



Upper School News



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Welcome

Autumn Term 2020

Welcome back to our new school year! We are so glad you are all back with us after a strange end to last year. We hope you have enjoyed your summer break and are ready for an exciting year. We welcome our Year 5 children into Upper School. For our Year 6 children, they are embarking on their final year with us at St Osyth and what an exciting one we are about to begin!

Our Autumn Term curriculum

This term's topic is 'World War Two: Good or Bad?' Our children will be learning all about the War. We will learn about Winston Churchill, Hitler, the Blitz, the Home front, Anne Frank and the Holocaust. We are planning to have a World War Two re-enactment day which will include lots of hands on activities, visitors, artefacts and there might just be an air raid!

The year ahead

We have a busy and exciting year ahead of us. In Upper School, we understand that every child is different and has strengths and interests in a variety of areas. We support children in every step of the way and expect children to try their very best. We offer after school academic clubs, homework club on a Friday lunch time and a team who are willing to help with any concerns or worries that your child may have. We understand that the step up from Middle School to Upper School is a big one and children may require additional support; we have the Learning Hub for this. We run daily intervention programs to support reading, writing and maths, suited to your child's needs. Year 6 children will be sitting their end of Key Stage assessments (SATs) in May. We will run SATs workshops for parents later in the academic year, COVID19 allowing.

Wider experiences

Upper School life fosters independence and personal growth. From the start of the year, we are preparing Year 6 children for their transition to secondary education. For our Year 5 children, more ownership is given to learning. We pride ourselves on the opportunities children are presented with and the visitors who enrich children's learning journeys. However, a vital part of Upper School is our trips. Year 5 have a mini-residential, at Birch Hall, Pioneer Sailing day and a trip to the St Osyth Priory. Our Year 6 children, will have a trip to the theatre in London and the residential in the Isle of Wight. We hope that, given the current situation, all the usual exciting experiences can go ahead.

Home-Learning

Home Learning is an imperative part of your child's learning journey. Home Learning is set and handed in every Friday. During each Friday's lesson we go through the completed home learning and ensure that any misconceptions are addressed immediately. Additional copies of Home Learning are in each class and are easily accessible for your child. Children are also expected to read five times a week and log in to Times Table Rock Stars.

The Upper School Team

Other useful reminders

Please ensure that your child **always** has the following items in school:

- Coat (**named**)
- Water bottle (**named**)
- PE kit including plimsolls and an outdoor kit including trainers (**named**)
- Bag for reading book and reading diary and homework folders. Please ensure that this is not too big.

Dates for your diary

Individual Photographs 12th October

Flu Immunisation 14th October

Parent Consultations 21st and 22nd October

Half Term Week Beginning 26th October

Non pupil day 2nd November

