



# Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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## **Brendon Renwick: Parents in Nursery**

It was brilliant to see parents back in Nursery once again this week as Brendon shared his amazing talents with us all. His work really helps us in developing listening and attention, as well as bringing many other benefits. We were delighted to have parents in Nursery once again and I know that both the children and the adults enjoyed it. Brendon also produces Musical Stories and we will be sharing links to these on our website very soon. Thank you for your support.

## **Parent Feedback**

Partnerships with parents are vital to us and this week our parent consultations have been a very useful and positive experience. We have also produced a parent survey and would appreciate it if you could complete this, which will be shared via SurveyMonkey. We will look at all feedback and reflect upon any pointers in order to help further advance what we offer to the children. Thank you for helping us to 'Be the best that you can be.'

## **Easter Bunny!**

I cannot believe that we are already getting ready to celebrate Easter with the children. On **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022** each group will be taking part in an Easter Bunny hunt. Parents/carers are invited to join their children in the hunt for the bunny and his chocolate eggs!

### **AM**

Red Group Children 9am-9.30am  
Green Group Children 11am-11.30am

### **PM**

Red Group Children 12.30pm to 1pm  
Yellow Group Children 1.45pm to 2.15pm  
Blue Group Children 2.30pm-3pm

## **Junk Modelling**

We would be very grateful for any donations of clean cartons, boxes or tubing in a variety of sizes for our junk modelling area. (Please no toilet rolls) If you have any donations then please leave them in the office. Thank you for your help.

## **Responsible Parking: Safety Message**

We know that the vast majority of parents park responsibly if they have to drop children off in the car. Parking around all schools can be a nightmare and Ox Close is no different at times. There are various safety measures that are in place, including zig zag lines which are immediately outside of the school. Clearly, those lines are there to prevent people parking in that place and the reason is that it is unsafe to park there and could potentially cause an accident or even a child to end up injured. Unfortunately, this week we received a report from the public which said that there had been someone parking on the zig zag lines. That member of the public did the correct thing in notifying us so that we can appeal to parents but also in that they reported the matter to the police. I am sure that all would join me in appealing directly to the minority of drivers who do not park safely to help us to keep everyone safe by being responsible. Thank you for your support.

## **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.

### **Wraparound Care Free Session Offer: Still available**

We are offering some free sessions of our Wraparound Care. On a morning, this is from 7.45am to 8.45am and after school it is offered up until 5.30pm. If you would like to book a free session, between now and Easter, please call the office and speak to Mrs Ozturk. This offer presents an opportunity for parents and children to discover more about the service. I have been delighted to see the children enjoying the use of the new equipment and it has been so lovely to talk to them about this. Places are limited as we have to ensure that we have adequate supervision. Please get in touch with Mrs Ozturk and she will arrange your free session.

### **Wraparound Care: Naming**

We have also asked the children who are attending to think of a suitable name and a design/mascot to represent our Wraparound Care service. There have been some good ideas but we are still open to ideas and suggestions so get your thinking caps on! We are planning on having some branding made with the new name and logo and plan to have signs on the outside of the building so this is a good opportunity for budding marketing professionals!

### **Parent Support**

Miss Bewick, our Parent Support Advisor, is available to offer support. She can be contacted via the school office or on 07584072973 and can also be emailed: [r.bewick300@oxclosespennymoor.uk](mailto:r.bewick300@oxclosespennymoor.uk).

### **Pedestrian Entrance**

Please could we ask parents to remember to use the pedestrian access when coming into school. We have had reports of children coming in with parents via the drive and this is obviously dangerous as vehicles can be coming in and out of the site. Safeguarding the children is paramount. Thank you for your support with this.

### **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](mailto:oxclosenursery@durhamlearning.net)**

### **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.

Easter Bunny Egg Hunt	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April
Nursery Closes for Easter Holidays	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Nursery Reopens	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Nursery Closed for May Day	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022
Summer Half Term	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
Nursery Reopens	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
Nursery Closed for Inset Training	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
Nursery Closes for Summer Holiday	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022

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