



# Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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## Thank you

We would like to thank all our parents and carers for your kind donations of dried goods for the sensory area. We are very grateful and the children will have a wonderful time playing with these items. Please continue to think about us when you clean out your cupboards in the future. Thank you.

## Wallpaper

If you have any spare wallpaper left over from your lockdown decorating, we would happily use this in the craft area. The children love to use big paint brushes and paint rollers on large sheets of paper. Any donations will be gratefully received!

## Wellies and Waterproof Trousers

Our garden is now very muddy and it is increasingly difficult to keep the children dry and clean. Please send a pair of wellies and waterproof trousers to leave in nursery, if you want your child's shoes and legwear protected. Trousers are more preferable than all-in-ones, as they are easier if a child needs to use the toilet.

*Your child will need a spare set of trousers, socks and underwear to change into if they get wet in nursery.*

## Sweets

Please can we ask that children are not sent to nursery with sweets or other food items in their bags. This is to protect any children who may have allergies and come into contact with these items.

## Halloween

We are planning a spooky week of fun in nursery next week, with activities and trails to follow in the garden. On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October your child may come to nursery dressed in Halloween clothing should they wish.

## Fast cars in Oxclose Crescent

Some parents have expressed concern by the speed of some drivers along Oxclose Crescent. There have been some 'near misses' as parents attempt to cross the road with their child. Please be careful and aware of this when crossing the road and also when driving along Oxclose Crescent.

## Parent Declaration Forms

Thank you, to all the parents who have returned the parent declaration forms. If there are any more at home then please return them next week.

## Coronavirus

**It is especially important that we monitor all children's absence to nursery. Please could parents ring to inform the office if your child will be absent from nursery for any reason.** Any messages left on an answering machine will be picked up by nursery.

Please can we remind parents to maintain a 2m distance at all times. We also kindly ask that parents refrain from standing in social groups.

Parents are reminded that children **must not come** to nursery if their child *or anyone* in the household has symptoms of coronavirus.

If anyone in the setting has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19): a high temperature, new and persistent cough or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), however mild, they should self-isolate for at least 10 days from when their symptoms started and engage with NHS Track and Trace.

**Please inform nursery immediately of any Covid test results. If your child receives a positive test result over the weekend, when nursery is closed, the best way to contact us would be via email:**

[oxclosenursery@durhamlearning.net](mailto:oxclosenursery@durhamlearning.net)

**If we need to contact all parents quickly, this will be done via a text message through our parentpay text message service.**

**Therefore, if you have not already signed up to this, please contact the office if you need further login details or support.**

If someone tests negative, and they feel well and **no longer have symptoms** similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better.

### **Dates for the Diary**

We are pleased to publish currently confirmed dates for the rest of the academic year and these can be seen in the table below. Naturally, we have planned other events such as trips and we will add these when we have final details.

School closes for October Half Term	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020
Nursery reopens	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020
Inset Day: Nursery closed for training	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
School closes for Christmas Holiday	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Inset Day: Nursery closed for training	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Nursery reopens	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2020

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