



# St Osyth C of E Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to St Osyth Primary School!

We are really pleased that your child will be joining our school in September and are looking forward to a long, happy and productive partnership between children, parents and staff.

We have an extensive induction program that supports all those involved. We understand that parents may be excited and perhaps a little anxious about their child's first days in school. To allay any concerns and provide an opportunity for you to ask questions, we would like to invite parents and children to a series of stay and play sessions in the Reception classes.

On **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 3:30pm-4:15pm**, we will be holding the first of three 'Stay and Play' sessions. This is a great chance to get to meet other classmates and parents.

Our second stay and play session will be on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 3:30pm-4:15pm**. During this session, children will stay with Reception Staff in the classrooms (If your child is comfortable and confident enough to), while parents will gather in the school hall for an introduction to staff, the school and how the settling in period will operate when your child starts Reception in September. There will also be plenty of time to ask questions about any preliminary concerns you may have.

The final stay and play session will be held on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 3:30pm-4:15pm**. Tea and coffee will be available in the Learning Mentor's office, just outside the Early Year's classrooms, providing you with an opportunity to leave your child to play, while you meet and chat with other parents. Our learning mentor will also be available to answer any of your questions.

At around this time of year, Reception staff will be visiting preschool settings, talking to practitioners about your child and meeting the children in their own familiar environment.

We will also be undertaking home visits. A member of staff will phone and arrange a convenient time for Reception staff to visit your child in their own home, an environment where they are most comfortable and secure, to get to know them a little better and to answer any questions or concerns, before school starts in September.

## Starting School in September

The full range of INSET days have yet to be finalised. Further information and term dates, can always be found on our school website. However, children will be starting school on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**.

Initially, children will attend school for **mornings with lunch only** during the **first week** (Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep and Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep), which enables them to build up confidence with all the new situations in which they will find themselves. During this week, children will be collected by parents at the end of lunchtime at **1:30pm**. This also enables the Reception Teachers to meet with parents in the afternoon.

Parents are also invited to stay for a **free school lunch** with their child on **6<sup>th</sup> July 2021**. This provides an opportunity for you to see what happens as part of the lunchtime process, as well as helping to settle your child into their new routine. If you are interested in doing this, please complete the attached menu

sheet, choosing which option you and your child would like to eat. (You may provide your own packed lunches, if you prefer not to have school dinner.)

Children will then start **full time - 8:30am-3:05pm** from the beginning of the **second week** (Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Sep)

We look forward to meeting you at our first stay and play session on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**, but please do not hesitate to pop in, or pick up the phone if you have any concerns at all. We are committed to ensuring that every child has the very best, happiest and smoothest start to their school life and that mums and dads find it as painless as possible too.

Yours sincerely,

*C Esparon*

Miss Esparon (EYFS Lead and Teacher)

**Getting to know each other opportunities:**

- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 3:30pm-4:15pm – First stay and play session **with parents**.
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 3:30pm-4:15pm – Second stay and play session **Children only**. (Parents introduction talk in the school hall.)
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 3:30pm-4:15pm – Final stay and play session. **Children only**. (Parents coffee and chat in the school hall.)
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 12:00pm – 12:30pm – Parents bring their child with them and then take child home after eating lunch together.
- June-July – Reception staff visiting pre-school settings and carrying out Home Visits.

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Please return the slip to the school office to let us know if you are able to attend.

Name of child .....

I confirm that we/I will be coming to:

(circle/delete)

- Stay and Play session after school - with parents, on:  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 3:30pm-4:15pm** yes/no
- Stay and Play session after school - children only,  
with Parent Meeting in school hall on:  
**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 3:30pm-4:15pm.** yes/no
- Stay and Play session after school – children only, on:  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 3:30pm-4:15pm** yes/no
- Parents Lunch – with child, on:  
**Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm – 12:30pm.** yes/no

# Reception Menu

**Childs Name:**.....

You are invited for lunch on the Tuesday 6th July at 12.00 to 12.30 with your child.  
(1 adult only please)

**Please circle which meal option the parent will require:**

Option 1   Option 2   Option 3   Option 4   Option 5   Option 6   Home Pack Lunch

**Please circle which meal option your child will require:**

Option 1   Option 2   Option 3   Option 4   Option 5   Option 6   Home Pack Lunch

## TUESDAY

1. Chicken fillet wrap
2. Southern quorn burger wrap (V)
3. Jacket potato with ham (GF)
4. Tuna mayo roll
5. Plain chicken and plain rice (GF)
6. Gluten free roll with tuna mayo (GF)

Savoury rice  
Mixed salad

Iced sponge  
(gluten free dessert available)