

St Osyth Church of England Primary School News

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had a lovely time this week enjoying all the activities organised for Sports Relief. We wont tell you the outcome of the children V staff game of dodge ball this afternoon... Our thanks to Mr Carvalho for organising the whole week and the climbing competition trip which also took place this week.



Coronavirus Update

There is much information and speculation in the press, and amongst parents and carers, about the coronavirus and how schools may be affected. Parents will have already received a letter from me about this matter and I will continue to provide updates about it, as and when suitable.

Every day I receive a coronavirus update from the Department from Education (DfE) as well as updates from Essex County Council, the diocese and Public Health England. These updates have not directed us to do anything that we are not already doing. They have said that **schools are to continue as usual—this includes all trips anywhere in the UK. Thus, school continues as usual and the trips we have booked will continue as planned. If we receive any information that is different to this then we will act accordingly and tell parents. **DfE information received today continues to state that: 'Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes.'****

Our cleaners continue to do a good job in keeping the school clean. We have enough cleaning supplies, soap etc in stock and order more as and when necessary. This includes having the right hand cleaning gel to take on trips. We have also provided information to the children about coronavirus. This was done in worship on Monday morning using resources on Newsround. As part of this **children had a video demonstration about how to thoroughly wash their hands using soap and water.** If you wish to use the Newsround video with your children they can be found at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround#more-stories-2>

If you have any questions about this matter and school please do come and speak to a member of staff.

*Regards
Mr M Carter-Tufnell
Headteacher*

Attendance -
Our **winning classes** this week is 1/2F

Class	% Attend	Class	% Attend
RE	94.57	3/4G	94.2
RLK	94.05	3/4T	96.3
1/2F	97.50	5/6LS	93.06
1H	94.02	5/6R	95.97
2B	95.83	5/6S	97.41
3/4A	96.12	Whole School	95.4

Late to School - Our most punctual classes this week
is 2B

Class	Minutes late	Class	Minutes late
RE	71	3/4G	38
RLK	290	3/4T	77
1/2F	31	5/6LS	19
1H	88	5/6R	105
2B	0	5/6S	1
3/4A	68	Whole School	788

If your child arrives late in the morning **they must be brought to the school office by an adult.** **You will need to buzz the school office to open the gate.** This is for the safety of your child. **Your child will then be escorted to class by a member of staff.**



Parents are reminded that the **classroom doors open at 8.30am until 8.45am.** If you aim for an 8.30am arrival you will have some time to spare for the unexpected hold-ups of traffic or lost shoes. **Good time-keeping** is a **vital life skill** which will help our children as they progress through their school life and out into the wider world.

You are able to **book school dinners up to the Easter Holidays.** If you think you may be eligible for free school meals please contact the school office for a form.

Any bookings received for Mothers day lunch after 13th March will be for a packed lunch from home.

Breakfast Club is open from 7.45am for **all ages**, costing **£3.00 per session.** The children have breakfast and time to play or use the computer suite. In the summer months they also play outside.

The sessions **must be booked and paid for in advance.** If you unexpectedly need to use Breakfast Club your child can be booked in on arrival, but payment must be made before the end of the day.

Dates for your Diary

- 18th March - Middle School Home Safety talks
- 19th March - Upper School Cyber Safety talks
- 23rd March - Middle School visiting The Royal Observatory and Planetarium in Greenwich
- Week commencing 23rd March - Mothering Sunday dinner week
- 31st March - Year 3, 4 & 5 optional Swan Lake trip to the Royal Opera House
- 3rd April - Lower School visiting Windsor Castle
- Easter Holidays - last school day Friday 3rd April
- 11th May - Year 6 SAT Week
- 18th May - Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip
- Half term - last day in school is Friday 22nd May
- Monday 1st June - inset day (No school for pupils)

Please make sure your child has a named coat in school every day. Also, all children must have a full PE kit in school every day.



Everyone is reminded not to park on the zig zag lines outside school and also to be considerate to all our neighbours and not to block their driveways. Please avoid parking too close to the junctions, as this makes it impossible for the school bus to turn into the school.



Middle School are collecting **empty 2L plastic drinks bottles** for an exciting new project. They are going to need lots more, so please keep saving them! Collection point in 3/4G.



The PTFA are collecting used **crisp packets**. There is a collection bin outside the entrance to the school office. Please keep the bags flat. Funds are raised for the school for each 5kg of packets recycled. Thank you

RECYCLE YOUR CRISP PACKETS!

If your child is unable to attend an afterschool club please let the office staff know in advance. Otherwise you will get a phone call to find out where they are. This is for the safety of our children, particularly those who have permission to walk out at the end of the school day.



Children can wear a Fitbit (or similar) to school, but it is their responsibility to keep it safe during the day.



All watches, Fitbits and ear rings need to be removed for P.E lessons and after school sports clubs.

Clubs w/b 16th March

All clubs are for registered children only

Monday	Gymnastics	3.05—4.00pm meet in 3/4A	Years 3 & 4
	English Club	3.05—4.05pm meet in 5/6LS	Years 5 & 6 by invitation
	3G Club	Lunch time in Upper School Main Hub	Years 3,4 & 5
Tuesday	Football	3.05—4.00pm meet in Upper School	Years 5 & 6
	Fun with Music	3.05—4.00 meet in 3/4T	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
	ICT	3.05—4.00pm	Years 3,4,5 & 6
	Year 5 Maths Club	3.05—4.05 meet in 5/6S	Year 5 by invitation
	Year 6 Maths Club	3.05 - 4.05 meet in 5/6LS	Year 6 by invitation
Thursday	Sitting Volleyball	3.05—4.00pm meet in Upper School	Years 5 & 6
Friday	Basketball with external coach £30 for 10 weeks	3.05—4.30pm meet in 3/4T	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
	Homework Club	Lunchtime in 5/6S	Year 5 & 6