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Oxhey Early Years Centre

Newsletter - 26th September



Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, Friends and Families,
Many of the children have completed their settling and the success of this is down to partnerships between home and the Centre. Thank you for your support with this and for the welcome staff received on home visits. If you have any feedback or comments about our settling procedures please let us know (suggestion box available in the reception area).

We are all responsible for keeping our children safe. Please help us by following the rules and routines of each room, particularly at the beginning and end of sessions when there are lots of adults

around. Please speak to a member of your child's room team if you are unsure about any of our systems. Orange Room staff would like to remind parents and carers to please close the room door promptly and have conversations with staff inside the room where possible. Please also remember the importance of observing our car park rules (see below).

Tesco Bags of Help

Tesco have been in touch to change the dates for voting. This will not begin now until Monday 31st October. Please still publicise to friends and family and we will send more reminders nearer the time for voting.

Birth Certificates

Thank you to those parents who have already submitted their child's birth certificate. Please note however, that there is still a number of parents who have not submitted their child's birth certificate yet. We need to take a copy of your child's birth certificate to hold on our records. Please check with the office and bring in an original certificate for us to photocopy, if you have not done so already.

Tapestry - E Learning journal consent forms

Thank you to those parents in Blue and Purple rooms who have returned their signed consent forms for the Tapestry - on line electronic Learning Journals we are trialling in these rooms. If you have not returned these please do so ASAP and by Friday 30th Sept at latest.

Some parents are reporting that they are unable to set up their password when following the link in their e-mail. We are looking into this and will send a parent mail to all when the system is ready for you to access

Learning at Home

Our weekly OEYC Learning Overview will be emailed separately from this Newsletter. Please read this to help you promote and support your child's learning at home, in line with what they are learning here. You can also look up our Learning at Home ideas on the website.

Have a good week,

Rachel Fagan

Head of Centre



Dates of forthcoming celebrations and events for your diary:

Rosh Hashana - Jewish New Year

Deadline for ordering Pantomime tickets

Deadline for submitting Christmas Card Designs

Children's Individual Photos

Mon 3rd - Tues 4th Oct

Mon 3rd Oct

Mon 10th Oct

Wed 19th & Thurs 20th Oct

Half-Term for Nursery School (Blue Room **CLOSED**)
Half-Term for Term Time only Daycare
Diwali - Festival of Lights
All Rooms - Parent Consultations
Parent Consultations for Blue and Purple Room

Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct
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Sun 30th Oct - Thurs 3rd Nov
Thurs 10th Nov (5 - 8pm)
Week beg: 7th November



Road Safety

Please be reminded of our Car Park Safety Rules

- . Drive very slowly
- . Only park in designated spaces
- . Do not enter the car park if it is full - wait for a space or use alternative parking on the local roads outside
- . Do not park on the kerbs outside our car park as this restricts emergency access for our elderly /disabled neighbours.
- . Do not park in visiting bays outside Eastbury Court
- . Disabled parking bays are reserved for **BADGE HOLDERS ONLY**
- . Always be aware of children and pedestrians around
- . Always supervise and keep your children close by you
- . Do not leave children in your car without an adult supervising them
- . Do not walk across the car park - use the pedestrian entrance and footpaths
- . We operate a no smoking policy throughout the car park and premises

THANK YOU for respecting our rules to ensure the safety of our children, families and neighbours

Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

If so please help us to apply for Early Years Pupil Premium

This applies to Blue and Purple Rooms only!

Letters were given out last week to parents/carers of children aged 3 - 4years regarding information we need to collect in order to check your child's eligibility for the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP).

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN BY FRIDAY 30th SEPTEMBER Completion of this form is voluntary BUT the information will help us to apply for additional funding. We will inform you if your child is eligible. Thank you to the 5 families who have already completed the form



Request for donations of toys/resources

Here at OEYC we appreciate donations of unwanted toys, puzzles,.... in good condition. Sometimes parents work in an industry where there is surplus paper, wall paper, fabric.....and donations of this kind are also very welcome. At the moment we are particularly in need of dolls buggies/push chairs/prams and also a guinea pig hutch and run. If you have anything you think may be of use to the rooms, please speak to a member of staff who will then be able to inform you of the best time to bring it in.



We are starting our 'Walk on Wednesday' campaign this week (inspired by our friendly steposaurus on the board) to encourage everyone to keep fit and enjoy some quality time together. Make the most of the mild autumn weather and walk, cycle or scoot to school every Wednesday then collect a special sticker. It's also a wonderful way for you and your children to stay in tune with the environment and each other. **Why not switch off your phones for the duration of your walk to avoid distractions and focus on your interactions with your child as you walk!** You may now see the glorious colours of autumn and the changes to the trees. Collect a few conkers, acorns or leaves on the way to add to our displays in the rooms



TESCO Bags of Help

HELP US TO GAIN A GRANT OF £12,000

We have been successful in being awarded a grant to develop outdoor learning provision at the Centre. This is part of the Tesco's "Bags of Help" scheme. 3 local projects have been chosen and customers decide which project gets £8,000, £10,000 or £12,000. Voting will open in stores from 31st October to 13th November. The number of votes cast for us will decide which amount we receive. Voting is via a token given at the check-out when you shop.

Please tell family and friends about this. We are not allowed to leaflet or promote this "at the stores" but we can do lots of promotion in the Centre and through family and friends.

LOOK OUT FOR THE VOTING - IN LOCAL TESCO STORES FROM 31ST OCTOBER



Pantomime Reminder - Hurry - last week to purchase tickets!

By now you will all know that this year's Oxhey Early Years Centre Trip is to the **Palace Theatre Watford** to see the pantomime **Beauty and the Beast** on **Friday 2nd December at 2pm**. Thank you to everyone who has placed an order for tickets for this popular annual event.

If you still need a letter and order form please ask in the office. This is fun for all the family so as many members of your family can come along with your child - nans, granddads, aunts, uncles siblings.....

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

News from the Parents' Association



The Parents' Association have organised a 'Design a Christmas Card' project for this term. Your child should by now have received a letter about the project together with an order form. Not only is this a really fun activity for the children and a lovely memento for friends and family, but it is also a great way to raise funds for the Centre (every pack ordered raises £1). Designs and cheques should be returned by **Monday 10th October**. We appreciate that this is a tight

deadline but this is necessary to enable all orders to be returned by the beginning of December. Sample cards will soon be on display in the PA display box outside and if you have any questions or would like additional sheets, please contact Sally Woodage at ta@oeyc.herts.sch.uk. Happy designing.

Early Years Club (0-5years old)

Every Friday (term time only) here in the Rainbow Room 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 01923 330300 opt 1



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**

To find out all the news and activities available at the **Oxhey Group Children's Centres (Ebury, Sunshine and South Oxhey)** please follow this link

www.pre-school.org.uk/oxhey-group-childrens-centres

or call the following numbers

Tel: South Oxhey: 0208 428 3591 Ebury: 01923 255054

Sunshine: 01923 254563

Or Email: oxhegroupcc@pre-school.org.uk

You can also follow us on Facebook for the most up to date information about what's going on in the centres!



The Giving Machine www.thegivingmachine.co.uk



Shopping online and/or for the different festivities coming up? Please sign up - it's easy and free! This is a totally free website designed to benefit a charity you nominate. Every time you shop online (having logged in to The Giving Machine website first) a donation from the shop is given to your chosen charity.

Many big name stores such as Amazon, M&S, John Lewis etc. have a link from their web page. We would urge everyone to consider using this site and nominating 'Oxhey Early Years Centre' as a beneficiary. It's really easy to use and a great way to credit the Centre at no cost to yourself. Please spread the word amongst family and friends who order online too.

