



Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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Happy Christmas

Despite the strange times we are in at the moment and all the challenges we have had to face this term, we have managed to enjoy our end of term activities and make Christmas in nursery as normal and as fun as possible. We have enjoyed singing along with Brendon and learning Christmas songs for our nursery performance. Making Christmas cards and decorating edible Christmas trees. On Christmas party day, we loved our party games and all the party food. Yum yum! We had a virtual visit from Santa. He left us all a Christmas present hidden in the nursery. And to end the week, a performance of the 'Little Christmas Elf' from the Big Foot theatre company. Despite the pandemic, Oxclose Nursery Christmas has been a big success!

Thank you to our lovely parents and carers!

We would like to thank all our families for being so supportive this term. Your children have all settled into nursery well, and are very happy and well behaved! This makes our job as teachers enjoyable and we have all loved teaching them this term! We wish you a very happy 2021 and look forward to seeing everyone after the holidays.

Miniature toiletries bottles

Once you have finished using all the lovely Christmas miniature bottles of toiletries over the Christmas holidays, would you please bring them into nursery to be used in our water play area. Thank you!

Link to Christmas Performance

Please use this link to view the nursery Christmas Performance, we hope you enjoy!
<https://youtu.be/4H5yedky650> this is also available on our Facebook page.

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 4 th January 2021
Nursery reopens	Tuesday 5 th January 2021
Nursery closes for Spring Half Term	Friday 12 th February 2021
Nursery reopens	Monday 22 nd February 2021
Nursery closes for Easter Holidays	Friday 26 th March 2021
Nursery reopens	Monday 12 th April 2021
Nursery closed for May Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2021
Nursery closes for Summer Half Term	Friday 28 th May 2021
Nursery reopens	Monday 7 th June 2021

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