



Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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Phototronics Date Change!

It was necessary to change the date for our visit from our photographer, Phototronics. Please note the new date is **Tuesday 24th November 2020.**

Cupboard Donations

Thank you so much for all your kind donations of dried goods and shampoos and bubble baths etc. We are very grateful to you all and this will help to supply our messy play. Please continue to think of us throughout the year as you clear out your cupboards. These items do not have to be in date as they will only be used in a mud kitchen!

Healthy Children

Ironically, given the current situation the country is in, we have never known our children to be so happy or healthy at this time of year!!! We would usually have many children absent in this term due to coughs and colds. I believe this is down to our parents/carers for keeping unwell children at home, so that the germs are not spreading in nursery. A big thank you to all our parents and carers for being so sensible.

Asda Foundation

Nursery has recently been awarded £300 from Asda as part of their Green Token Giving Vote. Thank you to everyone who voted for us! We will use the money to enhance our mud kitchen.

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:

Monday 16th November:

Blue Group 9.30am until 11.45am and 3.45pm until 5.00pm
Green AM Group 12.45pm until 5.00pm

Tuesday 17th November:

Yellow Group 12.45pm until 3.50pm

Wednesday 18th November:

Green PM Group 9.30am until 11.45am
Yellow Group 3.45pm until 5pm
2 Year Old Group 9.30am until 5.00pm

Thursday 19th November

Green PM Group 3.45pm until 5.00pm

Friday 20th November

Red AM/30-hour Group 9.30am until 4.30pm
Red PM Group 9.30am until 11.45am

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	Tuesday 24 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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