St Osyth Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Friday 31st January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our **children in Reception are enjoying some rich stimuli** to help them with their learning. We are seeing this benefit the children in lots of ways. Here's a flavour of those stimuli.

Recently, some children have been wearing leggings to school. Leggings are not a part of our school uniform and children are not to wear them to school. Our governing body (School Governance Board) set our uniform policy and it can be found on our website—https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/key-information/uniform/ . **If your child has been wearing leggings to school, please ensure that they no longer do so.**

The guiding and scouting movement (Girls Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, Scouts and Beavers) celebrate World Thinking Day on Saturday 22nd February. We are supporting this by allowing **children, that belong to Guide or Scout group, to wear their uniform to school, instead of their school uniform, on Monday 24th February.** It is only children who belong to a Guide or Scout group that can wear their groups' uniform to school in place of their school uniform, on that 24th February.

This week, we have had a SENDCo from another school come and visit to find out about our provision for children with very high levels of Special Educational Need (SEND). The visit was set up after a **local authority SEND advisor judged our provision to be very strong and effective.** We are pleased with this recognition and thank all the team involved that are part of supporting the children concerned.

Next week, we welcome Rev Judith Gibbons to the school. She is the curate in Brightlingsea and is with us for the week as part of her training. She will join me and Mrs Levett 'on the gate' so please do say hello to her.

Best Regards,

Mr M Carter-Tufnell

Key Dates

W/B Monday 3rd February

Curate on placement with us

Friday 7th February

PTFA - School Disco

Mon 10th to Wed 12th February

Whole school review

W/B Monday 17th February

Half-Term Holiday

Monday 24th February

As support for World Thinking Day Scout and Guide uniforms can be worn to school

Tuesday 25th February

Parent Consultations

17:00 to 19:30

Thursday 27th February

Parent Consultations

15:30 to 18:30

Monday 3rd March

Reception Mobile Zoo visit

Tue 4th and Wed 5th March

Year 3/4 C'ford Museum Trip

Wednesday 12th March

Year 5/6 Planetarium visit

Tuesday 28th March

Governors meeting

Wednesday 2nd April

Year 1/2 zoo trip

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	Healthy Habits	1 and 2	13.01.2025	31.03.2025	Mr Carvalho
	Handwriting	1 and 2	13.01.2025	31.03.2025	Miss Cane
	Choir Club	3 and 4	13.01.2025	31.03.2025	Mrs Yerli
Tuesday	Dough Disco/Fine Motor Skills	EYFS	14.01.2025	1.04.2025	Miss Hutchings
	STEM Club	3 and 4	14.01.2025	1.04.2025	Mrs Penny
Thursday	French	1 and 2	16.01.2025	13.02.25	Mrs Kirk
	Football	5 and 6	16.01.2025	2.04.2025	Mr Carvalho
	Computing	5 and 6	16.01.2025	2.04.2025	Miss Lebrett
Friday	Fun Fit CANCELLED - PTFA Disco	3 and 4	17.01.2025	3.04.2025	Mr Carvalho
	Muggle Quidditch - CANCELLED - PTFA Disco	5 and 6	17.01.2025	28.03.2025	Mrs Stock

School Notices

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.

All lost property that is un-named has been put into boxes and will be kept on the school playground for parents/ carers to look through at the start and end of the school day.

Reception are looking for donations

- Flat caps
- Suit jacket
- Walking stick
- Balance scale x 2
- Curtain rings
- Old frying pans
- Purses/hand bags
- Wicker chest
- Log slices
- Old clocks
- Wooden serving trays
- Logs
- Tin cans
- Wicker baskets
- Old records
- Old CDs
- Wooden kitchen utensils
- Bangles
- Nice pebbles
- Wooden rolling pins
- Metal brackets
- Old phone with dial numbers
- Prosecco type corks
- Plastic tube rolls
- Cardboard tube rolls
- Old jewellery boxes
- Metal teas sets and jugs, etc
- Wooden tea tree/mug holder

Please bring any donations to the school office

Parking

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

Footwear

Only children with a change of footwear will be allowed onto the field at break and lunchtime, all other children will remain on the playground. All spare footwear is to be clearly labelled, with your child's name.

Coats

Please ensure that you are sending your child into school with a coat, for break and lunch time.

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

Community Notices

Essex County Council Libraries

CLACTON LIBRARY

FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY, 10.30AM

Tickets £5 via QR code above or visit the library to book in person

Cake and chatter

Shorefields special needs school coffee mornings.
All SEN parents and carers are welcome!

Come and chat with Shorefields home school support team or just meet other parents with SEN children, children are welcome too. We will have speakers attend from time to time. Please see our Shorefields school Facebook page for details and any change of dates.

January 22nd 2025	**9.30 till 11.30**
February 12th 2025	**9.30 till 11.30**
March 12th 2025	**9.30 till 11.30**
May 7th 2025	**9.30 till 11.30**
June 11th 2025	**9.30 till 11.30**

This is held at:
Shorefields school 114 Holland Road, Clacton on sea, Essex Co15 6HF.
For parking, please park in nearby roads. Tel: 01255 424412

Attendance

Essex County Council
Education
Where does your child sit on the attendance mountain?
Excellent
100% attendance
100%
Good
98% attendance = Four whole days absent in the school year and 20 hours of lost learning
98%
Cause for concern
95% attendance = 9.5 whole days absent in the school year and 47.5 hours of lost learning
95%
86 to 90%
Unsatisfactory
90% attendance = 19 whole days absent in the school year and 95 hours of lost learning
86% attendance = 27 whole days absent in the school year and 135 hours of lost learning
Less than 85%
Critical
Less than 85% attendance = 28.5 whole days absent in the school year and 142.5 hours of lost learning