

St Osyth Church of England Primary School News

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Dear Parents and Carers,

School, once again, feels like school!! In my video message, last Friday, I said how much all the staff team here were looking forward to seeing the children back in school. This week has lived up to that positive and hopeful expectation. **The children came into school, on Monday, with great smiles and lots of energy.** The smiles have remained even if, being back in school for a week, has reduced some of the energy levels.

During the week, we have seen the **children settle back into school very well indeed.** They have moved from the excitement of seeing their friends again and being back in school to enjoying being with their friends and concentrating increasingly well in lessons and interventions groups.

Some of **our younger children have already had some 'experience' activities.** Here they are imagining what it would be like onboard a ship—and even having some sea spray in the air...



They enjoyed listening to sounds of surrounding environment whilst at sea and generated a bank of onomatopoeic vocabulary.

We have not allowed the national lockdown to halt our improvement work. We have finished constructing **our plastic bottle greenhouse** and have looked at various aspects of our teaching. For example, all teaching staff attended a virtual **gymnastics training** session and for three weeks we used recordings of some of our virtual school lessons to **evaluate what was working well and what we could improve.** Some of these improvements we are able to apply in the classroom, with the children in school. Over the next two weeks we are going to be looking at how we can improve our writing and use of One Plans for our children with Special Educational Needs. This is being led by our incoming SENDCo, Mrs Walton-Steed. Mrs Levett and I thank our team for the way in which they are constantly looking for and working towards ways to continually improve what we do for our children.

Best Regards,

Mr M Carter-Tufnell

(Headteacher)

P.S. We are again sending out this weekly newsletter as it was the request of the majority of parents that replied to our questionnaire about newsletters and video messages.

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.

School dinners - bookings can be made up to the Easter holidays.

Dinner bookings need to be made online, please select your meal choices and add the items to the basket before proceeding to the checkout. If your child is eligible for free school meals or universal infant free school meals you also need to complete the checkout process but you will not be charged.

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



We have three time slots for children to be brought in and collected from school.

Start of day:

Years 5 and 6 - **8.35am**

Years 3 and 4 - **8.40am**

Reception, Years 1 and 2 - **8.45am**

End of day:

Reception, Years 1 and 2 - **3.05pm**

Years 3 and 4 - **3.10pm**

Years 5 and 6 - **3.15pm**



All parents and carers to wear a face mask when they are on the school site.

For each family, only one adult per day to bring children into school and adults are not to congregate on or near the school premises.

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.

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

- Easter holidays - Monday 29th March to Friday 9th April 2021
- May half-term - Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021
- Inset Day - Monday 7th June 2021
- Summer holidays - last day in school is Wednesday 21st July 2021