



# St Osyth C of E Primary School

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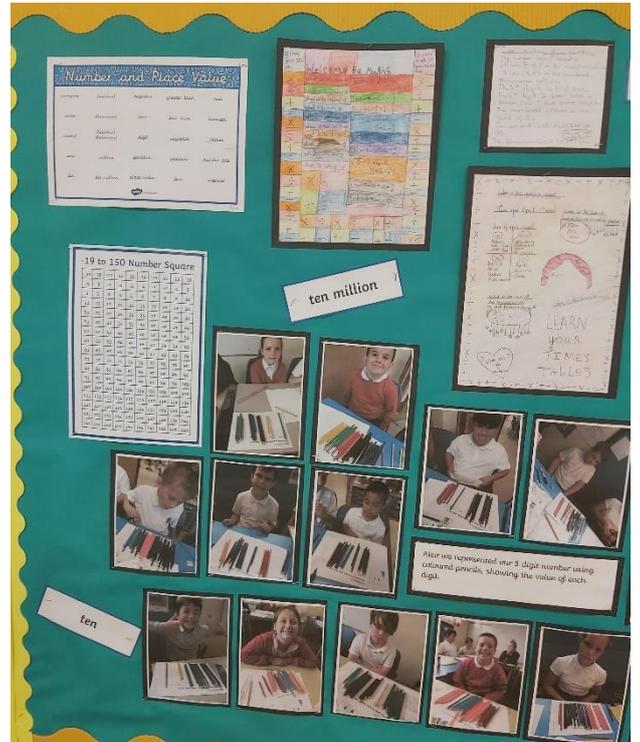
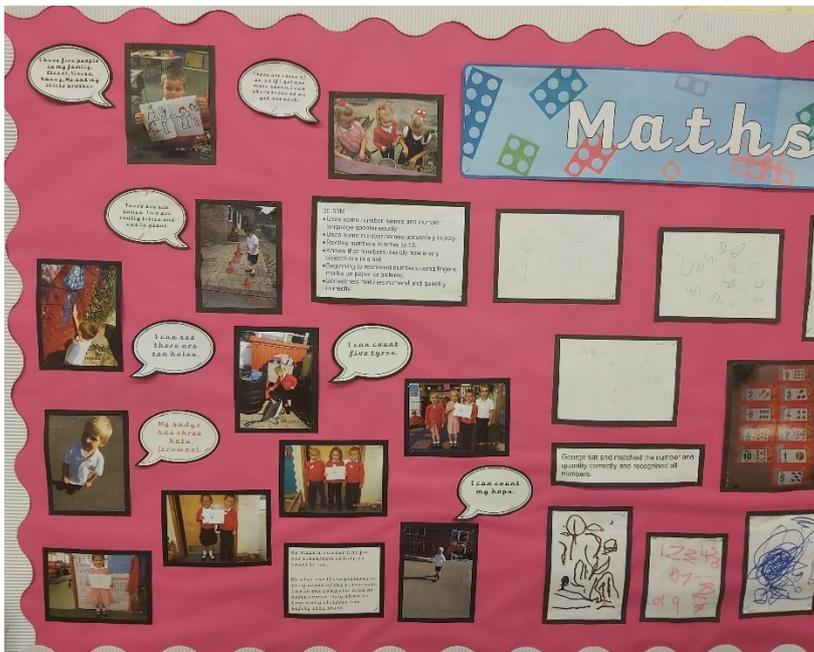
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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Below are photographs of some of the displays we have in the hall. These celebrate the children's current learning in mathematics. As parents are not able to come into the hall for celebration worship etc, I thought you may appreciate the chance to see them in this letter.



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### **Applications for Reception 2021**

We warmly invite all parents, who have children that are due to join Reception next September, to contact the office for a tour of the school. These tours will only take place out of school hours and in a 'COVID19 secure' manner. We are giving this invitation now because when we can provide tours for parents is limited to after school and this restricted time may be harder for parents to book.

Applications to our school are made via Essex's website - <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

Online applications can be made for a Reception school place between 9 November 2020 and 15 January 2021.

### **Applications for Year 7 2021**

- These are to be made using Essex's online application form.
- [Apply online](#) up to and including the 31 October 2020.
- Please ensure that your online application is submitted by 31 October 2020. Remember to re-submit after making any changes before the deadline.
- All applications received after 31 October will be treated as late and will only be processed after all on-time applications
- You are less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools if you apply late.
- <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

Secondary schools are offering children in Year 6, and their parents, different ways to find out about them and to 'tour' them. To help parents and carers, we have contacted all our local secondary schools and share a summary of what each one is doing:

#### Clacton Coastal Academy

Virtual open evenings on Thursday, 1st & Thursday 8th October at 6:30. In order to access these, parents and carers need to apply online; a QR barcode is going to be sent to us to pass on to parents. There are also question and answer sessions Friday, 9th October 11:00-12:00 and Monday, 12th October 5:00-6:00. Physical tours are possible on Monday 12th October and are by appointment only.

#### Clacton County High School

On their website there is a – "parent information & support" → "Year 6 into Year 7" option. Parents and carers can access a virtual tour there. Physical tours are by appointment only, Monday 12th – Thursday 15th October. Application forms for these are on their website.

#### The Colne

A virtual tour is on their website. They will consider physical tours but parents and carers need to email them: [mail@colne.essex.sch.uk](mailto:mail@colne.essex.sch.uk)

#### Tendring Technology College

Virtual tours are on their website. They are not currently offering physical tours.

### **Packed lunches**

If you're child has a packed lunch for school, please ensure that it is healthy and part of a balanced diet. Please do not include items which are clearly chocolate bars and sweets, including Smarties. Thank you.

## Contingency Plans

Some parents have asked if we have contingency plans and what they are. In summary:

- Yes, with a range of contingency plans.
- Our contingency plans are updated as and when advice changes – so, often!
- As our contingency plans have to cover lots of different contingencies, we do not share them all with parents and carers.
- If we need to apply any of our contingency plans then we will share the information from them that parents and carers need.
- Distance learning, paper and online, is a part of contingency plans for situations that may give rise to us being told we can not have a group of children in school for a period of time. The online learning will involve our use of Oak National Academy and we have already started to use this for some individual children, none of whom have tested positive to COVID19.

## Autumn has arrived! Can children wear boots etc?

With the changing weather, please note this information in our school uniform policy.

‘Flat, plain, covered black leather/leather effect shoes. In poor weather pupils may wear flat heeled boots or trainers to school and in the playground during playtimes but must change into appropriate black school shoes when in the school building. No trainers or boots, long length or ankle are acceptable. ‘

## We are looking for someone to come and join our happy team of Midday supervisors.

We have a vacancy for a Midday Assistant

The successful candidate will:

- Have a calm and positive manner
- Be flexible, patient and well organised
- Use their initiative but also work as part of a team
- Be able to maintain a safe working environment
- Be fair, caring and have a sense of humour
- Have excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Able to lead and support playground games when required.

Monday to Friday, term time only 7.5 hours per week. Salary will be paid on Band 1 (£9.00 - £9.36 per hour) according to appropriate experience and qualifications. Full job specifications are available from the school office. Applications must be submitted on line at [www.essexschooljobs.co.uk](http://www.essexschooljobs.co.uk)

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of our children and all staff share this commitment. This post will be subject to enhanced DBS Disclosure, suitable references and a pre-employment medical check.

If you are interested in this role, which is an important one for the school, you are very welcome to speak to Mrs Levett or Mr Carter-Tufnell.

To apply, please collect a paper application form from the school office, or use the online application form by clicking on this link –

<http://www.essexschooljobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=60616>

Best Regards,



Mr M Carter-Tufnell  
(Headteacher)