



# Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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## Welcome to our New Starters

We would like to welcome all our new children, and their parents to Oxclose. All the children are settling in very well! We hope you will all be very happy at Nursery!

## Visit from Fire Fighters and Fire Engine

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 we will be having a visit from the fire engine at 9.30am. If any of our afternoon children would like to see the engine, they are more than welcome to come along with their parents/carers.

## Packed Lunches

Staff have reported that some children have an unhealthy ratio of biscuits/sweets and chocolates in their lunch boxes.

### **The recommended contents of a healthy lunch box are:**

- A good portion of starchy food e.g. bread, crackers, pasta or rice salad.
- Fruit and/or vegetables e.g. an apple, orange, banana, carrot sticks, small box of raisins or any other fruit or vegetable
- A portion of milk or dairy food e.g. yoghurt.
- A drink e.g. a small carton of milk, juice or squash. Water is always available.
- One small biscuit

We would also like to remind parents that **nuts or nut products are not allowed in nursery** to protect children with food allergies.

## Covid and Chicken Pox in Nursery

Unfortunately, we are seeing an increasing number of covid cases this week and ask all our parents to be vigilant in ensuring children are kept at home if they are ill. We are also seeing an increase in Chicken Pox cases! If your child is tired and crankier than usual, then please keep an eye out for spots. What lucky parents! 😊

## Nursery Trip

We would love to book our first outing since covid! We have been learning about different vehicles and journeys this term, and discovered that many of our children have not experienced a bus or train journey. So, we are planning to book a trip on a coach and train to Shildon Railway Museum in June. To book the journey we need an idea of how many of our parents/carers will be joining us? We need an adult/child ratio of 1:2 to take children safely out of the building. Please keep an eye out for a Survey asking if you intend to join us on our trip. This will help us to book the correct number of seats on the coach.

(Children in the Two's room must be accompanied by an adult on all trips).

## Hepatitis

You may have seen recent information in the press regarding a spike in cases of **Hepatitis** in young children. Hepatitis symptoms include:

- dark urine
- pale, grey-coloured faeces
- itchy skin
- yellowing of the eyes and skin (jaundice)
- muscle and joint pain
- a high temperature
- feeling and being sick
- feeling unusually tired all the time
- loss of appetite
- tummy pain

**If you have any concerns about your child's health, please contact 111 for advice.**

## 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

## 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.

Summer Half Term	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
Nursery Reopens	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
Visit from Police dogs Jet and Ben	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
Graduation Photos for Nursery Leavers	Tuesday 14 <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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