



Friday 16th December 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,

This term, as our school family, we have had lots of fun and learning. One of my highlights has been seeing our Reception children progress from how they were when they first came to school, for the first time, to where they are now—valuable members of our school community and growing in confidence, knowledge and skills.

It has also been great to see some of our new initiatives, for this academic year, already have a positive impact on learning. For example, our new RE curriculum and resources and our new approach to the teaching of spelling. From the assessment results we have looked at, we can already see children making better progress in spelling than before we started our new approach to the teaching of it.

A key feature of our curriculum are the visits children go on and the visitors that children have into school. All year groups have been out on a visit this week! Year Reception to Five had a brilliant time at the pantomime and Year 6's day going to The Lion King, In London was a 'roaring success'! On top of those trips, just a week or so ago, Upper School experienced life during WW2...



I am going to take this opportunity to thank all our staff team for what they have done for our children, this term. Mrs Levett and I have already thanked them, personally, but we also want to do this publicly. This is especially so, with the flexibility and adaptability that many colleagues have shown as we have responded to unusually high levels of staff sickness and absence that have occurred this term. With that, we appreciate the patience and understanding of the few parents for whom we have not been able to talk with, meet etc, quite as quickly and effectively as normal—there are only so many hours in a day

I and the whole team, and our Local School Board wish each and every family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best Regards,

Mr M Carter-Tufnell (Headteacher)

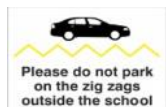
School dinners - bookings can now be made until 13th January 2023

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.



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/outdoor footwear (Essential for winter months)

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.

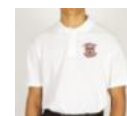
New Prices from 1st April 2022



Lost Property

Please ensure that all uniform is named, in order for it to be returned to your children.

This also applies to coats and lunch boxes.



Breakfast Club is open from 7.45am for **all ages**, costing **£4.00 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.



Reception admissions for academic year starting in September 2023

From 7 November 2022, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2023**.

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 19th December 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	Multi sports	1&2	26.09.2022	12.12.22	Mr Carvalho
Tuesday	Storybox CANCELLED	EYFS/1			Miss Esparon
Tuesday	Dance	5&6	08.11.2022	13.12.2022	Miss Gildersleeves
Tuesday	School council	Invite only	08.11.2022	13.12.2022	Mrs Ryan
Wednesday	Racket Sports	3&4	21.09.2022	14.12.2022	External Coach
Thursday	Girls football	4 5 & 6	22.09.2022	15.12.2022	Mrs Antoniou
Thursday	Boys football	5&6	22.09.2022	15.12.2022	Mr Carvalho
Friday	Weaving & Sewing	3&4	04.11.2022	16.12.2022	Mrs Walton-Steed
Friday	Basketball	5&6	23.09.2022	16.12.2022	External Coach

No Clubs this week

Dates for your Diary

- December 20th - Last day of term
- January 4th - School inset day
- January 5th - First day of term
- Monday 13th to Friday 17th February - Half term
- Monday 03rd April to Friday 14th April - Easter Holiday
- Monday 22nd to Friday 26th May - Year 6 Isle of Wight residential trip
- Monday 29th May to Friday 02nd June - Half term
- Monday 5th June - Non pupil day
- Friday 21st July - Last day of term

If any changes to above dates we will keep you informed