



Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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Comic and Ukrainian Relief

Thank you for all of your generous donations during Red Nose day. We collected £76!

Parent Surveys

Thank you to everyone who completed one of our Parent Questionnaires. It is really important to listen to parents and we appreciate all of the feedback. Ultimately, our motivation is to help to support the children to achieve the best that they can and this is common ground between Nursery and parents. I will speak to Mrs Taylor about how we take forward helpful suggestions and comments that have been made by parents and we will keep you posted on this. Thank you.

Easter Bunny!

I cannot believe that we are already getting ready to celebrate Easter with the children. On **Wednesday 6th 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 parent's 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. Please note that if it is necessary for parents who use the wraparound service to drive onto site, please stick to the 5mph limit. 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.

New Appointment

Welcome to Mrs Clark, who is taking over Mrs Abley's duties up until Summer half term.

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.

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

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 th April
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

D. Harrison

Executive Headteacher (Ox Close Federation)

J.Taylor

Head of Nursery