

## St Osyth Church of England Primary School News

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

**What a week our children have had!** Years 5 and 6 with a VE Day tea party, Year 3 and 4 with a Roman feast and Reception with an animal day.



## Nativity/Christmas Video

It was with pleasure that, earlier today, we sent you the link to our nativity/Christmas video. This link is only being shared with parents/carers.

Our nativity/Christmas service was kindly filmed and edited by students at Clacton Coastal Academy (CCA), with support of teachers. This is one way that we work with our local community and help our older pupils to make links with local secondary schools. The CCA students are all studying media studies and this is the first time they have filmed and edited a production - which they did with a real sense of purpose and desire to produce a good video for us.

When you watch the video I am sure that you will see the children's enjoyment and pride - as well as 'real life' moments as staff count children in for their reading etc. Today the children have seen the video and been proud of all that they were able to achieve in just a couple of weeks. The video will not win any international awards but we think it will win many hearts as it is a lovely record of our school family celebrating Christmas 2020.

## School COVID19 Updates

The government have updated their advice to parents and the new advice can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

The new advice includes changing the isolation period from 14 days to 10.

## Thank you

I pass on the thanks of all the staff team that have been given presents and gifts from children and parents. These are always appreciated but even more so at the end of this term.

I, Mrs Levett and all the team also want to thank you in helping us to keep our children and our staff team as safe as possible from COVID19. We must be one of the few schools in the area not to have closed any bubbles at all and to have had no positive cases amongst staff or children.

## Next term

We look forward to seeing all the children back at school on Wednesday 6th January 2021.

Mrs Levett, I and all the staff team wish all of our school family a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Please keep yourselves and your loved ones as safe as possible over the holiday.



*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.



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.

You are able to **book school dinners up to February half term.**

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals please contact the school office for a form.



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.**

**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\\_0lzRX-o5UQTvrvVEMVBGN0FOWF1xNTixUIhJT0YxUi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=A3gsKI9LvU-jhBaC30fjrWIAwokmg5xHud_0lzRX-o5UQTvrvVEMVBGN0FOWF1xNTixUIhJT0YxUi4u)

**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

- 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