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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, I sent you some information about our response to the Omricon strain of COVID19. **Here is a quick summary of the additional measures which we are being put into place, with immediate effect:**

- **All visitors must wear face coverings when in the school building.** This includes parents and carers attending Golden Award Celebration Worship.
- All visitors must wear face coverings when attending school events off site, such as school led Christmas services in our parish church.
- The term visitor in point one and two above refer to anyone of 12 years and up that are not a member of staff.
- The only exceptions that will be allowed, in reference to visitors needing to wear face masks in school and at school services, is for those that can not wear a mask for medical reasons.

At the moment, we are planning and hoping to still have family members join us at our KS 2 Carol Service (Years 3 to 6) and at our KS1 Nativity Service (Years 1 and 2). We have consulted with Rev Sharon about the COVID19 risk assessment for these Christmas services. The key points are that:

1. With the increasing numbers of COVID infections in our area, we have to **limit the number of family members attending, each service, to no more than 2, per family (not per child).**
2. Every person 12 years or older, that attends the service **must have a negative lateral flow test result no earlier that 48 hours before the service.**
3. Every person 12 years or older **must wear a face covering/mask when in the church,** unless they are unable to do so because of a medical condition that they have.

I hope that you will appreciate the 'balancing act' we are doing—balancing safety, the valuable experiences we want to give children and the 'family memory' moments we want to give families.

If anything changes with the above arrangements, as a result of COVID19, we will tell parents and carers as soon as possible.

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,

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.



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.



Clubs w/b 06th December 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 Lunchtime Club	1&2	1R	10th December	Mrs Levett

Dates for your Diary

- 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 - 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