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St Osyth Church of England Primary School News

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was good to see so many parents and carers at our parent consultations, this week. If you were not able to attend one, please contact the school office to arrange a time to have a short conversation with your child's class teacher.

Years 3 and 4, Middle School, were rocking the cooking this week! As part of their Stone Age topic children prepared and cooked a 'Stone Age vegetable stew'. Not only did Mrs Levett love it but so did almost all the children. Maybe '**Stone Age stew' is the best way to have children eating vegetables!**

An important date for your diaries! On **Friday 8th December, our wonderful PTFA will be running our Christmas Fayre**, after school. On Friday 1st December every child that brings in an item for the Christmas Fayre can wear non-uniform!

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 Christmas 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.

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.

Field use in Winter Months

We want the children to continue to be able to enjoy using the field. For this to happen, children will need to have a change of footwear - trainers, wellington boots or such like.

Thus, **from Monday 06th November, children will only be allowed on the field if they have a change of footwear.** This is so that the children's school shoes do not get covered in mud and so that mud does not get walked all around the school building and into the school carpets.

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 06th November 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

- Tuesday 7th November - Stone Age workshop - Year 3 and 4
- Friday 1st December - Own clothes day in exchange for tombola item
- 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 15th December - Christmas dinner and jumper day
- Thursday 21st December - Last day of term
- Friday 5th January - Inset day
- Monday 8th January - Back to school
- Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February - Half term
- Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April - Easter holidays
- Monday 13th May - SATs week - Year 6
- Friday 24th May - Inset day
- Monday 27th to Friday 31st May - 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.