



Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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Welcome back after the holidays!

We are delighted by how happily our children have returned after the holidays! It is lovely to see how well they are all playing together in the garden. They have been busy playing hide and seek and we even rescued a hedgehog yesterday! One of the children wanted to give it 'pop' to drink and leaves to eat, however we decided the vet would be more qualified to care for our new prickly friend.

Parent Consultations

At this time of year, we would normally provide time for parents/carers to speak to their children's keyworkers to discuss how their child has settled in nursery. However due to government restrictions we have had to find an alternative way to do it this year.

We will therefore be providing telephone consultations lasting 10 minutes per family.

Each group has a time slot when your child's key worker could potentially ring you. If you cannot be contacted the first time they ring, they will call you back at a later time.

This call will be a good opportunity for you to ask any questions that you may have and also to discuss how your child is getting on in nursery with their keyworker.

The times are as follows:

Wednesday 18th November:

2 Year Old Group 9.30am until 5.00pm

Shampoo and Bubble Bath

The theme of wanting to mix messy ingredients is continuing in nursery. If you are clearing out your bathroom cupboards and have any old unwanted shampoo, bubble bath or shower gels please send them into nursery. Thank you!

Children in Need

Children in Need will be supported by Nursery on Friday 13th November 2020. There will be spotty inspired activities and an opportunity to make a voluntary donation. The children are welcome to come wearing spotty clothes to nursery if they wish.

Phototronics

A photographer will be visiting nursery on Friday 27th November 2020 to take pictures of the children. It is hoped that the pictures will be returned to nursery in time for Christmas, so they can be used as gifts for family members. Due to Covid 19 we will unfortunately be unable to have family pictures with siblings who do not attend nursery.

Christmas Jumper Day

The children can wear a Christmas jumper to nursery on Friday 11th December 2020 and a voluntary donation to support Save the Children. If you do not already have a Christmas jumper, you can decorate an old jumper with tinsel. We look forward to seeing all your festive woollies!

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:

oxclose_nursery@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 rd October 2020
Nursery reopens	Monday 2 nd November 2020
Children in Need	Friday 13 th November 2020
Phototronics	Friday 27 th November 2020
Inset Day: Nursery closed for training	Monday 30 th November 2020
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 11 th December 2020
School closes for Christmas Holiday	Friday 18 th December 2020
Inset Day: Nursery closed for training	Monday 4 th January 2021
Nursery reopens	Tuesday 5 th January 2020

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