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Oxhey Early Years Centre

Newsletter - 12th December

Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, Friends and Families



I am really looking forward to our seasonal and Christmas celebrations this week with the children and hopefully many of you, too. Don't forget the Chocolate Tombola on Tuesday organised by the PA team. I would like to thank them all for their hard work this term in organising all the fund raisers. They have done amazingly well and thank you to everyone for supporting these events. If anyone would like to join them or help in anyway, I know they would love to see you.

Please also remember to keep in touch with children's learning in our OEYC WEEKLY LEARNING OVERVIEW (emailed separately).

Have a good week.

Rachel Fagan - Head of Centre



Dates of forthcoming celebrations and events for your diary:

Chocolate tombola	Tues 13 th Dec
BR and PR Festive Sing Songs - DO COME ALONG	Tues 13 th Dec
Visit to Elderly neighbours at Eastbury Court for a Sing-Song	Wed 14 th Dec
OR Festive Singsong and party	Thurs 15 th Dec
PR and BR Parties and visit from Sshhh.....a special visitor	Thurs 15 th Dec
Time for Twos Festive Sing Song and Party	Tues 20 th Dec
Christmas Jumper day - more details to follow	Wed 21 st Dec
Last day of term for Nursery School & Term Time only Daycare	Wed 21st Dec
Daycare CLOSED for Christmas holiday	Mon 26 th Dec - Wed 4th Jan 2017
INSET DAYS - STAFF TRAINING ALL ROOMS CLOSED	Thurs 5 th & 6 th Jan 2017
ALL ROOMS OPEN FOR START OF SPRING TERM	Mon 9 th Jan 2017
Deadline for applications for admissions to Reception classes	Sun 15 th Jan
Bag2School event	Tues 24 th Jan

Dates and times of Festive Sing-Songs



Blue Room Festive Sing Songs
Tuesday 13th December (Families invited)
Morning session 11.00am
Afternoon session 2.15pm
(no need to sign up - just come along)

Purple Room Festive Sing Song
Tuesday 13th December (Families invited)
Morning session only 10.30am
(please sign up outside the room)

Chocolate Tombola on Tues 13th for all the Centre

Orange Room Festive Sing Song and Party
Thursday 15th December (Families invited)
Morning session 9.30 - 11am
Afternoon session 1.30 - 3pm
(Please sign up outside the room)

Time for 2s Festive Sing Song and Party
Tuesday 20th December 9.30-11am

Most parents/carers or extended family members take time off to come and be with their children for the sing-songs. Please liaise with your key person/room and/or sign up on the lists outside your child's room. Please note no cameras, mobile phones or other devices please. Some photos will be taken by the staff

Blue Room Parties on Thurs 15th Dec (children only) (AM and PM)



Purple Room Party on Thurs 15th Dec 10.00am - 11.30am - if your child does not usually attend on this day and would like come to the party - parents must stay with them for the duration - please let staff in the room know in advance.

(Plus sssshhhh! A visit from Father Christmas . This is a surprise for the children).

On Wednesday afternoon a small group of children from the Blue and Purple Rooms will be visiting our elderly neighbours at Eastbury Court to sing Christmas songs and Carols to them.

Don't be late to apply for school!

If your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013, you will soon need to apply for a place in Reception for September 2017

On-line applications are now open and the

deadline will be Sunday 15th January 2016

For more information please visit www.hertsdirect.org/admissions





News from the Parents Association

Our **Toy Sale** was very well attended - Thank you for supporting this event so generously. We raised an astounding **£167.17** which will go into the fund to buy resources for the Centre and go towards funding events such as the farm visit.

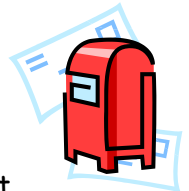
Our final event of this term is our **Chocolate Tombola** - tomorrow **Tuesday 13th December** to correspond with the Christmas sing-songs. This will be held outside Reception. We will be asking you to bring in something 'chocolatey' with a festive or Christmas theme **next Monday**. Please try to ensure that the chocolate products - as far as possible - do not contain nuts.



Our first event of the Spring Term will be a **Bag2school collection on 24th January 2017**. Bags will be given out before the end of term. Please remember to save any clothes, soft toys, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags for this event. You can bring your filled bags in on the 23rd January. You may have as many bags as you wish.

Christmas Post Box

Our Christmas Post Box is now in the Reception area ready for children to post their cards to their friends. **THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO SEND CARDS TO THEIR FRIENDS.** They can practise writing their names or letters on the cards too. Please look on the box for posting times - the last day for posting children's cards is **Friday 16th December**. Please make sure you put the name of the child and the initial of their surname, together with the room they are in and whether am or pm. eg. **Holly T B/R AM**.



A class list will be put up outside each room if you are not sure of names etc.

'Walk on Wednesday' to keep fit and enjoy some quality time together. Wrap up warmly and enjoy this festive time of year. Walk, cycle or scoot to school every Wednesday then receive 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!**



There are many wonderful things to see (and hear and smell!) now that winter begins Go on - embrace the elements.

All About Boys Workshop - Highly recommended

This workshop is targeted at mums with sons under 5yrs and will provide you with:

- . An understanding of your son's development and behaviour
- . Ways to provide him with boundaries and discipline
- . Gain confidence to support boys through difficulties - We will look at:
 - . Differences between boys and girls development
 - . Strategies that support discipline and boundaries
 - . How to understand why boys do what they do and how to motivate them.



Tuesday 17th January 2017 9.30am - 11.30am

South Oxhey Children's Centre, Northwick Road, WD19 6NL

Too book your place please ring 0208 428 3591

Early Years Club (0-5years old) Friday (term time only) in the Rainbow Room 9.30 - 11.

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 info. call 01923 330300 opt 1 Please use the SCC entrance.



Reminders from Julie Marsh for Orange Room parents only



If your child is currently in the Orange Room and will be moving into the Blue or Purple Room in January you do not need to do anything about the funding.
If your child remains in the Orange Room and will be receiving 3 year old funding from January you will be given a form to complete

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 opt 1 or email at admin@oeyc.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: 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!

Forthcoming course on Oral health for children on Tues 25th Jan at South Oxhey



Shopping for Christmas/ Festive Season? - Please remember the Giving machine

Shopping online and/or for the different festivities coming up? Please sign up - it's easy and free! www.thegivingmachine.co.uk

