

St Osyth Church of England Primary School News

'Love one another as I have loved you.'



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks to our wonderful PTFA, all the children enjoyed meeting two of Santa's reindeer, this week.



St Osyth celebrating Christmas:

Wednesday 9th

Christmas Dinner

Children wear a **Christmas jumper and/or tinsel etc.** and bring in an item of food for the **St Osyth telephone food bank.**

Wednesday 16th

Children make a **Christingle** and have a Christingle service.

Christmas cards

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.

Remote Learning

As you may imagine, we do a lot of 'What if' planning. One of these what is is, '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 link for it is here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=A3gsKI9LvU-jhBaC30fjrWIAwokmg5xHud_0IzRX-o5UQTvVRVEMVBGN0FOWFIxNTIxUIhJT0YxUi4u

*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.



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 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

- 9th December 2020 - Christmas Dinner
- 9th December 2020 - Christmas Jumper Day
- 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