



Friday 13th January 2023
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St Osyth Church of England Primary School News

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a special welcome to the four children that have joined us at the start of this term. A week of the new term has flown by already—almost literally with the winds we have been experiencing!

I want to start by thanking all parents and carers for the kind cards and gifts that were given, for Christmas, to staff—and Otis!



Please read the phase newsletter, sent home last week and feel free to ask your child's teacher if you have any queries about what will be happening this term. As ever, there is a lot planned for the children to learn and to enjoy. Our Year 4 children have already started their swimming lessons and our choir is looking forward to performing at The O2 Arena on Monday!

We have already been encouraged by the way the children are learning, since returning after Christmas. Having already undertaken some 'formal' observations for English and science it really is heartening to see children learning so well so early into the new term. Staff have also been very pleased to see the way that children have adapted to only being on the play grounds at play and lunchtimes. When large numbers of children can't play in such a large area, as our field, it can lead them to not behave as well as usual—that has not happened at all at St Osyth! Well done children.

We know that parents and carers always want to keep their children safe. This is crucial when children are using the internet. With some children getting new devices, for Christmas presents, here is a reminder that our website has lots of useful information for parents—<https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/key-information/information-hub/#safeguarding> as does the 'Think You Know' website—<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Best Regards,

Mr M Carter-Tufnell (Headteacher)

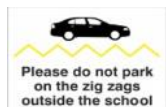
School dinners - bookings can now be made until February half term

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.



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.

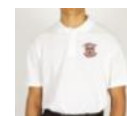
New Prices from 1st April 2022



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 16th January 2023

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	Healthy Mind, Healthy body	3&4	09.01.23	27.03.23	Mr Carvalho	
Monday	Maths Club	Invite only	09.01.23	27.03.23	Miss Salmon	
Tuesday	Dance	3&4	10.01.20223	28.03.2023	Miss Gildersleeves	
Tuesday	French Club	1&2	10.01.2023	28.03.2023	Mrs Kirk	
Wednesday	Team Sports	1&2	11.01.2023	29.03.2023	External Coach	
Thursday	Girls football	4 5 & 6	12.01.2023	30.03.2023	Mr Carvalho	
Thursday	Boys football	5&6	12.01.2023	30.03.2023	Mr Carvalho	
Friday	Sewing & Weaving	3&4	13.01.2023	31.03.2023	Mrs Walton-Steed	
Friday	Handball	5&6	13.01.2023	31.03.2023	External Coach	

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 16th January - Young Voices 02 - School choir
- Wednesday 25th January - Royal Opera House - Ballot
- 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