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Oxhey Early Years Centre

Newsletter - 5th September 2016

Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, Friends and Families,



I would like to say a **HUGE WELCOME BACK** to all of you who were with us in July & August and also **WELCOME** to those of you starting with us this term. We are delighted to have you with us and looking forward to working with you to achieve the best wellbeing and learning for your child.

Many thanks too, to our all year round team who kept everything running throughout August. The staff and children have enjoyed a summer of learning, exploring and sharing lots of fun activities.

The next few weeks will involve lots of settling of new children and all of us are committed to ensuring that your children settle happily in their own time. We will work with you and support every child's wellbeing as they settle. Please remember that if you are settling your child, you must sign in at Reception and wear a lanyard or "Special Guest" sticker during your stay. Please check with Reception staff if you are unsure.

STAFFING UPDATE

As some of you will be aware, after being acting head for 5 terms I was appointed as substantive Head of Centre in the spring. I am delighted to be beginning this academic year as Head of this fantastic Centre and look forward to continuing in its tradition of child-centred innovative education and care. We have the following new staff joining us this year:

Maddie Coates - teacher in Blue Room

Emma Knell - nursery assistant in Blue Room

Jodie Jenkinson - cook at teatime and cover nursery assistant

Amber Kelly - student in Orange Room

Hayley Barber - EYP in Time for Twos

There have also been some movement of staff between rooms with Sheree and Julie now working in Purple Room and Kelly working in Blue Room.

Annie and Alex are working in Orange Room with Sue now working in Time for Twos.

We said goodbye to Kerry Wheeler over the summer as she has moved to a new job and we wish her well with this.

We also said goodbye to 2 of our parent governors; Tarwa Mohammed and Zoe Anisuddin and one of our co-opted governors; Ali Southam. We thank them for all their hard work. If you are interested in being a parent governor or know someone who would make an excellent co-opted governor then please look out for details sent in a separate parent mail.

Have a good week,

Rachel Fagan

Head of Centre

There is no OEYC Learning Journal this week, but we will have one next week. This will be emailed separately from the Newsletter and is essential to help you promote and support your child's learning at home, in line with what they are learning here.

Dates of forthcoming celebrations and events for your diary:

Eid Ul Adha - Islamic Festival

PA Meeting here in Rainbow Room (everyone welcome)

Rosh Hashana - Jewish New Year

Deadline for ordering Pantomime tickets

Children's Individual Photos

Half-Term for Nursery School (Blue Room **CLOSED**)

Half-Term for Term Time only Daycare

Diwali - Festival of Lights

Tues 13th Sept

Thurs 15th Sept

Mon 3rd - Tues 4th Sept

Mon 3rd Oct

Wed 19th & Thurs 20th Oct

Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct

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Sun 30th Oct - Thurs 3rd Nov



Early Years Club (0-5years old)

Starts back on Friday 9th September here in the Rainbow 9.30 - 11.

Please use the SCC entrance.

Do come along with your baby or child. These are drop in sessions (term time only) and only **£2.50 per family per session**, which includes a

healthy snack. Prepared to get messy! Always lots of fun exploratory play - paint, sand, water, soil, pasta.....Great outdoors space too and session finishes with singing and music.

Very friendly group organised by very friendly staff.

For more information call Sara on 01923 482842



HELP to KEEP THE CHILDREN SAFE

As you know, we are very serious about keeping your children safe here. Parents have signed up to this commitment in our **WORKING TOGETHER AGREEMENT**. Please share our rules with your relatives and carers who also use the Centre.

Our rules and procedures have been developed from our **RISK ASSESSMENTS**, to help prevent accidents. **We require you to follow them and to help take responsibility:**

KEEP THE CHILDREN SAFE - PLEASE FOLLOW THE RULES:

- . SHUT DOORS
- . PARK CORRECTLY
- . DRIVE SAFELY
- . SIGN IN & OUT
- . NO PHONES INSIDE
- . USE THE PEDESTRIAN FOOTPATH
- . BE VIGILANT



Please **do not use** your **mobile phone** or other devices on site. Help us to keep all children safe. Photographs taken on mobile phones could find their way onto the Internet within 20 seconds!

Thank you for your co-operation.

Pantomime Reminder

This year's Oxhey Early Years School Trip is to the **Palace Theatre Watford** to see the pantomime **'Beauty and the Beast** on **Friday 2nd December** at 2pm.

Hopefully everyone will by now have received a letter and order form for this event. If you haven't please either ask a member of staff in your child's room or in the office for one. A letter will also be emailed via parentmail if you wish to print one off at home. Please note, we need all **acknowledgements and payments** into the office (cheques to be made payable to **OEYC Ltd**) by **Monday 3rd October**. We do accept debit card payments or cash.

Our annual trip to Watford Palace Theatre is always a huge success with children and families (such high levels of enjoyment!), so please buy some tickets if you can and come and join us.

Many thanks, Jane Raphael & all the staff



A message from Julie Marsh - Finance Officer

Hello

I would like to welcome all new parents to the Centre. If you have any queries with your invoices please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone 01923 330300 option 2, via email finance@oeyc.herts.sch.uk or alternatively I am in the main office Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9 - 2pm.

I would like to say a big thank you for all the Voluntary Contributions we receive. These go towards paying for the healthy snacks and without these we would be unable to provide some of the extra curricular activities such as yoga bugs and drama. I look forward to receiving this term's contributions at your earliest convenience.

News from the Parents' Association

The next PA meeting will be here in the **Rainbow Room** on **Thursday 15th September** at **7.45 pm**. This will be a very friendly, informal meeting - refreshments provided - so do come along and meet the team and find out what they do and how you may be able to help in any way possible.

The PA does a fantastic job in raising funds for special events (farm visit, cultural days, living eggs) extra resources (bikes, hutches, climbing apparatus) and much more.





Hiring our **Rainbow Room** - Please come and look around this ideal venue

If you are planning a **children's party** or other **family event** and need to hire a venue, then why not consider our lovely **Rainbow Room**? There is a wonderful outside area included too as well as a small kitchen. This is available at Weekends - both Saturday and Sunday. Alternatively if you or someone you

know needs a room for classes such as **Pilates, Yoga, Zumba, Choir, Keep-Fit, Tuition**.....our venue would be ideal. For more information and prices and to book a time to view the facilities **please ring 01923 330300 option 1 or 2 or email at admin@oxheyearlyyearscentre.herts.sch.uk**

