St Osyth Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

With just a month to go…. here's a reminder of our key events over the next four weeks.

Friday 1st December

Music worship during which children who have instrument lessons in school will be playing to the whole school.

Non uniform day for children that bring in one or more items for our Christmas Fayre

Thursday 7th December

Reception Christmas Crafts. 09:30 to 10:30. School hall.

Friday 8th December

Christmas Fayre, organised by our PTFA, from 15:30.

Tuesday 12th December

Key Stage 2 Carol Service, at our parish church.

Children to arrive at 6pm, service begins at 6.30pm.

Wednesday 13th December

Key Stage 1 Nativity service, at our parish church.

13.15pm start. Children will be taken back to school afterwards, to be collected at 3.05pm , as usual.

Year 6 trip to see Matilda, in the West End, returning at about 20:30

Thursday 14th December

Pantomime trip for children in Reception to Year 5. All in school time.

Friday 15th December

School Christmas Dinner.

Wednesday 20th December

Christingle Service, in school time, children and staff only.

Thursday 21st December

Last day of this term.

Parking in Clinton Close. It has been reported to the Parish Council that, some parents are parking opposite the entrance to the close, and on some occasions in the close itself, which prevents residents from being able to drive out of or into their close. If you have to use your car to get your child/ren to school, **please do not park blocking the drives or roads of our neighbours and not on our yellow no parking lines. Thank you.**

Best Regards,

Mr M Carter-Tufnell

(Headteacher)

Key Dates

Friday 1st December
Non Uniform Day

Thursday 7th December
Reception Parent/Child Christmas Crafts

Friday 8th December
Christmas Fayre (PTFA Event)

Tuesday 12th December
KS2 Carol Service (Evening)

Wednesday 13th December
KS1 Nativity (Afternoon)

Matilda trip - Year 6

Thursday 14th December
Christmas Pantomime (reception - year 5)

Friday 15th December
Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 22nd December - Thursday 4th January
Christmas Holidays

Friday 5th January
Non Pupil Day

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February
Half Term

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April
Easter Holidays

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After School Clubs

After school clubs are for registered children only, if your child would like to attend one of our after school clubs and is not yet registered, please contact the school office.

	Club	Years	From	To	Lead By
Monday	FUN-damentals	1 and 2	25.09.2023	11.12.2023	Mr Carvalho
	Maths Club	6 (Invite only)	25.09.2023	4.12.2023	Miss Salmon
	School Council/Eco Council	1 - 6 (Invite Only)	16.10.2023	11.12.2023	Mrs Yerli
Tuesday	Gymnastics/Cheer	3 and 4	26.09.2023	12.12.2023	Miss Luff
	Tin Whistle	3 and 4	14.11.2023 **Lunch Time Club**	12.12.2023 **Lunch Time Club**	Mrs Yerli
	Sports Journalism	5 and 6	26.09.2023	12.12.2023	Miss Lebrett
Thursday	Science	2	28.09.2023	14.12.2023	Mrs Penny
	Dance	3 and 4	28.09.2023	14.12.2023	Mrs Stock
	Football	5 and 6	28.09.2023	14.12.2023	Mr Carvalho
Friday	Sewing and Weaving	3 and 4	29.09.2023	15.12.2023	Mrs Walton-Steed

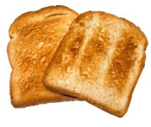
The school office must be informed in advance, if your child is unable to attend their after school club. If your child is in year 5 or 6 you may receive a text message to confirm that they have arrived home safe, particularly if they have permission to walk out unaccompanied at the end of the school day.

School Notices

School Dinners

School dinners can be booked up until the end of term. When making dinner bookings, please make sure that you are adding your options to the basket and completing the check out process, even if you are entitled to free school meals and this shows as '£0'

We kindly ask that you also book when your child is having a packed lunch from home, in order for us to collate numbers for our school kitchen.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open from 7.45am for all ages and costs £4.00, per session, this should be booked and paid for on school money **in advance.**

If you unexpectedly need to use Breakfast Club your child can be booked in upon arrival, but payment must be made before the end of the day.

Entry to breakfast club is through the school office and your child must be accompanied by an adult.

Parking

When parking outside of the school, please do not park on the zig zag lines or over any of our neighbours driveways.

Lost Property

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

This also applies to coats, water bottles and lunch boxes.

Please check your emails on a Monday, for photographs of lost property for the week and contact the school office if you recognise any of the items.

Pre-loved Toys

We would be very grateful for donations of any pre-loved toys, that our children could enjoy playing with at breakfast club. If you have any donations, please bring them to the school office.

Footwear

A change of footwear will now need to be provided, in order for children to play on the school field at break and lunch time.

For EMERGENCY CLOSURES go online to:
https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/emergency-school-closures

Community Notices

The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.

Scan the QR code to take part

CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

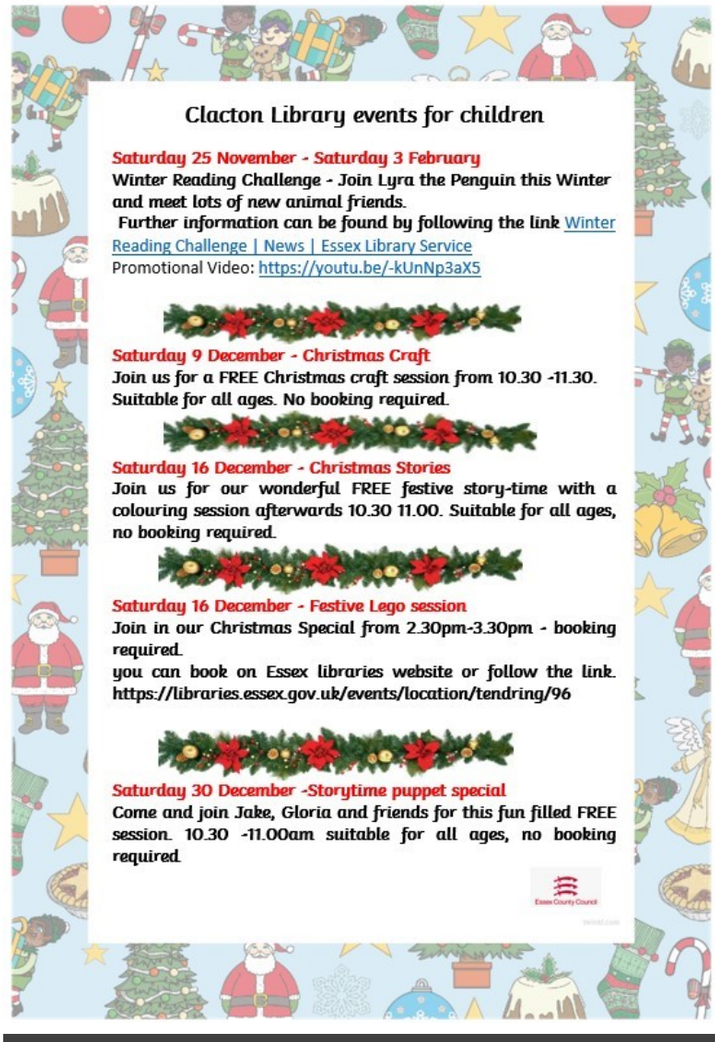
THE BIG AMBITION

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the_big_ambition/

Childcare Choices

The government are making significant changes to childcare support in England. Follow the link below to find out more and to see if you qualify.

https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/



https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/winter-reading-challenge

https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/events/location/tendring/96

Attendance

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 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.