



St Osyth Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Thursday 23rd May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our **trust advisor** undertook a monitoring visit, this week. Amongst their very **positive judgements** are:

- **Continual positive change** in the school, especially since they last did sustained work with the school four to five years ago.
- The school has **high quality of provision for children with particularly high levels of SEND** (Special Educational Needs), and the school has good plans to develop this provision further.
- The **school very effectively supports teachers** that are in the first two years of their careers. This support includes the work of mentors and tutors, phase colleagues and other members of the staff team.
- The **work-load and well-being of the staff team is good** because of the way leaders thoughtfully manage it.

The above follows the meeting our **governing body** had, last week. At that meeting, governors **made decisions about** various matters including:

1. Our **budget**, with the every increasing challenges involved with managing that.
2. Academic **standards**.
3. Provision for children with **SEND**.
4. **Safeguarding** and **Well-Being**

If you ever have a strategic matter for our governors to consider, please either put it in writing to our school office or speak to Mrs Levett or me.

Our two new school dogs, Stephen in 1Y and Chase in 3/4 L, have started coming in to school. They have had a very good start to life in school! Here's Stephen on his first day and helping with a really good reader.



We wish you all a happy and restful half-term holiday. **School is closed tomorrow**, for a non-pupil day. We look forward to **welcoming everyone back on Monday 3rd June**. The first week after the half-term holiday, Mrs Levett and I will be with children in Year 6, and their teachers, for their residential trip to the Isle of Wight. Mrs Yerli and Mrs O'Reilly will be 'holding the fort', in our absence.

Best Regards,

Mr M Carter-Tufnell

(Headteacher)

Key Dates

Friday 24th May

Non Pupil Day

Monday 27th -

Friday 31st May

May half term

Monday 3rd -

Friday 7th June

Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip

Wednesday 5th and

Thursday 6th June

Year 5 Pioneer Sailing Trip

Monday 10th June

Class Photos

Tuesday 11th June

Year 5 trip to St Osyth Priory

Friday 28th June

Year 3/4 trip to Kentwell Hall

Friday 28th June

EYFS trip to Brightlingsea

Wednesday 10th July

Sports Day - Times TBC
(Weather Dependant)

Wednesday 17th July

Year 1/2 trip to
Walton-on-the-Naze

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.

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.

	Club	Years	From	To	Lead By
Monday	Athletics	3,4,5 and 6	22.04.24	8.07.24	Mr Carvalho
Wednesday	Everyone's Game	Year 5 and 6	24.04.24	10.07.24	External Coach Ferdinand Football Group
Thursday	Cricket/Rounders	Year 5 and 6	25.04.24	11.07.24	Mr Carvalho
Friday	Everyone's Game	EYFS	26.04.24	12.07.24	External Coach Ferdinand Football Group
	Sewing and Weaving	Year 3 and 4	26.04.24	17.05.24	Mrs Walton-Steed
	Fun and Games	Year 1 and 2	26.04.24	12.07.24	Mr Carvalho

Club Spaces

Spaces are still available on some after school clubs, please speak to the school office if you would like to sign your child up for a club but haven't already done so. Names can be added to club waiting lists, for those clubs that are over subscribed.

School Notices



School Dinners

School dinners can be booked up until the May Half Term. When making dinner bookings, please make sure that you are adding your options to the basket and are 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 the 'packed lunch' option when your child is having a packed lunch from home - this allows us to collate numbers for our school kitchen, in the morning, ahead of lunch time.



PE Kit



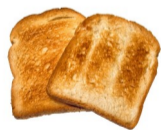
All children must have a full **named** PE kit in school every day.

PE Kit: Black shorts, White T-shirt and Plimsols,

Additional items that are 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.



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.

Coats

While the weather can still be cold and rainy, please ensure that your child is still bringing a coat into school, for break and lunch time.



Parking

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

For EMERGENCY CLOSURES go online to:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/emergency-school-closures>



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Half Term Children's Party

Clacton Library

Tuesday 28 May, 10.30am to 12noon

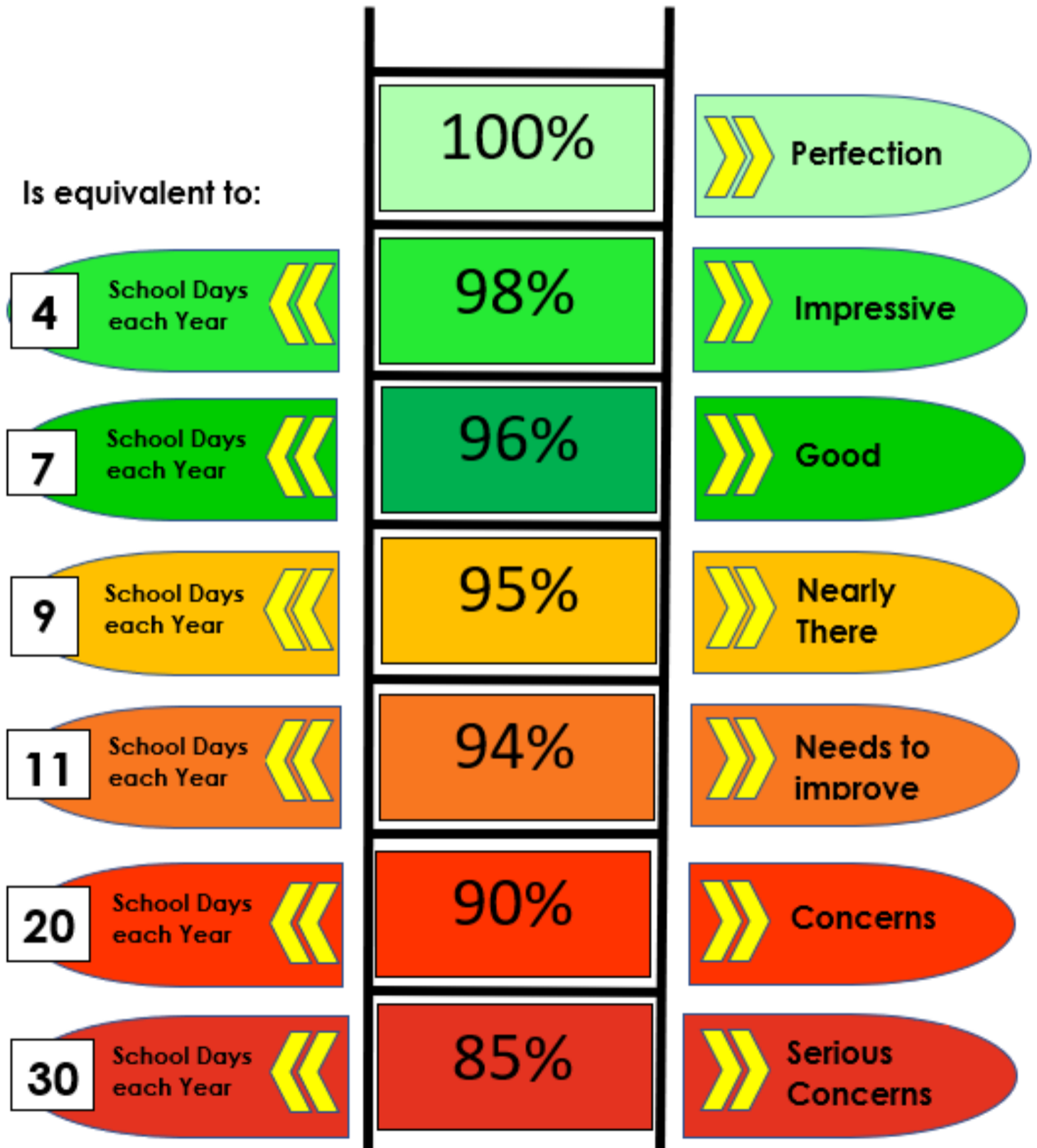
- Join Silly Sally and Polly Pigtails for a traditional party, including musical chairs and pass the parcel as well as other favourites. Enjoy refreshments and sweet treats and take home a party bag of goodies
- Suitable for ages 4 to 7. Cost is £4 per child plus booking fee via Eventbrite



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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.