

Date	Event	Group
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Australia Day	All pupils
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Big Talk Relationship Education Information Meeting	Parents and Carers
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Big Talk Relationship Education Workshop	All pupils
10 <sup>th</sup> February	e-Safety Information Evening	Parents and Carers
11 <sup>th</sup> February	e-Safety Day	All Pupils
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Cornerstone Sharing Afternoon	Parents and Carers
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term	All Pupils

### Message from Mrs Moore

It was lovely to welcome everyone back from the Christmas break and to see all our pupils refreshed and ready for the new term.

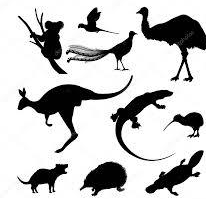
We already have numerous exciting events planned for the Spring term and look forward to welcoming all parents and carers into school.

The Marvellous Me app continues to go from strength to strength with of positive feedback from parents and carers. There are only a few parents who have not joined, please contact the school office if you require the activation code to access your child's account.

### Australia Day

Our pupils, via their School Council representatives, have expressed a desire to support the communities and wildlife devastated by the recent wildfires in Australia. As a result we have decided to hold a non-uniform day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January. Pupils are encouraged to wear clothing of Red, White and/or Blue to symbolise the Australian flag, or Green and /or Yellow to represent their sporting colours.

Pupils will also be spending the day learning about all things Australian including the geography, wildlife and history of the country.



### Calling all Parents...

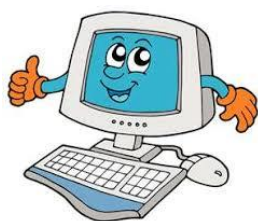
We are creating a new Parent Teacher Association, PTA, and need enthusiastic parents and carers who are willing and able to get involved! So if you can spare a little time to meet and share ideas with other likeminded parents, or think you would be able to help out at school fundraising events we'd love to hear from you. As well as raising funds for your children, joining a PTA is a great way to get more involved in school life – such as getting to know school staff and other parents better and helping promote the school within our local community. Please return the reply slip on the recent letter by 21<sup>st</sup> January to register your interest.

### **e-Safety Parent Workshop**

Mrs Moore would like to invite all Parents and Carers to attend an Information Evening at 3.30 pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February ahead of our pupils e-Safety Day on 11<sup>th</sup> February.

The session will provide information and advice to help keep your child safe online.

Further guidance and information is also available in our monthly newsletter, produced in partnership with the Knowsley City Learning Centre, which is available from the school website <http://www.ormistonmeadows.co.uk/parents/e-safety/>



### **New sign in system**

We are pleased to let you know that in the next few weeks a new electronic signing in system is being installed in school. Visitors to school will need to sign in using a touch screen in the front foyer. Parents will also be able to sign in children who arrive in school after the start of the school day. We'll let you know when we're up and running!

### **SIMS Pay**

In response to parent feedback, our academy is moving towards a cashless system and you have recently received a letter inviting you to activate your account.

Using SIMS Pay will dramatically improve the safety and security of Ormiston Meadows Academy and will reduce the time spent on payment administration. Your support in adopting SIMS pay is greatly appreciated.

There is a deadline to activate your account so please log on at your earliest convenience.

### **Big Talk Relationships Education**

#### **Parent Workshop**



On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February all pupils will participate in a Relationship Education Workshop led by Big Talk.

We would like to invite all parents and carers to attend the Parent Information Session on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 8.45 am. A facilitator from BigTalk Education will cover in greater detail what is included and the vital role parents/carers can play in keeping their children safe both now and as they progress into Secondary School. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions as a small group or individually. Further information is also available on [www.bigtalkeducation.co.uk/parents](http://www.bigtalkeducation.co.uk/parents).

A letter with further information will be issued shortly.

### **Student Teacher**

Our academy will be hosting a visit from a trainee teacher later this term.

During their visit, the trainee will be visiting classes to observe Teaching and Learning.

The trainee will not be working directly with any pupils and has full DBS clearance.

Please contact Mrs Maryniak on 01733 231008 if you have any queries or would like further information regarding this activity.

### **KS 1 SATs Information Evening**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the information evening on Monday. Resources are now available on the Year 2 class page of the school website. [www.ormistonmeadows.co.uk](http://www.ormistonmeadows.co.uk)