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Oxhey Early Years Centre

Newsletter - 3rd October

Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, Friends and Families,



It's hard to believe it is October already and we are looking forward to watching the autumn changes to our environment. This half-term is flying by and we are happy to say that most of our Nursery School settlers across Blue and Purple Rooms have now started. We continue to welcome our very young starters into the Orange Room and Time for Twos. It has been wonderful to see all the exciting activities the children have been experiencing recently - role playing bakers, harvesting

vegetables, and preparing the allotment areas for planting bulbs, digging in the sand, collecting conkers, using climbing apparatus safely, getting to know our pet guinea-pigs and much more.

We would like to wish all our families celebrating Rosh Hashana today and tomorrow a very Happy New Year.

Don't forget to read our weekly Learning Overview, sent out separately, with information on what your child has been learning and ways to support their learning at home.

Have a good week

Rachel Fagan - Acting Head of Centre

Tapestry - Online Learning Journal Consent Form

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 this please do so ASAP.

Once all consent forms are in we will be able to decide on a date to "go live" and will inform you in a newsletter or by parentmail.

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

Half-Term for Nursery School (Blue Room CLOSED)

Half-Term for Term Time only Daycare

Scavenger Hunt organised by PA (do at home)

Diwali - Festival of Lights

Voting for Tesco Bags of Help - in local stores

All Rooms - Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations for Blue and Purple Room

PA Meeting

Toy Sale organised by PA

Mon 3rd - Tues 4th Oct

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Mon 10th Oct

Wed 19th & Thurs 20th Oct

Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct

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Half-Term Week

Sun 30th Oct -Thurs 3rd Nov

Begins 31st October

Thurs 10th Nov (5 - 8pm)

Week beg: 7th November

Tues 15th November

Thurs 24th November



Pantomime Reminder - Hurry -still time to buy your tickets.

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. **May we have all orders and payments in this week please.**

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.



HAND News - Information for parents/carers of children with additional needs

HAND News is a very useful and informative website which produces a newsletter every month. They

promote free courses for parents, inclusive activities for children and much more.

Please click on the following link to find out more www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/handnews



Help us to gain £12K for our outdoor learning project

UPDATE - voting will not begin in stores until 31st October - details to follow



Hertfordshire Health Walks

This is a countywide programme of free, led walks helping everyone (young and old) get outdoors, get active and reap benefits.

They are FREE, local, healthy, graded 30-90minutes, and you can just turn up.

For more details pick up a flyer from reception or log onto www.hertfordshirehealthwalks.org

Email healthwalks.cms@hertfordshire.gov.uk tel: 01992 588433

We have now started our 'Walk on Wednesday' campaign (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 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.





REMINDERS from Julie Marsh - Finance Officer

Letters about **Voluntary Contributions** went out in the Welcome Pack to all parents/carers of **Blue** and **Purple** room children. If you have not received one please ask in the Office.

These contributions go towards paying for Yoga, Drama and Movement sessions and your child's snack. We request a payment of £25 per child per term - just under £2 per week. You can pay termly, half-termly or weekly - whatever suits you best.

Please bring in your child's **Birth Certificate** if you have not already done so **ASAP**. We will take a photocopy of this and return to you straight away. It is a requirement that we must see every child's Birth Certificate in the Centre.

Absences

Please remember to phone the office **before 9am** on the day of your child's absence. If your child is having lunch on that day and you do not report their absence before 9am, a lunch will be ordered and you will be charged for this. Please keep us up to date if your child is off longer than a day.

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.

