



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.**

Children in Need

We raised £43 for Children in Need last week. Thank you to everyone for your kind donations.

Children's Absences

In the current climate we are required to track all absences and children's symptoms if they are unwell. Please contact the office if your child will not be attending nursery for the day. Thank you for your understanding.

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!

Lost Property

Please be aware that we do have a lost property box. If you are missing an items of clothing etc, please ask a member of staff if you would like to have a look through the box.

Spare Clothing

We are currently experiencing a shortage of spare clothing, especially larger sizes. This is due to all our lovely wet/muddy and messy play! Please ensure that your child has two additional sets of spare clothing (including socks and pants), in their bags. Bags can be left in nursery, and will be returned if they have been used.

Christmas Sweets, Foil cases and Junk

Our craft table can make excellent use of all your Christmas junk! As you eat your Christmas sweets and mince pies, please collect the wrappers and foil containers for our junk modelling area. We will also be grateful for any clean empty boxes or tubing, but no toilet roll tubes please.

Empty Pockets

Some of the children like to put small toys into their pockets as they play. Sometimes they forget to return these before going home. If you notice any toys that you do not recognise in their pockets, we would be grateful if these could be returned to nursery. Thank you for your understanding.

Coronavirus Testing

If your child requires a coronavirus test, please could you email the result to the office, before returning to nursery.

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

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.

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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