



Friday 26th November 2021  
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## *St Osyth Church of England Primary School News*

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I'm going to take this opportunity to say a big 'thank you' to all the staff team. Like many schools, we are experiencing higher than usual levels of staff absence but the team have been able to keep any disruption, to children and to parents and carers, to a minimum. This is because those colleagues unable to be in school have still done as much work as possible, from home and their sick beds and those colleagues in school have undertaken extra work and duties. Thank you to them all. This reflects the strong commitment, for you and your children, of the adults at our school.

Advent starts next week so this is a useful time to summarise the various Christmas events that we have planned.

Monday 6th December	Reindeers visiting - thank you PTFA! All children may start to bring in Christmas cards for each other and for staff. Envelopes must have the first name of the recipient, their class and, ideally, their surname.
Tuesday 7th December	Reception trip to the pantomime
Wednesday 8th December	Year 1 and Year 2 trip to the pantomime
Thursday 9th December	Year 3 and Year 4 trip to the pantomime
Tuesday 14th December	Year 3 to 6 Carol Service. At our parish church. Starts at 6.30pm
Wednesday 15th December	Year 1 and Year 2 nativity service. At our parish church. Starts at 1.15pm.
Thursday 16th December	School Christmas meal
Thursday 16th December	Christmas Jumper day
Friday 17th December	Last day of the school term.

*Best Regards,  
Mr M Carter-Tufnell  
(Headteacher)*

### School dinners - bookings can now be made until the end of term

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.**



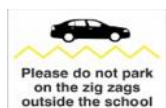
### Field use in Winter Months

We want the children to continue to be able to enjoy using the field. For this to happen, children will need to have a change of footwear - trainers, wellington boots or such like.

Thus, **from Monday 15th November, children will only be allowed on the field if they have a change of footwear.** This is so that the children's school shoes do not get covered in mud and so that mud does not get walked all around the school building and into the school carpets.



Thank you for your help with this.



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.



All children must have a full **named** PE kit in school every day.

**PE Kit: Black shorts, White t-shirt, Plimsols**

**Additional items allowed for outside: Plain tracksuit bottoms, top and trainers**

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.**



### Street Tag - New competition started 12th October 2021

Street Tag is a free child and family-friendly mobile application that uses virtual tags to incentivize communities and families to become more physically active and boost mental health.

**Join our school Team (see letter for full details)**



### Reception admissions for academic year starting in September 2022

**From Monday 8th November 2021**, applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)  
The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2022**.

**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.

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.



**These sessions must be booked and paid for on school money in advance.**



If your child is unable to attend an afterschool club please let the office staff know in advance.

Otherwise you will get a phone call to find out where they are.

This is for the safety of our children, particularly those who have permission to walk out at the end of the school day.



# Clubs w/b 29th November 2021

All clubs are for registered children only

Clubs finish at 4pm, unless otherwise stated

See below for collection details

	Club	Years	Collection from	Last week of club	Lead by
Monday	Textiles	5&6	5/6LS	6th December	Miss Sowton
Monday	FUNDamentals	1&2	1/2A	6th December	Mr Carvalho
Tuesday	Tag Rugby	3&4	3/4T	7th December	Mr Carvalho
Tuesday	Gardening & Chickens	5&6	3/4G	7th December	Miss Gildersleeves and Mrs Tibbets
Tuesday	Computing	5&6	5/6O	7th December	Miss Oxley
Wednesday	Basketball	3,4,5&6	School Office	8th December	External Coach
Thursday	Boys Football (4.15 finish)	5&6	Upper School classes	9th December	Mr Carvalho
Thursday	Girls Football (4.15 finish)	5&6	1/2A	9th December	Mrs Antoniou
Thursday	Weaving and Sewing	3&4	3/4T	9th December	Mrs Walton-Steed
Thursday	Singing	1,2,3&4	2O	9th December	Mrs O'Reilly and Miss Ryan
Friday	Basketball	3,4,5&6	School Office	10th December	External Coach
Friday	Story Club <b>Lunchtime Club</b>	1&2	1R	10th December	Mrs Levett

## Dates for your Diary

- Monday 29th November - Thursday 2nd December - Book Fair (See E-mail for your child's day)
- Monday 6th December - Reindeers Visiting
- Tuesday 7th December - Reception trip to the Panto
- Wednesday 8th December - Year 1 and 2 trip to the Panto
- Wednesday 8th December - Year 6 Wicked the Musical London Trip
- Thursday 9th December - Year 3 and 4 trip to the Panto
- Tuesday 14th December - Year 3 and 4 Stone Age Day (originally planned 4th November)
- Tuesday 14th December - Year 3 to 6 Carol service at our parish church
- Wednesday 15th December - Year 1 and 2 nativity service at our parish church
- Thursday 16th December - Christmas dinner, don't forget to wear your Christmas jumper
- Friday 17th December - Last day of term
- Tuesday 4th January 2022 - Non pupil day