



# Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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## Christmas Cards

We will be creating a display board in nursery for children's Christmas cards. This will enable you to make a card at home for all your child's friends, rather than writing them individual cards. This will save families precious time as we realise how busy you all are at this time of year. We will also be making Christmas cards in nursery, which will then be quarantined before being sent home.

## Home Learning

Our home learning page continues to be available on our nursery website. There are some children that, as we go through the term, may need to self-isolate for numerous reasons. We have a range of websites and activity ideas which you can use to support your child's learning at home.

## Christmas Performance

**On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 in a very different way.

## Christmas Party and Theatre

We will be very busy in the run up to the Christmas holidays, with lots fun activities planned. In the last week we will be having our Christmas party on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.** Your child may wear their own clothes, but please be aware that the children will still be playing outdoors at some point in the day. So, they need to be warm and have clothes that could get dirty.

A theatre company will be performing '*The Little Christmas Elf*' for the children in small groups on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

It might be tempting to send your child into nursery for these activities if they are unwell, because you do not wish them to miss out on the fun. But please keep them at home if they are unwell, even through the festive activities. We will still be on 'covid' alert in the first week of the holidays, and any positive cases will result in the whole nursery community isolating over the Christmas holiday. We thank you for your vigilance.

## Christmas Jumper Day

The children can wear a Christmas jumper to nursery on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Phototronics

A polite reminder that all nursery photos must be handed back into the office, no later than Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Which will then be collected by Phototronics and be back to you ready for Christmas.

## 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

Thank you for all your kind donations. As the festive period continues please keep collecting your sweet and mince pie wrappers, as well as any clean empty boxes or tubing, but no toilet roll tubes please.

## 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](mailto: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.

Christmas Performance recording day	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Christmas Party	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Christmas Theatre Production	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
School closes for Christmas Holiday	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Inset Day: Nursery closed for training	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Nursery reopens	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021

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