



Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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Lunar New Year

Due to high levels of Covid in nursery, Lip Lee deferred his visit to teach the children about the Lunar New Year. He will now be visiting nursery on Wednesday 16th February 2022. He will be showing the children puppets, songs, and dances. The children will then get a chance to take part in some craft activities. We hope that they will all enjoy the day.

Have you got at home?

We would love to receive any donations of old fashioned weighing scales, suitcases, metal dough cutters, vases, jugs and ornaments. We are developing the nursery environment to follow the 'Curiosity Approach' to learning. There is a Curiosity Approach Instagram page, if you would like to learn more. Thank you for your help.

Restrictions Lifting

We are very excited about the prospect of being free to interact with our parents again!!! Once we are all free again, we hope to arrange some nursery trips, stay and play sessions, baking sessions, woodwork and reading sessions in nursery. We will keep you posted! It is all very exciting!

Library Visit for World Book Day

To celebrate World Book day we have arranged for our children to visit Spennymoor library. We would love our families to help us with this trip. Times and groupings are to be confirmed with the Library but the dates we have booked is a morning visit on Tuesday 1st March 2022 and afternoon visit on Friday 4th March 2022.

Dental Health

Did you know that a health survey of 3 year olds found that 12% had experienced dental decay? On average, these children had 3 teeth affected and many had to have teeth extracted. During Covid lockdowns, practices such as dental check-ups have become difficult. If you haven't already done so, now is the time to book an appointment for your child at the dentist. Many of our children are the 'covid generation' who may never have visited a dentist before.

Covid Cases in Nursery

Please be vigilant about testing your child for covid before sending them to nursery if you suspect that they are not well. Many of our families have vulnerable people at home who they need to protect. Children with coronavirus symptoms will still be required to obtain a PCR test. If you are monitoring your child at home, LFT tests can be ordered via [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests). Thank you for your help.

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Library Books

Please can we remind families to return library books by Tuesday? We hope that you are enjoying reading stories at home with the children.

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 take a LFT test. If anyone tests positive for coronavirus in your household, please inform Nursery.

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.

Spring Half Term	Friday 18 th February 2022
Visit from Lip Lee for Chinese New Year	Wednesday 16 th February 2022
Nursery Reopens	Monday 28 th February 2022
Library Visit AM	Tuesday 1 st March 2022
Library Visit PM	Friday 4 th March 2022.
Nursery Closes for Easter Holidays	Friday 8 th April 2022
Nursery Reopens	Monday 25 th April 2022
Nursery Closed for May Day	Monday 2 nd May 2022
Summer Half Term	Thursday 26 th May 2022
Nursery Reopens	Monday 6 th June 2022
Nursery Closed for Inset Training	Monday 20 th June 2022
Nursery Closes for Summer Holiday	Wednesday 20 th July 2022

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