



Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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SeeSaw is Live!

We are delighted to inform you that SeeSaw is now active and ready for you to access your child's learning journal. We hope that you enjoy using SeeSaw as much as we do at nursery. We hope that you will enjoy seeing your child learning in nursery. Activation letters will be sent out today at home time. Please follow these instructions to activate your account. *If we do not have your form we must presume that we do not have your consent and will not feature your child on SeeSaw.*

Coughs and Sneezes

We are seeing an increase in children who are unwell with coughs and sneezes in nursery. *We politely ask that you keep your child at home, while they are unwell to prevent the spread of coughs.* **This will help to safeguard the other children in nursery, their families, and staff members from unnecessary PCR covid testing.** Children do not cover their mouths when coughing, which is why we are seeing such a rapid spread of this current infection. Thank you for your support.

Pyjamarama Day Friday 14th May 2021

Bedtime stories are proven to help foster a bond between parents and children, lower children's stress levels which aids sleep, and reinforces their literacy skills and mastery of language. On Friday 14th May, children around the country will be spending the day enjoying and sharing stories - all in the comfort of their PJs - and making a voluntary donation of £1 to BookTrust to help make sure every child gets their bedtime story. We will be celebrating this day with pyjama storytimes in nursery. Your child can wear their pyjamas to nursery on this day. **Please no onesies as children will not be able to manage these in the toilet.** Your child will then receive a book to take home for you to read to them at storytime before they go to bed.

Allergies

We have many nursery children who suffer from allergies. Therefore, we would like to remind parents that we **do not allow nuts** in nursery. This can be in the form of whole nuts, nut butters, pesto, hazelnut spread. Thank you for your help.

Coughs and Temperature Rise

We would like to remind all parents/carers that it is our policy that **any child who presents with *one or more* COVID symptom, should stay at home and book a PCR COVID test.** Your child cannot return to nursery without a negative test result being emailed before arrival. This is to safeguard all children and staff in nursery. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Absence

Thank you for all of you who have been contacting us about any absence. It is extremely important that we continue to monitor why your child is absent and we would appreciate your support in this.

Bank holiday & Polling Station

Thank you for your understanding, as our nursery was used as a polling station yesterday. We hope that you all had fun in whatever activities you got up to.

Lateral Tests

Lateral tests are more widely available to test for asymptomatic cases of covid within the community. However, these tests are not considered to be sufficient if your child already has symptoms of covid. If your child has symptoms of covid, schools/nursery can only

accept results from a PCR test. This is following guidance on the use of lateral flow tests in schools and nurseries. A negative test result must be received before your child can return to nursery if they have displayed symptoms of covid.

Coronavirus Testing

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.

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| Pyjamarama Day | Friday 14 th May 2021 |
| Nursery closes for Summer Half Term | Friday 28 th May 2021 |
| Nursery reopens | Monday 7 th June 2021 |
| Graduation photographs | Wednesday 16 th June 2021 |
| Nursery closes for Summer Holidays | Friday 16 th July 2021 |

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