



Friday 17th 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,

**Wow, what a term!** It has been great to be able to give the **children some excellent learning opportunities and to see the children learning well, enjoying their learning and enjoying being together.** I wonder what the highlights of the term have been for you and what they have been for your children. I can think of many. This week we have seen our Carol service, our nativity service and our School Christmas dinner, and Middle Schools Stone Age Experience day.

And this morning we held **our first music worship.** This gave children who are learning to play musical instruments, in school, an opportunity to perform in front of the school and members of their family. It was lovely to share the musical talents that these children have.

Also, during this term, we have **reviewed and updated our vision.** I think it now really says what our vision is for the children and for you, their families.

*"Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12).*

*This is the Christian foundation for our high expectations for learning, achievement and behaviour for each and every pupil and for the way we work with families, our parish and our whole community. Our mission is to demonstrate the love of Christ by recognising the uniqueness of every child and providing them with an engaging, broad and balanced curriculum which enables them to:*

- 1. Learn and progress well academically, creatively, physically, socially and spiritually.*
- 2. Develop the essential knowledge, skills, and personal attributes that they need to succeed in the next stage of their education and in the whole of their lives.*

All the above has been achieved despite the many challenges that have faced us since September, particularly those related to COVID19. My thanks to all the staff team for the admirable way they have risen to these challenges and to yourselves for your understanding when staff have had to be absent from school and things have not been exactly as we would wish.

On behalf of the staff team, I thank you for your kind Christmas gifts and cards and wish you and your families an enjoyable, safe and special Christmas time.

*Merry Christmas  
Mr M Carter-Tufnell*

### School dinners - bookings can now be made until the 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.**



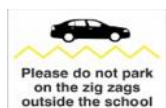
### Field use in Winter Months

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.



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 start w/b 10th January 2022

All clubs are for registered children only

Clubs finish at 4pm, unless otherwise stated

See below for collection details

	Club	Years	From	To	Lead by
Monday	Science	5&6	10.1.2022	7.2.2022	Miss Sowton
Monday	Basketball	1&2	10.1.2022	7.2.2022	Mr Carvalho
Tuesday	Boys Football	5&6	18.1.2022	8.2.2022	Mr Carvalho
Tuesday	Girls Football	4,5&6	18.1.2022	8.2.2022	Mrs Antoniou
Tuesday	Gardening & Chickens	3&4	11.1.2022	8.2.2022	Miss Gildersleeves
Tuesday	School Council	Invite only	11.1.2022	8.2.2022	Miss Ryan
Tuesday	Multi- Skills	1&2	11.1.2022	8.2.2022	Miss Esparon
Wednesday	Basketball	3&4	12.1.2022	9.2.2022	External Coach
Thursday	Indoor Athletics	3&4	13.1.2022	10.2.2022	Mr Carvalho
Thursday	French	1&2	13.1.2022	10.2.2022	Mrs Rivas-Long / Mrs Kirk
Thursday	Singing	1,2,3 &4	13.1.2022	10.2.2022	Mrs O'Rielly & Miss Ryan
Thursday	Weaving & Sewing	3&4	13.1.2022	10.2.2022	Mrs Walton-Steed
Friday	Basketball	5&6	14.1.2022	11.2.2022	External Coach

## Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 4th January 2022 - Non pupil day
- Monday 14th to Friday 18th February 2022 - Half term
- Monday 4th April to Monday 14th April—Easter Holidays
- Monday 9th May - Thursday 12th May - Year 6 SAT's week
- Monday 23rd May - Friday 27th May 2022 - Year 6 Isle of Wight residential trip
- Thursday 26th May - Non pupil day
- Friday 27th May - Friday 1st June—Half Term
- Friday 22nd July—Last day of term