



Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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Nursery Trip

Thank you to everyone who joined us on our trip to Locomotion. We were very proud at how well the children behaved. They have grown into such lovely sensible children this year! We hope that you all enjoyed the day.

Nursery closed Monday 20th June 2022

We would like to remind parents that nursery is closed on Monday 20th June 2022 for an inset training day.

Changes in September

I am writing to let you all know that I am leaving in September 2022 to take up a new job. I am very excited about this new challenge but will also be very sad to leave Oxclose Nursery. I can honestly say that we have the best staff and most supportive families at nursery. I am very grateful to have been part of your children's education and will miss you all. I wish you all lots of love and happiness in the future. Mrs Taylor

Congratulations Mrs Taylor

Congratulations also go to Mrs Taylor, who is moving to a new position as a teacher of the deaf in North Yorkshire in September. Mrs Taylor has been a loyal servant to Oxclose Nursery and is very well respected by parents and staff alike. Her care for the children is clear for all to see and I believe that her new role will suit her really well. Mr Harrison.

Congratulations Mrs Phillips

We would like to congratulate Mrs Phillips, who has been successful in applying for the position of Assistant Executive Headteacher at Ox Close Federation, moving from her current position as Key Stage 1 leader at Ox Close Primary. This will involve Mrs Phillips leading Oxclose Nursery and also Reception at Ox Close Primary from September. Mrs Phillips is a highly talented and experienced leader and will work alongside Miss Bowden, who will be Deputy Executive Headteacher across the Federation and me in my capacity as Executive Headteacher across the Federation. This is an exciting development as we move towards amalgamation and the new build and Mrs Phillips will also hold this position in the new school.

Congratulations Mrs Woods

As Mrs Taylor moves on, this has opened up an exciting opportunity for Mrs Woods. Mrs Woods will be seconded to Oxclose Nursery and will be a teacher in Nursery for the next academic year. Her background in Early Years meant that this was a very attractive possibility to Mrs Woods, who I think will be amazing. I look forward to seeing her work alongside Mrs Phillips and the rest of the Nursery team.

A Sad Goodbye to Mrs Heron

Mrs Heron will be retiring in the Summer 2022, after many happy years at Oxclose Nursery. She originally retired as Deputy Head Teacher in 2008. However, she loved her time with the children so much, that she returned as a part time teacher. I was extremely lucky to have Mrs Heron's guidance and support, as I learnt the role of a Deputy Head Teacher. She has been a wonderful friend and advisor to both staff and parents alike at Oxclose for many years. She will be very sadly missed by parents, and we will miss her uplifting sense of humour making us cry with laughter in the staffroom. Mrs Taylor

Welcome Mrs Jackson

We are also appointed to announce that Mrs Tracey Jackson has been appointed as School Business Manager for Ox Close Federation. Mrs Jackson has a wealth of experience both in school settings and

business settings and we are really looking forward to having her on board. Her appointment further strengthens leadership as we move towards the amalgamation.

Rainbow Day for Pride

We are halfway through the month of June already - where has the time gone? We know that June is celebrated as Pride Month when we celebrate the differences between us all and feel PROUD of who we are. If we were all the same, the world would be so boring. This year, we would like the children to come to school on Friday 24th June dressed as Rainbows - last year the creativity of this theme was fantastic! You can come dressed in your favourite colour, in as many colours as you can, or with as many rainbows as you can - you can be as creative as you like! We will also be taking part in some Pride activities in classes too. We can't wait

New Build and Amalgamation

Now that planning permission has been granted, we will provide regular progress with regard to the new build. I know that there has been a consultation process and a planning process which has been conducted by Durham County Council and the opportunity has been available for people to express their views. However, until the decision was made to grant planning, we were not able to say too much as a school but we have been working hard to prepare in the background. Every effort will be made to ensure that we hit the ground running and, as can be seen from the moves to strengthen leadership, we will make every effort to be well prepared.

Sports Day 7th July 2022

We will be having a little sports event on Thursday 7th July 2022. This will be held in the Primary School field. The children will compete in their story groups, and we will provide refreshments for them after the event. You are welcome to attend.

Group times are as follows:

AM	PM
Red am group 9.15am to 9.45am Green Group 10.45 to 11.15am	Red pm Group 12.30pm to 1.00pm Blue Group 1.30pm to 2.00pm Yellow Group 2.15pm to 2.45pm

Unfortunately, if the weather is very wet Sports day will have to be cancelled. This activity will be held outside so is weather dependent.

Graduation Day Tuesday 19th July 2022

I cannot believe that the year with some our children has almost finished! They have grown into such lovely, kind and friendly children. Any visitors that we have in nursery all comment on how nice our children are at Oxclose...we will be able to send them to school with pride!

Our graduation celebration will take place on Tuesday 19th July 2022. This event will be for our school leavers only. We would like to invite two adults per child to watch this special event. More information will follow on next week's newsletter.

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 th May 2022
Nursery Reopens	Monday 6 th June 2022
Visit from Police dogs Jet and Ben	Thursday 9 th June 2022
Graduation Photos for Nursery Leavers	Tuesday 14 th June 2022
Nursery Closed for Inset Training	Monday 20 th June 2022
Sports Day	Thursday 7 th July 2022
Graduation Celebration	Tuesday 19 th July 2022
Nursery Closes for Summer Holiday	Wednesday 20 th July 2022

D. Harrison
Executive Headteacher (Ox Close Federation)

J.Taylor
Head of Nursery

