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Oxhey Early Years Centre

Newsletter - 16th January 2017

Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, Friends and Families



The children are all settling back happily after the festive break and we are also currently welcoming new children and their families to the Centre for their settling.

We are now in the heart of winter - so we must be prepared for all types of weather. We have already had some snow showers and ice and also plenty of rain! Please provide your child with a warm, waterproof coat and sturdy shoes for outside play. We have wellies here or you can provide your own named ones for your child which you could leave here. If they come to nursery in wellies, please provide shoes they can change into for inside play.

Please also remember to read the **snow plan** to find out what happens in the case of severe weather.

Please note below we will be starting our *Rhyme of the Week* from this week. This proved very popular last year and is a great way to share the joy of the spoken word with your child. Your child does not need to learn the rhyme. We will also be starting Library mornings in **Blue** and **Purple** Rooms - please sign up if you can. You might like to purchase a Centre book bag to help take care of your library book.

Please also see our Car Park Rules below. Following these will ensure both adults and children are kept safe.

Please remember our OEYC WEEKLY LEARNING OVERVIEW, emailed separately to you.

Please read below for all the latest news and information. Have a good week.

Rachel Fagan, Head of Centre

P.S. Still no official report from Ofsted...

Dates of forthcoming celebrations and events for your diary:

Bag2School event	Tues 24th Jan
Chinese New Year Celebrations - Year of the Rooster	begins Sat 28th January
On-line Nursery Applications OPEN	Mon 6th February
Let's Do Maths! Parents come and join in the activities	Wk. beginning Mon 6th Feb - more info nearer the time!
Half-Term week for school and Term Time only Daycare	Mon 13th - Fri 17th Feb



SHARE A RHYME OR POEM EVERY WEEK



The children in the **Blue** and **Purple** Rooms will be sharing a weekly rhyme or poem. The rhyme will be sent as an attachment to the Weekly Learning Overview so that you can also practise the rhyme at home. You might like to print out the rhymes and make your own rhyme book (scrap books or display books work well for this).

Children and parents in **Orange** Room are welcome to share our rhymes too!

We are starting with one that fits in with all the rain we have had recently.

"Splashing in the puddles....."

Blue and Purple Room Library Day (every Friday)

We will be beginning our **Library and Book Sharing Day** next Friday - 27th January.

We will need a parent/carer each week (on a Friday) to help children select a book to take home. We will be putting up lists outside the rooms for parents/carers to sign up if they can volunteer their help on any Friday (morning or afternoon) for this term. If you want to find out more, please speak to Rachel or Sally.



OEYC BOOK BAGS



To coincide with our promotion of our Libraries, we will be selling book bags with our Oxhey Early Years logo on them. These will be priced at £4 each and are available from the main office or from Sally.

Changes to Snack and Breakfast - encouraging healthy eating

Orange Room will no longer be offering juice at snack time. Children will be offered milk or water. Children will still be offered juice at breakfast. All children will no longer be offered jam at snack or breakfast.



Can you help? We need tins of all different shapes and sizes please

If you have any empty tins with lids i.e. biscuit, chocolate, crackers, drinking chocolate,we would greatly appreciate these in the Purple Room for matching activities and sorting by shape.

News from the Parents Association

Please come along and join us at our first meeting of the year, this Wednesday 18th January here in the Rainbow Room at 7.45am. We always welcome new people and appreciate any help you can give. We are a friendly group and our meetings are fun and informal.

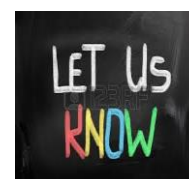
Our first event of this term will be a **Bag2school** collection on 24th Jan.

Your chance to de-clutter and at the same time help raise money for the school funds. Bags have already been given out but there are many more if you need them. Bags can be filled with clothes, soft toys, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags for this event. You can bring your filled bags in on the 23rd January (please not before as we do not have space to hold them).



Change of contact details

Please let the office know immediately if you change any of your contact details - i.e. address, tel. number, email.....It is imperative that we have all your current up to date details especially in cases of emergencies and getting important information through to you. There are green forms in Reception for this purpose. Many thanks.





**POLITE REMINDER FROM JULIE MARSH
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Thank you to those parents/carers who have already paid this term's voluntary contributions.

However, there are still quite a number of **outstanding voluntary contributions**. (£25 per term, which can be paid half-termly or weekly to suit). We would value payment of these ASAP. Please call in the office if you have any queries about these or are unsure of what you should be paying.

We are continuing our 'Walk on Wednesday' campaign to encourage everyone to keep fit and enjoy some quality time together. Embrace the winter weather (wrap up warmly) and 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 winter progresses. It won't be too long until we see some signs of spring!



**Car Parking at Oxhey Early Years Centre
Keeping Everyone Safe**

Our car park has limited capacity so please do not expect to have a parking space.

If there is no parking place available, please park safely nearby but

Please DO NOT obstruct the pavements or kerbs outside

Eastbury Court

There is plenty of parking in the neighbouring road (Longcroft) and you can then use the pedestrian entrance (Please do not walk across the car park)

Please keep to the following guidelines:

- . Only park in allocated spaces, not on yellow lines
- . Drive very slowly both when entering the car park and when leaving
- . Disabled parking spaces are for disabled badge holders only
- . Find alternative, safe parking on neighbouring roads *but not on the kerbs outside Eastbury Court* as this obstructs pedestrians
- . Beware of children and pedestrians walking or running along the kerbs
- . Always keep your children close by you
- . Do not leave children in your car without an adult supervising them
- . Do not park in designated bays for our elderly neighbours at Eastbury Court
- . We operate a no smoking policy throughout the car park and premises
- . No dogs allowed on site (except guide dogs)
- . **DO NOT** under any circumstance walk across the Car Park -
- . **USE** the pedestrian gate and path

Early Years Club - Play and Learn (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



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 or pick up a leaflet from Reception

You can also follow them 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

Also New at Sunshine Children's Centre - Busy Feet Explorers Music & Movement group
Drop in Session £2 per family every Friday Term Time Only 1.30-2.30pm 2 - 5 yr olds
Phone 01923 254563 for more information

