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Oxhey Early Years Centre

Newsletter - 14th November

Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, Friends and Families



It was great to see parents & carers for their consultations to celebrate their children's learning, settling in and achievements so far. We have really appreciated your feedback and positive comments. Thank you to all the **Orange** Room parents who have completed questionnaires. Please speak to your Key Person if you would still like to complete a questionnaire.

Blue and **Purple** room parents will receive an online questionnaire this week.

I will give full details of the results of the questionnaires as soon as they are available.

Tesco Bags of Help Award

Thank you to all who voted over the past 2 weeks. It was very hard to tell from the containers in store how we were doing and so I await news from Tesco which should come later this week.

Blue and Purple Room Parents: TAPESTRY

We have had good verbal feedback on Tapestry at the consultations. If you have not used the link in your email to sign in yet please try and do so this week. Please speak to Wendy in the office if you are having issues with your email link or signing in.

Lockdown Procedures

The Centre is currently finalising our procedures for an emergency situation when our safety is threatened by outside agencies. This could include environmental factors such as a gas cloud or intruder emergencies. Full details will be sent to you explaining how we will talk to the children about this before we practise the procedure. We are very experienced in talking to young children and we will do our best to ensure that the procedures and practice run do not worry them unnecessarily.

We are beginning a very busy season for events so please read the information below and 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:



PA Meeting 7.45pm here at OEYC

Scholastic Book Fair

Children in Need - Pudsey Bear (dress up day)

Toy Sale organised by PA (All week)

Panto Trip - Watford Palace Theatre (**BLUE ROOM CLOSED**)

Tues 15th Nov

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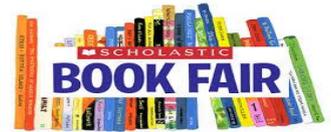
Fri 18th Nov

Thurs 24th Nov - Thurs 1st Dec

Fri 2nd Dec

Scholastic Book Fair - Tuesday 17th - Friday 20th November

This week our book fair will be here so if you are planning to buy any books for Christmas/celebratory present you need look no further than outside reception on the above days.



Please note the dress up day scheduled for this Thursday has been cancelled. Children will have the chance to dress up as their favourite book character during Book Week in the spring Term.

News from the Parents' Association



Join Us

Come and join our **PA meeting this Tuesday 15th Nov** here in the **Green Room 7.45pm**. Find out what we do and find out how you can help.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the **Scavenger Hunt**. Everyone did very well. We will be giving a certificate to the winners very soon.



Our **toy sale** is scheduled for **24th Nov - 1st Dec**. Please bring in any unwanted good quality toys and books and leave them in sealed bags outside reception. Good chance to have a clear out before Christmas and help raise money for the Centre.

Children in Need - THIS FRIDAY 18th November - Dress up day.

If your child would like to come to school dressed in something spotty, or as a superhero or princess, then they can donate £1 to this worthwhile charity which goes towards less fortunate children in the UK



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**

deadline will be **Sunday 15th January 2016**

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

Show your seams to help raise awareness of EB

Many thanks to everyone who supported this event. We raised **£45.82** in the process to help children like our Freddie and his family cope with this debilitating skin condition.

Our sponsored walk in the summer term will be in aid of this charity - more details will follow nearer the date.

Meanwhile if you would like to find out more about this condition

please follow the link www.debra.org.uk Freddie's story is included on this website.



URGENT ACTION REQUIRED!

URGENT REMINDERS from Julie Marsh - Finance Officer

Please bring in your child's **Birth Certificate** (all rooms) 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.

Thank you for the **voluntary contributions** received so far for this term. If you have not yet paid yours, we would appreciate any payments ASAP. 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. Although these contributions are voluntary, unless we get sufficient payments we will not be able to go ahead with these extra activities.

If your child has **Daycare in the Blue Room**, please would parents/carers always sign their child in and out on the register situated just outside the room. Please speak to a member of staff if you are unsure.

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 info. call 01923 330300 opt 1

We are continuing our 'Walk on Wednesday' campaign to encourage everyone to keep fit and enjoy some quality time together. Wrap up warmly and make the most of the autumn weather. 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 still many wonderful things to see (and hear and smell!) now that autumn progresses and winter approaches. Go on - embrace the elements.



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: oxheygroupcc@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.

