

St Osyth Church of England Primary School News

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a series of worships to enable the children to find out about and reflect on Remembrance. Some of them responded to this through art, as you can see below.



Don't forget to take part in the Times Tables Rock Stars 'Rock Out Challenge' – you have until 7:30pm on Saturday to earn points for your year group. Remember the winning year group will be having a pizza party!



POINTS MAKE PIZZA!!!!!!

Internet Safety—Among Us

We are aware of a new online strategy game, Among Us. In its current form the game is unmoderated and as such if a child plays with strangers they may well experience bad language, racist, sexist and homophobic language and other bad content. A filter maybe able to be added but it seems that some people get around this by changing the style of chat using numbers and symbols etc, In the opinion of some well known internet safety experts:

1. The safest method of play is by selecting the 'Private' game option and then making sure that the only people with the room code are the child's actual real life friends
2. For children are in primary school it's hard to see how they can play the game safely unless an adult is actively involved.
3. Children of at least 14 years old then they will probably be able to handle the issues that arise.

Year One children in 1 RK had a terrific time with their experience day. They went on a walk and discussed what they could see and hear, went on a colour hunt, experienced den building, collected items of nature, had snacks around the campfire (hot chocolate, toasted marshmallows and made smores, went on a minibeast hunt and found slugs, worms, ants, spiders, flies, beetles and a ladybird! They used all of these experiences the next day as they started to write recounts texts.



*Regards
Mr M Carter-Tufnell
Headteacher*

Please make sure your child has a named coat in school every day as the children do play outside in all weathers. Please can all uniform be named.

Parents of Reception to Year 4 children - children will only be allowed on the field if they have a change of footwear (e.g. wellingtons). This is to prevent lots of mud being walked into classrooms.



You can apply for a **primary school (Reception) place** for September 2021 **from Monday 9th November 2020**. The closing date for applications is Friday 15 January 2021. It is your responsibility to apply for a school place. **Admissions do not send you any letters to inform you to apply for your child's school place.**

Parent and carers can apply for their child's school place online at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

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.



All children must have a full PE kit in school every 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.

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

Christmas dinner bookings can now be made online through school money.



Breakfast Club is open from 7.45am for **all ages**, costing **£3.00 per session**.

Please accompany your children into the school office, the children have breakfast and a chance to play, whilst staying within their phase bubble.

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.

Please do not bring in your own snacks or sweets.

Dates for your Diary

- 9th December 2020- Christmas Dinner
- 18th December 2020 - last day in school before the Christmas Holidays
- 4th January 2021 and 5th January 2021 - inset days
- 6th January 2021 - first day back after the Christmas Holidays
- 6th January 2021 - NHS Heights and Weights for Reception pupils
- 24th May 2021 - Year 6 Isle of Wight trip