



Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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Sponsored Halloween Event

We are planning our annual Halloween walk, on Wednesday 20th October with a series of fun activities for the children to complete as they follow the spooky trail around the garden. The children may wear a Halloween costume for a voluntary donation of £1 to our school fund. The money raised will be used to supply our sensory area with more items to drive your washing machines mad! ☺ We will post pictures of this event on Seesaw. It is always a fun day enjoyed by the children, so fingers crossed for a sunny day!

Coughs, Colds, Hand Foot and Mouth, Chicken Pox and Gastroenteritis

We have had many nasty bugs circulating this week in nursery, and many children have suffered as a result. If your child may be infectious to others, please continue to care for them at home until they are well enough to attend nursery. If you are unsure if your child has any of the above illnesses, please contact 111 for advice.

Absence Line

If your child is going to be absent from nursery, we politely ask you to call the office reception, or leave us a message to let us know the reason. All absences need to be carefully monitored and if we do not know the reason for the absence we will give you a curtesy call. The best time to contact us directly is after 9.30am. Alternatively, the absence line is available 24/7. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Name Clothing

Please can we ask that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Thank you to Spennymoor Community Centre

We would like to thank the Spennymoor Community Centre for their kind donations of vegan food boxes for our families. We hope that those who picked one up enjoyed trying the recipes.

Coronavirus

We ask that nursery is informed as quickly as possible if your child will not be attending nursery for any reason.

Please inform nursery immediately of any Covid test results.

Symptoms of Coronavirus

We would like to remind all parents/carers that it is our policy that any child who presents with **one or more COVID symptoms**, should book a **PCR COVID test**. If anyone tests positive for coronavirus in your household, you should also book a PCR test for your child, and inform us of the result.

Please note that Lateral flow tests are not accepted. Only PCR tests are considered to be a reliable indicator of covid infection status.

This is to safeguard all children and staff in nursery. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

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.

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.

Halloween Fun Trail	Wednesday 20 th October 2021
Nursery closes for Half Term	Friday 22 nd October 2021
Nursery reopens	Monday 1 st November 2021
Child Progress Meetings with Parents	Week Beginning 8 th November 2021
Phototronics	Monday 22 nd November 2021
Nursery Closed for Inset Training	Monday 29 th November 2021
Charity event: Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 10 th December 2021
Christmas Theatre Production in Nursery	Friday 17 th December 2021
Break up for Christmas Holidays	Friday 17 th December 2021

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