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St Osyth Church of England Primary School News

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our weather might not be described as being Mediterranean but that did not stop **Upper School children (Years 5/6) enjoying their Ancient Greek themed day.**

The children had a fantastic day immersing themselves in the Ancient Greek culture, **making oil lamps, painting osstracite and learning about social class. They gave performances of Greek poetry, plays and dance** in the afternoon whilst trying some famous Greek food such as olives and dates. Much fun was had by all, especially our visitor, Phil Cook from 'History of the Page', who said he enjoys coming to visit us as **our children are always enthusiastic and well-behaved.** A big thank you to our parent volunteers and the Upper School team for organising.

We're delighted with the way that all our Reception children have settled in. As well as seeing them do well in school, I know that the Reception team and Mrs Levett have also enjoyed seeing what they do outside of school, via 'Tapestry'.

Would you believe it? **It's almost time to start applying for Reception places September 2024! Parents of children due to start school, next academic year, are very welcome to visit us.** Visits can be arranged through contacting our school office team. For information about how to apply, please visit, https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-school-places

You can apply for primary (reception) school place at an Essex primary school between 6 November 2023 and 15 January 2024.

Best Regards,

Mr M Carter-Tufnell

(Headteacher)

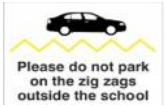
For EMERGENCY CLOSURES : go online to
http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx

School dinners - bookings for dinners can now be made up to October 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.

Lost Property

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

This also applies to coats, water bottles 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.

School clubs

Clubs start next week if your child has a place you will receive a message today confirming that.

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 25th September 2023

All clubs are for registered children only

	Club	Years	From	To	Lead by
Monday	Fun-damentals	1&2	25.09.23	11.12.23	Mr Carvalho
Tuesday	Gymnastics/Cheer	**3&4**	26.09.23	12.12.23	Miss Luff
Tuesday	Sports Journalism	**5&6**	26.09.23	12.12.23	Miss Lebrett
Thursday	Science	2	28.09.23	14.12.23	Mrs Penny
Thursday	Dance	**3&4**	28.09.23	14.12.23	Mrs Stock
Thursday	Football (4.15pm finish)	**5&6**	28.09.23	14.12.23	Mr Carvalho
Friday	Sewing and Weaving	**3&4**	29.09.23	15.12.23	Mrs Walton Steed

Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 28th September - St Osyth Priory trip - Year 1 and 2
- Friday 29th September - School disco (PTFA event)
- Tuesday 3rd October - Flu immunisations
- Friday 06th October - Inset Day
- Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October - Half term
- Monday 30th October - Inset day
- Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd November - Parent consultations
- Tuesday 7th November - Stone Age workshop - Year 3 and 4
- Thursday 7th December - Christmas craft - Reception child/parent
- Friday 8th December - Christmas Fayre (PTFA event)
- Tuesday 12th December - KS2 carol service (Evening)
- Wednesday 13th December - KS1 Nativity (Afternoon)
- Friday 22nd December - Thursday 04th January - Christmas holidays
- Friday 05th January - Inset day
- Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February - Half term

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%!

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.