



Friday 7th January 2022  
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## *St Osyth Church of England Primary School News*

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

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Happy New Year!

The weather is chilly but the children have enjoyed seeing each other again, playing outside and learning in their classrooms.

We have lots to look forward to this term, COVID19 allowing. This includes:

1. Seeing children's mathematical learning get even better, following the training Mrs Alston led on Tuesday of this week.
2. The introduction of new names for our teams (houses), following work undertaken by the children in our School Council.
3. Reception's bike activity day, car wash/visit (with staff cars) and traffic survey.
4. Year 1 and 2 visiting Windsor Castle.
5. Year 4 having swimming lessons whilst Year 3 have small group drumming and art lessons.
6. Years 5 and 6 visiting the Science Museum.
7. All children taking part in World Book Day (23rd March).

A large number of children have some lovely new lunch boxes, stationary, hats, coats, gloves etc. If your child/ren are one of these, please make sure that they are all 'named'. Equally, we suggest that parents and carers check that their children's names are on all items of uniform, boots for use at play and lunchtimes etc. This is important because it is often the only way we can reunite children with their belongings if they get separated, left around classrooms, in the playground etc.

Mentioning uniform and the chilly weather, I think it is worth ensuring that we have clarity over PE kit for this this term.

For outside PE, children may wish to have a plain tracksuit (e.g. sweatshirt and joggers) as well as trainers.

Children still need their inside PE kit which is which is plain white t-shirt, dark shorts and black plimsolls.

Our governing body, known as our Local School Board, meets later this month. If there is anything you would like them to consider, then please let me know—directly or via the school office. This needs to be not later than Thursday of next week. Our Local School Board already have items on their agenda to help them fulfil their role of holding school staff to account for the safety of children, the learning that children do, how the budget is managed and so on.

*Mr M Carter-Tufnell*  
*(Headteacher)*

### 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.**



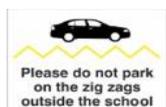
### Field use in Winter Months

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.**



### School Uniform

Our full uniform policy can be accessed on our website:

<https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/key-information/uniform/>

Alternatively, hard copies can be requested from our school office.



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

### Dates for your Diary

- 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 3rd June—Half Term
- Friday 22nd July—Last day of term