



Friday 17th March 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,

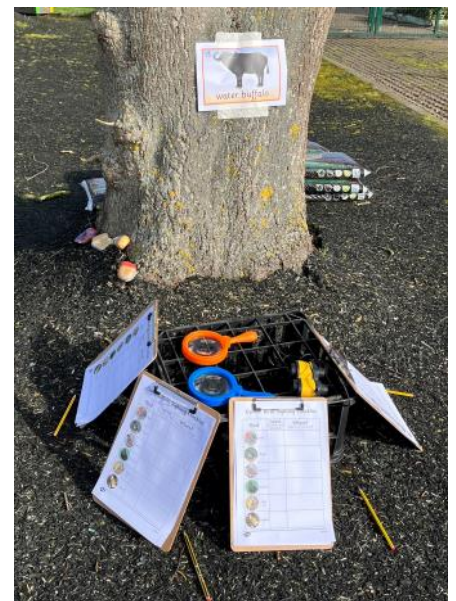
At lunchtimes, it is **lovely to see** the children having so much to do in addition to playing outside. We currently have **Art club (Mondays for children in Year 1 and 2 and Fridays for children in Years 3 to 6)** and **Times Tables Rock Stars**. My thanks to Mrs Hatcher, one of our volunteers, and Mrs Alston for leading them. In addition to using Times Table Rock Stars **children can also use the resource below as a way to enjoy learning and showing their times tables knowledge**. This is especially important for children in Year 4 who will be sitting the government's Multiplication Tables Check in the middle of June. In this check, almost all year 4 children are expected to score 25 out of 25 with just six seconds to answer each question.

<https://www.themathsfactor.com/times-tables-check/pinpoint/#/>



[Pearson PinPoint Times Tables Check](https://www.themathsfactor.com/times-tables-check/pinpoint/#/) Get your children ready for the Multiplication Tables Check with Pinpoint Times Tables Check. Try out practice tests for Y2 and Y3, as well as for Y4. www.themathsfactor.com

As ever, **we have had a busy week!** The second half of Middle School (Years 3 and 4) have, today, **enjoyed a visit to Chelmsford Museum and learnt lots about electricity**. On Wednesday, we had a visit from an Essex County Council advisor. They were very impressed with the way children were learning phonics and reading, in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and the that the children were learning, across the curriculum, in Reception. That said that, as the headteacher, I should be very pleased!! These photographs show just some of the activities which Reception have enjoyed.



Best Regards,

Mr M Carter-Tufnell (Headteacher)

For EMERGENCY CLOSURES : go online to
<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx>

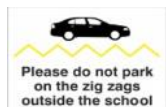
School dinners - bookings can now be made until Easter holidays

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.

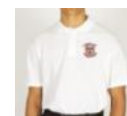
New Prices from 1st April 2022



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.



Parent Talk

Understanding the cost of living - Wednesday 22nd March - 3:20 to 4:20 in the school hall.



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 20th March 2023

All clubs are for registered children only

Clubs finish at 4pm, unless otherwise stated

	Club	Years	From	To	Lead by
Monday	Healthy Mind, Healthy body	3&4	09.01.23	Finished	Mr Carvalho
Monday	Maths Club	Invite only	09.01.23	27.03.23	Miss Salmon
Tuesday	Dance	3&4	10.01.2023	28.03.2023	Miss Gildersleeves
Wednesday	Team Sports	1&2	11.01.2023	29.03.2023	External Coach
Thursday	French	1&2	10.01.2023	30.03.2023	Mrs Rivas-Long
Thursday	Girls football	4 5 & 6	12.01.2023	Finished	Mr Carvalho
Thursday	Boys football	5&6	12.01.2023	Finished	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

- Wednesday 22nd March - Parent talk - Understanding the cost of living, 3.20-4.20pm
- Friday 24th March - Year 1 and 2 Colchester zoo
- Monday 27th March - Year 5 and 6 Holi Festival (In school)
- Tuesday 28th March - Reception trip to Hasty's farm
- Monday 03rd April to Friday 14th April - Easter Holiday
- Monday 1st May - Bank holiday
- Monday 8th May - Bank holiday
- Tuesday 9th to 12th May - Year 6 SATs
- 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

Our Attendance Ladder

Attendance is key. The more children attend school the more likely it is that they will have good levels of attainment. Even small improvements to attainment at 11 years old can increase the amount a person earns before they are 33 years old – an increase of up to 25%!

Is equivalent to:



When children are not in school and we have had no contact from parents or are concerned about welfare, you could find us knocking on your door...

THERE IS NO LEGAL ENTITLEMENT for parents / carers to take a child out of school during term time.