



Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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Visits to See Santa Monday 6th December 2021

Thank you to all the parents who completed the Survey for Nursery. It was overwhelmingly positive and indicated that parents would be happy to resume trips, with covid restrictions in place. So, we have booked our first trip since Covid began to see Santa Claus. We will be visiting Santa one group at a time in Spennymoor town hall. The children will walk to the town hall with family helpers and staff. At the town hall there is an indoor corridor, where families can wait to see Santa. Masks must be worn inside by adults, and 2m social distancing will be in place. Children will see Santa one at a time. *Spennymoor council may review and alter covid measures closer to the date. Covid measures will be informed by local covid cases at the time.*

Please inform staff before the date if you would like to help. We are required to have a ratio of 1adult to 4 children to safely leave the building.

The times to meet at nursery for our visit are as follows:

AM

Red, Green and Yellow group 15 hour children only: 10:30am

PM

Red Group 30 hour children + PM Red and Green 15 hour children: 12:30pm

Yellow Group + Green group 30 hour children: 13:00pm

Christmas Cards for Children

We have a little Christmas card tradition in nursery. Rather than children provide a card for all of their friends in nursery, we ask parents and children to get into the Christmas craft spirit, and make one card that is for everyone! We will display your cards with pride in nursery for everyone to see. So get out your glue sticks, scissors and have some fun!

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.

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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