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St Osyth Church of England Primary School News

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Dinner

Wednesday was a lovely school family time as we shared dinner together. It was also touching to see the number of donations for our village telephone box food bank—over 40 bags!!. The donations have already been delivered so they can be included in the Christmas hampers that are being given out next week.

Wednesday 16th December

Children will be making Christingles and will have a **Christingle worship.**

Christmas Cards

Please do not send any more Christmas cards, from children, in to school after today. This is

to comply with the COVID19 risk assessment that we had to produce. Thank you.

Being Safe online

Playstation 5 - Parental Settings

With the new gaming consoles at the top of many wish lists for Christmas, this is a timely guide from Andy Robertson (GeekDadGamer) which includes how to set up a parent account and child accounts.

Setting up the Playstation 5 for your family - click HERE

Games for (younger) Children

Staying on the gaming theme, Internet Matters has a new article for parents showing some of the top child-friendly games for children aged 3 upwards.

To read the article, click HERE.

Regards
Mr M Carter-Tufnell
Headteacher

For EMERGENCY CLOSURES : go online to
http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx

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.

Remote Learning -As you may imagine, we do a lot of 'What if' planning. One of these what ifs, 'What if we need to run remote learning for a class or the whole school?' To help us plan for this, we need to know what technology (WiFi, tablets etc) is available for children in their homes. Therefore, all parents need to complete our online questionnaire about this. It will only take a few minutes.

The web page link for it is here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=A3gsKI9LvU-jhBaC30fjrWIAwokmg5xHud_0IzRX-o5UQTVVRVVEMVBGN0FOWFIxNTIxUlhJT0YxUi4u

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 on school money 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

- 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