

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful month it has been at school! We've enjoyed a variety of fun activities, from exciting lessons to festive preparations as we look ahead to Christmas. The children have been full of energy and enthusiasm, engaging in creative projects and coming together to celebrate the season.

We've also loved having the opportunity to welcome parents into school for some special events. It's been great to share these moments with you, and we truly appreciate your involvement in making these experiences memorable for the children.

As we move closer to the holidays, we're excited for the many joyful events planned, and we are so grateful for your continued support. It's been a pleasure to see the children thrive, and we look forward to finishing the term on a high note.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful festive season ahead!

Warm regards,
Mrs Lisa Dodd
Headteacher



KEY DATES

The end of term will soon be upon us and as always, it is a very busy time for the whole school. Make sure you are up to date with the exciting events we have planned so that you don't miss out

- 06.12.24** Osborne Winter Fayre
- 10.12.24**
- 16.12.24** Reception Christmas singalong
- 16.12.24** Year 1 Christmas singalong
- 17.12.24** Year 2 Nativity
- 18.12.24** KS2 Christmas Carol Concert at Erdington Methodist Church
- 19.12.24** Osborne Christmas Day - Festive/Grinch wear!
- 20.12.24** Last day of school



RRSA NEWS



This half term our Rights Respecting team will be designing a charter for our school playground! They will discuss what is important to them, how they want the playground to be a safe place and how they want everybody to enjoy their Rights in school.

To get involved, please have a chat with your child at home and ask them to share their ideas with their class RR representative.

Our Junior Leadership team were asked to share their opinions on a new recipe being trialed for school dinners. They enjoyed giving feedback to our cook Julie!



CRIBFEST



Years 2 and 3 were invited to the local church to take part in 'Cribfest'. This was a celebration of nativity scenes from all across the world. The children listened to a story and participated in fun activities that helped them understand the meaning behind the Nativity story.

Toy safety

“I would hate for any other child to go through what Becca suffered because of buying dangerous toys via online marketplaces.”

Mum of two-year-old Becca who swallowed magnets from a toy

Toys from reputable brands are made to be safe. But if they've come from an unknown seller on an online marketplace, a market or small discount store, they could be dangerous.

Buying safely

- ✎ Buy toys from brand names you know. If you've never heard of the seller or the brand and price is really tempting, it could be dangerous
- ✎ Watch out for cheap copies of popular toys. They may not be made to UK safety standards.
- ✎ Check if the toy has been removed from sale because it's unsafe. Visit gov.uk and search 'product recalls'
- ✎ If you buy something that looks unsafe, trust your instincts and send it back.

Under 3s most at risk

Babies and toddlers are curious and naturally put everything in their mouths. So dangerous toys can pose the biggest risk to small children. Be especially careful when buying for under 3s.

Watch out for missing or contradictory age warnings. If a toy is pictured with a toddler but marketed as unsuitable for young children, pick something else.

Which toys are most dangerous?

- ✎ Toys with:
 - accessible button batteries that can burn through your child's food pipe
 - super strong magnets that can rip through your child's belly
 - long cords that can strangle your child
 - small parts that can choke your small child
- ✎ Water beads that can block your child's bowel if swallowed
- ✎ Electrical toys with exposed wires or chargers that can catch fire.



Checking toys

If you're unsure about the safety of a toy, here are some checks you can do:

- ✎ Check battery compartments for accessible button batteries or loose spares in the box
- ✎ Check for any loose small magnets
- ✎ Give the parts on the toy a quick tug and check for small parts that come off
- ✎ Look for long cords or access to stuffing
- ✎ Check if there are any age restrictions or safety warnings on the product.

Report dangerous toys

If you spot or buy a toy you're concerned about:

- ✎ Citizens Advice consumer helpline: 0808 223 1133
- ✎ Citizens Advice consumer helpline (Welsh-speaking adviser): 0808 223 1144
- ✎ Advice Direct Scotland helpline: 0808 164 6000
- ✎ Northern Ireland Consumerline: 0300 123 6262