



Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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Rainbow Day

It has been fantastic to see such a display of colour in school today from the children and the staff. At Ox Close Primary and Oxclose Nursery, we are very much committed to celebrating differences and encouraging people to be who they truly are. In a world in which division is currently actively promoted by some, days like today are important for the school community. The message is simple but very effective and the children have all had fun too. I am so proud of the children and staff of Ox Close Federation and our Rainbow Day, co-ordinated as ever by the wonderful Mrs Woods, has been a very worthwhile occasion. Thank you to parents for helping by kitting the children out today!

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	Red pm Group 12.30pm to 1.00pm
Green Group 10.45 to 11.15am	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

We will be celebrating the Graduation at 1pm, until approximately 2pm on Tuesday 19th July 2022. This event will be for children who will be leaving to go to school only. Our morning children may return to nursery for the celebration at 12.45pm. There will be light refreshments for our families after the event. We hope that you can all join us!

New Build and Amalgamation

As mentioned, there has been a lot of work going on with regard to the new build for some time. Planning has been granted and I have had the opportunity to give input on design. Over recent weeks, I have had to submit requested furniture for each and every room- something which would surprise many as we are over 2 years away from the move. The school is being built by Durham County Council to meet the considerable demand which is anticipated in the town due to all of the new housing. It won't be in Ox Close so won't be called Ox Close and names, colours and emblems will need to be decided upon soon. I am fully aware that such matters are not only emotive but actually are crucial. Importantly, we will take the successful features and ethos from this school and transfer it to the new build and, with our strong leadership and vast, fantastic staff team, take advantage of the new unique opportunities which will present themselves. We will keep everyone regularly updated.

Limited Spaces - Reception September 2022

Ox Close continues to be one of the most popular schools in the region and we are constantly dealing with enquiries for spaces. Usually we have none! However, we currently have a limited number of spaces for Reception for September 2022. We have made some banners which advertise school and Nursery and the first of these are now on display. This situation is almost unprecedented and represents a rare and wonderful opportunity for parents in the area to attain a place at the school. Ox Close is an amazing school and there are many exciting times ahead. **If you are interested in a place in Reception for 2022, please do get in touch. We would be happy to discuss and to show people around so that they can see the school for themselves.**

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
Sports Day	Thursday 7 th July 2022
Graduation Celebration	Tuesday 19 th July 2022
Nursery Closes for Summer Holiday	Wednesday 20 th July 2022

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