



Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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Visits to See Santa

Thank you so much to all the lovely helpers who came with us to see Santa at the town hall! It was lovely to have a little normality after a tricky few years. I hope that the restrictions will not prevent us from going on more adventures in the new year!

Santa Trail Wednesday 15th December 2021

Unfortunately, there are new covid restrictions from County Hall to limit the spread of the Omicron virus. As a result, we will no longer be able to invite families to join the children on the nursery site for their Santa trail. We are very sorry for any inconvenience caused. The children will still enjoy the trail and we will share pictures on Seesaw of the day.

Governor Mark

On Monday, The Ox Close Federation Governing Body were awarded with the prestigious Governor Mark which only a small number of schools across the country hold and we are led to believe that we are the only school in County Durham to hold the award.

Huge congratulations to Mrs Sneath, who has been the Chair of Governors at Ox Close for many years, and the whole Governing Body for this excellent achievement. This award recognises their commitment to ensuring that they hold school leaders to account in order to ensure that outcomes for the pupils at Ox Close are the best that they can possibly be. There was a rigorous assessment process which took place in November which many Governors took the time to contribute to. Governance is an essential part of the leadership and management of the school and although they are volunteers, the expectations of Governors are now considerable and it is especially impressive that our Governing Body has achieved this award. Over the coming weeks, we will be looking to fill 2 parent vacancies – more information will be shared in the Governor Newsletter next week. Well done to all!

Christmas Party

Christmas party day will be Friday 17th December 2021. The children will still have access to the outdoors and messy craft activities, so please do not put the children in clothing that is special. They also need warm clothing when they go outside. Thank you.

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!

Coronavirus

Please inform nursery immediately of any Covid test results via email.

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.

Visit to Santa Claus	Monday 6 th December 2021
Charity event: Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 10 th December 2021
Father Christmas Trail	Wednesday 15 th December 2021
Christmas Theatre Production in Nursery	Friday 17 th December 2021
Break up for Christmas Holidays	Friday 17 th December 2021
Nursery Reopens	Wednesday 5 th January 2022

Platinum Jubilee Celebration - Additional Day.

Schools have been requested to have an additional closure day to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We have decided to take ours on **Friday 27th May 2022**. We wanted to give as much notice as possible and so thought that we would let you know now.

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