



St Osyth C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Not be outdone by Lower School's experience day last week, Upper School had their one this week. And what an experience it gave the children – life on the home front during World War Two. Many of the children decided that they were not keen on how strict schools were back then!!



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Unity, equality and pride through uniform

We really appreciate all the support that parents and carers give to ensuring that children look smart for school by wearing full school uniform. When Mrs Levett checked all the uniform that all the children were wearing, on Thursday of this week, there was just one child with the incorrect shoes. That's an amazing number of children all looking smart and ready for learning, in their uniform! Thank you.

Fun on the field!

Thank you so much to all those parents of children in Year R to 4 who have sent in a change of footwear for break and lunchtimes. The children are really enjoying the opportunity to continue to use the field. We know that it is good for the children – and I'm sure that the grass will recover sometime...

Forever improving

Through monitoring and evaluation work undertaken by Mrs Levett and Miss Sowton, this week, we can see how much the learning and teaching of science has improved over the last year or so – despite the interruptions caused by COVID19. Miss Sowton is now busy working towards supporting us taking the next steps to make our science even better. This constant cycle of monitoring, evaluating and planning and implementing improvement plans is something we do with every aspect of school.

So that parents and carers know the main areas we are focusing on this year, for improvement, we have produced a one-page summary of our whole school improvement plan. That summary is being sent home today with this newsletter.

Have you ever wanted to design a logo?

Children, our trust, The Diocese of Chelmsford Vine Schools Trust, wants a new logo and they want your help to design it. To help them, all you need to do is to draw, paint or print a new logo for the trust, on plain white paper, and either:

1. Ask an adult to email it to school (photographed or scanned copies are fine) or
2. Put it in an envelope, with your name and school name on it, and give it to your class teacher.

You may want to look at the trust's website to help you think of ideas for a logo -

<https://www.vineschoolstrust.co.uk/>

All logo designs need to be submitted by the end of this half term so that they can be shown to the directors of the trust.

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.

Best Regards,



Mr M Carter-Tufnell
(Headteacher)