



# Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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## Miss Grundy

Next Friday, 12th November, will sadly be Miss Grundy's last day at Oxclose Nursery. Miss Grundy is leaving to pursue other interests and I know that she will miss everyone as she loves the Nursery. Both Mr Harrison and I would like to thank Miss Grundy for her efforts and wish her well as she moves on to other challenges. In light of Miss Grundy's departure, we are busy making new arrangements for the office and we will communicate these to you all next week. Good luck Miss Grundy we will all miss you and wish you the best of luck for the future!

## Applying for School Places

Applications are open for places for children who start school in September 2022. Mr Harrison has shown some parents around Ox Close and there is a virtual event on November 15th. Ox Close is always very popular and Mr Harrison would like to encourage Nursery parents to apply for a place via Durham County Council as soon as possible. Both he and Miss Bowden, who is Head of School, would be more than happy to talk to parents if they have any questions as they appreciate that this is a huge decision for families.

## Children in Need

Children in Need will be supported by Nursery on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021. There will be spotty inspired activities and an opportunity to make a voluntary donation. The children are welcome to come wearing spotty clothes to nursery if they wish.

## One very clever parent!

We always encourage the children to be independent when opening packages during lunchtimes. Children who have the fine motor skills to open/close packaging often develop good pencil skills because the muscles in their hands and fingers have been developed. We have noticed that one ingenious parent started the peeling process on an orange before putting it inside their child's lunchbox! This enables the child to finish off the process themselves which they love doing. We will not name the parent but we love the idea and would like to congratulate them for being so thoughtful! If we see any other clever ways to make opening/closing packaging/foods easier for their children, we will share them on the newsletter! Thank you for being good parents! We are a lucky nursery to have such thoughtful families.

## Shampoo and Bubble Bath

The theme of wanting to mix messy ingredients is continuing in nursery. If you are clearing out your bathroom cupboards and have any old unwanted shampoo, bubble bath or shower gels please send them into nursery. Thank you!

## 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](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.**

### **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.

Nursery closes for Half Term	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021
Nursery reopens	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021
Child Progress Meetings with Parents	Week Beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
Children in Need: Pudsey Bear	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
Phototronics	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021
Nursery Closed for Inset Training	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
Charity event: Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
Christmas Theatre Production in Nursery	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
Break up for Christmas Holidays	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021

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