If you've got children and a dog, or you've got friends or family who do, you know how much fun that combo can be. But everyday child activity, such as running, shouting and high-energy play, can be overwhelming for dogs. That's why it's so important for children to learn to be considerate of their four-legged friends and know how to safely spend time with them. **Never leave a child and dog together alone. No matter how used to dogs a child is – and vice versa – it's essential for an adult to be actively involved at all times when they're together.**

### Top Tips

Please consider the following guidance from the Dogs Trust if you have a dog in your home:

- Give dogs a safe space of their own – Just like us, dogs need their own space to relax. Create a doggy den or a 'dog only zone' where they can go – and leave them alone when they're there.
- Let dogs have a choice – Always give your dog the option to move away from interaction with children or adults and not be followed.
- Do not disturb – If a dog is eating, or playing happily on their own, give them plenty of space to enjoy their food, chew, or toy without being disturbed. Remember too that not all dogs want to be touched or stroked.
- Let sleeping dogs lie – The old saying is true. Dogs need lots of sleep, so if a dog is resting, leave them alone.
- Be calm and kind – Try to minimise shouting and loud noises around dogs, as these can worry them. Ensure that children are not teasing them in any way, such as with food, toys or unwanted touches.
- Keep your dog occupied – To be healthy and calm, your dog needs mental activity as well as physical exercise. Our enrichment activity ideas are a good start to keep your pooch occupied.
- Closely supervise children and dogs together – Even if you teach children the rules of safe behaviour around dogs, you can't leave it up to them to remember every time.

### How do you know when to intervene?

There are important cues from both the child and dog to look out for that will guide you on when to take action. Despite people often waiting until the dog seems worried, or responds in an unsafe way, it is typically behaviours performed by the child that heighten the risk of a bite occurring.

Here are some common child behaviours that often precede a bite. Whilst these behaviours are often meant as expressions of love, they can be difficult for a dog to cope with:

- Hugging
- Kissing
- Preventing a dog from moving away freely
- Stroking or approaching when the dog is eating or drinking
- Stroking or approaching when the dog is sleeping or resting
- Taking away an important resource i.e., a toy or item the dog is enjoying

Please visit the Dogs Trust website for more information.

<https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/dog-advice/life-with-your-dog/at-home/dog-and-child-safety>

# Osborne Primary Coronation Fayre



OSBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL



FRIDAY 12TH MAY

3.30PM - 5PM

TOMBOLA

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GAMES

CRAFTS

BEAT THE GOALIE

FACE PAINTING

FOOD