

St Osyth Church of England Primary School News

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our breakfast club has benefited from a kind donation from Morrisons. If you wish your child to benefit from our breakfast club, please speak to colleagues in the school office. Information about breakfast club is on page two of this newsletter.



We are all looking forward to Christmas. **Next week reindeers will be visiting the children.** This has been kindly arranged by our PTFA and promises to be a lovely experience for the children. Carol services, nativities and such like are valuable experiences for children to take part in. We know that parents and carers like to see their child/ren in such events. However, this year we cannot have our usual **nativity and carol services**. To enable children to still gain from taking part in Christmas 'productions' and to still enable parents and carers to see children do so, **we are going to film the children and then upload the film to a restricted or unlisted access on YouTube**. Once the film has been edited and placed on YouTube then we will issue parents and carers with a link - this is likely to be during the last week of term. To enable children to still send **Christmas cards** to each other, and staff, the following approach will be used, **from next Monday, 30th November**:

1. Children write Christmas cards, at home, as usual.
2. Children do not stick the flaps of the envelopes but, instead, tuck the flap inside the rest of the envelope.
3. Children post their Christmas cards, as usual, in the school post box—Tuesday to Fridays only.
4. The sorting and delivery is only undertaken on a Monday - to allow at least 48 hours after the final posting, the previous week.
5. Those children sorting and delivering the cards wear gloves.
6. The cards are left outside of each class - so that bubbles are not broken.

Vine Activity Passports

If your child has completed a colour section of their passport, please send it in to school. This way teachers can 'sign them off' and your child can be awarded a badge—there is a coloured badge for each section of the passport.

The Youth Sport Trust

The Youth Sport Trust are running 30 minute live activities via their YST YouTube Channel every week day at 5pm, until the end of term. You can find these here— <https://www.youtube.com/user/YouthSportTrust>

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

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

- 30th November to 3rd December 2020 - Book Fair (online orders)
- 2nd December 2020 - PTFA Reindeer Visit
- 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

