

St Osyth Church of England Primary School News

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Chair of the school's Local Governing Board, I lead the governors in their strategic oversight of the school. The trust, the governors and I are all **very pleased to see the improvements that the school has made over recent years** and the plans that staff have to further improve the school. There is a lot of evidence to show that the children at the school are given very effective provision. As a result of how **strong the provision** and leadership of the school are, from September **our school will be supporting another school in the trust**. The other school we will be supporting is Mistley Norman Church of England Primary School. This support involves no changes to the staffing structure of St Osyth. Thus, for example, Mr Carter-Tufnell continues to be the headteacher here and Mrs Levett continues to be the deputy headteacher here. I hope, that like me, you see this as a good development and a positive reflection of our school. If you have any questions about this please speak to Mr Carter-Tufnell, Mrs Levett or contact me via the school office or via email, chair@st-osyth.essex.sch.uk.

Kind Regards,

Mrc C Adams.

Maths week has been a great success— with some great learning and some great maths inspired costumes and hats. Our **thanks to Mrs Alston** for organising maths week.



Please give us your ideas!

Please give us your ideas on **what can be done to improve attendance** at school. Currently we have a weekly class reward, termly rewards for children with 98% and above and 100% attendance, put class attendance figures in the newsletter, hold School Attendance Meetings (SAMs) and send warning letters and Penalty Notices are issued to parents. Please write down your ideas and hand them in at the office, for my attention, or email: office@st-osyth.essex.sch.uk Thank you.

The attendance by some children is still not good enough and this is damaging their education—we can only teach children when they are in school. It is very hard for children to 'catch-up' when they miss school because learning is sequential and because it is difficult for teachers and support staff to provide additional and individual support for every child that has been absent, on different days.

Regards
Mr M Carter-Tufnell

Attendance -
Our **winning classes** this week is 2B

Class	% Attend	Class	% Attend
RE	97.83	3/4G	91.07
RLK	89.90	3/4T	94.44
1/2F	96.25	5/6LS	97.69
1H	88.59	5/6R	95.97
2B	98.33	5/6S	97.41
3/4A	96.55	Whole School	94.88

Late to School - Our most punctual classes this week
is **RLK**

Class	Minutes late	Class	Minutes late
RE	49	3/4G	67
RLK	7	3/4T	51
1/2F	35	5/6LS	75
1H	47	5/6R	60
2B	42	5/6S	12
3/4A	214	Whole School	659

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.



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

- 9th to 13th March—Sport Relief Week - see letter for details
- 11th & 12th March Parent Consultations
- 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 (details to follow)
- Easter Holidays - last school day Friday 3rd April
- 11th May - Year 6 SAT Week
- 18th May—Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip

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 9th 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 (Cancelled this week)	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