



Friday 10th December 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,

On Monday, some of Father Christmas' reindeers came to visit!! Our children loved seeing them and learning about them. Our thanks to our PTFA for contacting Father Christmas and arranging this treat.



We also thank one of our parents, Mr Russell, as on Monday and Tuesday he kindly stepped in as our chef. If you have ever been to The Rosebud in Brightlingsea, you'll know the preparation and cooking of the children's meals were in very capable hands!

The impact of COVID19 is being increasingly felt in school with the number of pupil and staff absences rising. We continue to monitor this situation and adjust our operational plan accordingly. Essex County Council have produced a letter for parents, about the current situation, and this is attached.

We are fast approaching the end of term and Christmas. With this, we are pleased to have our school Christmas Tree in pride of place in the hall and to have Eva, in Reception, have the honour of placing the angel on the top.



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

School dinners - bookings can now be made until February half 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.



Don't forget to book your child's Christmas Dinner

Thursday 16th December, also wear a Christmas Jumper



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
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.



No clubs w/b 13th December 2021

Look out for information coming out next week with details
on next terms clubs

	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	6th December	Mr Carvalho
Tuesday	Gardening & Chickens	5&6	3/4T	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 Lunchtime Club	1&2	1R	10th December	Mrs Levett

Dates for your Diary

- 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 - Flu immunisations
- 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
- Monday 14th to Friday 18th February 2022 - Half term
- Monday 9th May - Thursday 12th May - Year 6 SAT's week
- Monday 16th May - Friday 20th May 2022 - Year 6 Isle of Wight residential trip
- Thursday 26th May - Inset day
- Friday 27th to 03rd June - May half term