



Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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Farewell and Special Thanks to Mrs Abley

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Abley today. She has worked at our nursery for many years, and has been an important part of many children's and parents lives. We will be extremely sad to see her go, and wish her a very long and happy retirement. She will be sadly missed by children and staff alike.

Parent Interviews

We will be arranging parent interviews face to face this term, which is very exciting! 😊 There is an appointment slip attached to this newsletter, and appointment times will be given on 'first come, first served'. Please return your appointment slips to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you

Thank you to all parents and carers who kindly accompanied us on our trip to the library. It was so lovely seeing everyone together again!

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.

Love of reading

A love of reading and storytelling is at the heart of our curriculum. Our reading area is one area where we have reorganised and this is a priority area in Nursery. We love telling stories and it is fantastic to see the children acting the stories out in the role play and small world and even outside too! After half term we will be commissioning a video which shows how we use story and also one which gives parents tips on reading along with children. We will be holding some story telling events with parents and children and we have managed to organise visits to the library, while we know how parents appreciate books going home with the children on Thursdays.

Opening Up

As COVID restrictions are lifted, we are really excited about being able to organise activities with parents in Nursery and also to get the children out into the community. This is really exciting for us and it will make a huge difference to our offer. After half term, we will have a number of such activities and we all hope and pray that this is the beginning of a return to normality.

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 of any Covid test results via email.

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
Nursery Reopens	Monday 28 th February 2022
Library Visit AM	Tuesday 1 st March 2022
Library Visit PM	Friday 4 th March 2022.
Parent Consultations	Week Beginning Monday 14 th March
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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