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Oxhey Early Years Centre

Newsletter - 12th June

Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, Friends and Families,



We are all greatly looking forward to the visit from 'Zoolab' this week which will be bringing a variety of rainforest creatures for the children to see (and handle if they wish). We predict this to be another wonderful learning opportunity for the children who will discover first hand more about these fascinating creatures and how they play their part in our precious eco-system. (please see below for more information.)

Our PA team are currently doing a great job preparing for our **FAMILY FUN/PICNIC DAY on FRIDAY JULY 7th - 10.30am - 2.30pm (weather permitting)**. Please come along to their meeting next Wednesday, 21st June, to find out how you can help for this event. Please remember to try and book time off work for this special event - in the past families have loved the day and all have been glad to spend their time here with their children. More info will follow... We usually ask parents to spend the day with us - but if you just can't stay the whole day, you or a relative could come along between 11.30 - 1.30 to have a picnic with your children and join in the fun.

Please note **all rooms** will be **CLOSED** for an **INSET DAY (Staff Training) - Fri 30th June**. We are continuing a very busy time for celebrations and events so do **please read below**. The OEYC Learning Overview and weekly rhyme will be sent out separately.

Have a good week.

Rachel Fagan, Head of Centre



Dates of forthcoming celebrations and events for your diary:

Zoolab visit here (rainforest creatures)	Thurs 15 th June
Pyjama Day (wear Pjs or a onesie) see below	(revised date) Thurs 22nd June
PA meeting- everyone welcome (7.45pm)	Wed 21 st June
Parent sessions for 2 - 3 year olds in Rainbow Room (see below)	Thurs 22 nd June
Blue & Purple Room Parent Consultations	wk beginning Mon 26 th June
Orange Room Parents' Evening (5.30pm - 7.30pm)	Thurs 29th June
INSET DAY for staff training all rooms CLOSED	Fri 30th June
PA meeting - everyone welcome (7.45pm)	Thurs 6 th July
Family Picnic Day (everyone invited to this special day- we will also need plenty of volunteer helpers)	Fri 7 th July
Last day of term for school and term-time only Daycare	Fri 21 st July
Occasional Day - NURSERY SCHOOL CLOSED	Mon 24th July
Holiday Daycare begins	Mon 24 th July
Calendar showing terms dates and holidays for 2017-18 (from September 2017) is now available on our website http://www.oeyc.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/term_dates.html	

Zoolab Visit - this Thursday 15^h June

Zoolab will be visiting us this Thursday and we are greatly looking forward to seeing and handling the 'rainforest' animals they bring (snakes, spiders, tree frogs.....). We have a risk assessment in place for this visit which will ensure your child's health and safety, but we need to make parents/carers aware that if their child has any known allergies to animals or they do not want their child to take part then please let their child's key person know as soon as possible. Historically these visits (previously we have had farm animals) have been extremely popular with children and adults alike and provide a wide variety of learning opportunities.

"Children get to go on an action-packed rainforest adventure through the rainforest layers, meeting various animals - from stepping over snails on the forest floor, to watching dancing stick insects in the under storey, to seeing how snakes climb and how tarantulas jump out of burrows. And they'll meet canopy-dwelling tree frogs too. It's all part of a story-telling approach that makes the rainforest real and helps children to see how it affects us all. Please note: ZooLab is an ethical organisation - never using trained animals. All of their animals are allowed to display their natural behaviours and are part of ZooLab's human/animal team."

Log onto www.zoolabuk.com for more information



If your child does not usually attend on this day and you would like them to see the animals, please have a word with a member of staff in your child's room. It may be possible for you to attend with your child for 30 - 40 minutes on the day.



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Are you the parent carer of a 2 - 3 year old in the Orange Room or Time for 2s?

Come along to the **Rainbow Room** on **Thursday 22nd June 2.45pm- 4pm** where we will be offering tea/coffee/cold drinks and talking about the challenges of raising 2 - 3 year olds - covering topics such as:

sleeping, eating, behaviour, speech development, transitions, play and learning.

Share your ideas and pick up tried and tested strategies from other Parents and from Staff. Please do come and join us.

Make a booking with your key person or Katherine Lewis.



Race For Life - Cancer Research UK Sunday 11th June

Our OEYC Ladies team (18 in total plus 3 children) managed to complete the 5K circuit around Cassiobury Park on Sunday - by jogging or walking and with determination in their hearts. They are in jubilant spirit today! We will let you know how much money they have raised for **CANCER RESEARCH UK**. This charity is particularly close to our hearts as we remember loved ones and fellow members of staff who are no longer with us. There will be photos on display and a collection

box outside reception this week if you would like to make a donation to this worthwhile charity. Many thanks.



Thank you for bringing in your bags2school. We will let you know shortly how much money we raised with this event.



Sun-Safety Guidance



Please remember to apply sun cream to your children before their session and provide them with a labelled sun hat. Remember that the sun can come out later even on a cloudy day!



If your child arrives without sun cream we will ask you to apply it before you leave.

We will only reapply sun-cream if your child is attending all day. Please give your named bottle of sun cream to your child's keyperson. **DO NOT** leave any sun cream in your child's bag.



Please make sure that your child wears adequate footwear suitable for climbing, pedalling etc - no flip-flops, crocs or flimsy footwear. Please ensure shoulders are covered. Thank you.



Please note: on overcast or rainy days, please provide your child with a lightweight, waterproof coat (named) for outdoor play.

FAMILY FUN DAY



Parents' Association News

Family Fun Day - Friday July 7th 10.30am - 2.30pm

We will be holding a **pyjama day** - wear pjs, onesies or night attire on **Thurs 22nd June (revised date)** and **donate a bottle** for the **tombola** for the **Summer family Fun Day**.



'**Jazzy jars**' - this stall has proved really successful in the past and the children really enjoy helping to make them and trying to win them back! A '**Jazzy jar**' is a glass jar, any shape or size, that we ask you to fill with anything you like, be as creative as you want to be! This can be anything from sweets (no nuts please!) to arts and crafts materials to party bag fillings. Again there will soon be a box in reception to collect these. There will be a few examples in the box to inspire you. Please have a look and fill as many as you like!



We are now collecting donations for the raffle. If any parents know of a company that could donate a prize or service as a raffle prize we would be very grateful. Prizes could include: restaurant vouchers, beauty therapies, car services, day out tickets, hampers etc.

Our next **PA meeting** is on **Wednesday 21st June** here at 7.45pm. Please do come along and find out how you can help with the Family Fun Day.

We are currently holding an **ice-lolly/ice-cream/ice-pop sale one day a week** - running until the end of the summer term. We will choose a warm day in the week (the sale won't necessarily be on the same day each week) and they will be on sale at mid-day, and then again at 4pm. They will all be reasonably priced. Tea-time children will have an opportunity to buy one too. We will need some large cool-boxes and **also some parent helpers for this event**. Please speak to Sally or Sarah Castro Keable (PA) or Jane or Fay (Reception) if you can help.



Childcare Choices - **GET YOUR 30 HOUR ELIGIBILITY CODE HERE**

This is a new website all about Government help with childcare costs, including 15 OR 30 hours free childcare, Tax-Free Childcare, tax credits, Universal Credit, vouchers and support while you study. Click on the link to find out more



www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR 3 -4 YEAR OLDS

This link gives details of eligibility criteria

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/30-hours-free-childcare-eligibility>



Hiring the Rainbow Room for parties, special events or classes-please view 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 lovely outside area included too. 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@oeyc.herts.sch.uk**

