



# Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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## Thank you to our lovely parents and carers!

We would like to thank all our families for being so supportive this term. Your children have all settled into nursery well, and are very happy! It has been so rewarding to see how much they have grown in confidence this term! This makes our job as teachers enjoyable and we have all loved teaching them this term! We wish you a very happy 2022 and look forward to seeing everyone after the holidays.

## 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 Fun

The children enjoyed the Christmas trail on Wednesday! They were very excited as they helped Santa to find the presents which had dropped out of sack!

## 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](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.

Visit to Santa Claus	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
Charity event: Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
Father Christmas Trail	Wednesday 15 <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
Nursery Reopens	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> 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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