



Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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Nursery Closed: Monday 30th November

Due to our teacher training day we are closed on Monday. We wish you all a lovely long weekend and we will see you on Tuesday.

Phototronics

You should now have received your photos, taken on Tuesday by Phototronics. Please return these to nursery no later than Tuesday 8th December, in order for them to be processed.

Christmas Performance

We are hoping to keep Christmas as special as possible this year, despite the challenging circumstances. Our children have been busy working with Brendon Renwick (our music man), practising in small groups for a Christmas performance. On Thursday 10th December, Brendon will record the singing groups, which is then intended to go onto the Nursery Facebook page via a website link in the *week commencing December 14th*, COVID permitting! **On Thursday 10th December, we are asking if the children can come to nursery wearing any colourful Christmas jumper / top / shirt / dress.** If you've not got anything with Christmassy patterns, then any red, green, silver, gold or white upper half will still look great! I would like to stress that we are not expecting people to go out and buy/order new clothes, especially at this difficult time. We were very keen to allow the children the experience of taking part in a performance and for parents to witness it, albeit it in a very different way!

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!

Wraparound Care

Bookings for after the Christmas break will be live on our online booking system from Tuesday 1st December at 10am. Each club continues to be limited to 15 places in line with our COVID Risk Assessment. Here is a link to the website in order to book a place for your child: <https://oxclosenursery.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. If you require a log in for this system, then you can collect a form from either the Nursery or School office.

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.

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.

Inset Day: Nursery closed for training	Monday 30th November 2020
Christmas Performance Recording Day	Thursday 10 th December 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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