

## St Osyth Church of England Primary School News

*'Love one another as I have loved you.'*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 were our winning team for our recent Times Tables Rock Stars. As well as working hard to improve their knowledge and recall of multiplication tables Year 6 children they also gained...a Pizza Party!



### Staying Safe On-Line

#### TikTok - more parental controls

With TikTok surging in popularity, including children deliberately increasing their followers to 1,000 so that they can go live, it's good to see TikTok making more controls available for parents. The features, which are available, via Family Pairing, include the ability to prevent the child searching and preventing strangers from seeing the child's post. [THIS](#) link enables parents and cares to find out they can use this new feature and the older features to keep their children safe whilst using Tik Tok..

#### Zoom - new security feature

During the first national lockdown there were lots of concerns around using Zoom, however they very quickly responded to those concerns and continue to be pro-active in order to make the service as safe as possible. They have recently released a new update which is a feature to tackle disruptive behaviour. By clicking 'Suspend Participant Activities', all video, audio, in-meeting chat, annotation, screen sharing, and recording during that time will stop, and Breakout Rooms will end.

If you are using Zoom at home we suggest you read an article about the new feature - [HERE](#).

**We raised £161.27 for Children in Need.**  
**Thank you!!**

Yours sincerely,



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.



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.

The PTFA are currently **unable** to collect **crisp packets**.

We will advise when will be able to restart the collection. Thank you



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](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

We have three time slots for children to be brought in and collected from school.  
Start of day: **8.30am** Years 5 and 6, **8.40am** Years 3 and 4 and **8.50am** Reception, Years 1 and 2.  
End of day: **3.00pm** Reception, Years 1 and 2, **3.10pm** Years 3 and 4 and **3.20pm** Years 5 and 6.  
All parents and carers to wear a face mask when they are on the school site.



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 earrings 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.

### Dates for your Diary

- 9th December 2020- Christmas Dinner
- 2nd December 2020 - PTFA Reindeer Visit
- 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

