



# Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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## **Easter Bunny**

Thank you to all the parents who joined our Easter Bunny hunt. We hoped you enjoyed the day! It is lovely being able to have parents back in the building again. We are hoping to organise a couple of trips for the first time in two years. So watch this space after the holidays!

We hope that you all have a very happy and safe holiday this Easter!

## **School Fund**

Our school fund is currently running a low but we are aware it is not an easy time for our families with so many price rises. So from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022, we would like to change donations from £3 a week to £3 a month. This money is used to buy snack, playdough, messy play ingredients, and purchase gifts at Christmas and Easter for the children. We also use the money to pay for extras such as Theatre productions and Brendon the Music Man. We made enquiries to resume our Gymnastic sessions. Unfortunately, we have been told that this will not be possible until next academic year, due to a lack of available sessions.

## **Are you aware of 'The Bread and Butter Thing'?**

There is a hub at Spennymoor, Youth and Community Centre that will offer weekly groceries at a fraction of the high street price. More information can be found at '<https://spennymoor-tc.gov.uk/index.php/thebreadandbutterthing/>'

## **Spring Cleaning**

If you are using the Easter Holidays to have a Spring clean, then please think of us as you sort through your cupboards. We can make excellent use of dried goods in our sensory play area. Goods such as flour, herbs and tea can be added to our messy play so the children can pretend to bake. These do not need to be in date, because the children will not be eating them! We can also make use of bubble bath, shampoos, and conditioner to make things like cloud dough. The children especially like small travel bottles to use in the water area. Thank you for your help.

## **Missing Items**

Please could we ask families to return any spare clothing and library books? We will be sending a new set of library books to children after the holidays.

## **Dental Hygiene**

Does your child clean their teeth each day? It is important to begin these important life skills early in a child's life.

Did you know? A quarter of 5 year olds have experienced tooth decay, having on average 3 or 4 teeth affected. The vast majority of tooth decay in children under 6 years old is untreated.

More information about how to care for your child's teeth can be found on:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-teeth-and-gums/taking-care-of-childrens-teeth/>

## **Safeguarding**

Everyone has a responsibility to help protect children or vulnerable adults who may be at risk of harm. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or vulnerable adult, you can contact County Durham Councils First contact service on 03000 267 979

### **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).

### **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.

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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