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Oxhey Early Years Centre

Newsletter - 17th July



It is hard to believe but THIS IS OUR LAST NEWSLETTER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR - 2016/2017. TERM ENDS THIS FRIDAY 21st JULY. I WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY SUMMER & will see many of you in September. To those of you moving on, I wish you happy transitions and every success in your future learning. Do come back and visit us. I look forward to seeing some of you over the summer holidays when our superb Daycare team will be ensuring our children are involved in lots of fun filled activities.

We will also be saying goodbye to Maddie Coates who has been working as the teacher in Blue Room this year. We wish her well with her next appointment. We have appointed a new teacher Helen Davies, who will be joining us in September.

It is forecast to be warm and sunny this week, so as always thank you for observing the sun safety guidelines for your children.

Please note the Centre Closures and opening dates below for all rooms. If you are staying with us in September please double check with your key person or the office for your return date in September as your child may have their own settling dates.

Our last weekly Learning Overview of the term will be emailed to you separately together with the weekly rhyme.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Jane Raphael, who works in the office in the mornings, for all her hard work on the preparation of the newsletters and learning overviews this year, thank you Jane.

Have a good week and a fabulous summer,
Rachel Fagan, Head of Centre



Dates of forthcoming celebrations and events for your diary:

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
Holiday Daycare CLOSED	Mon 28 th - Thurs 31 st Aug
INSET DAYS - ALL ROOMS CLOSED	Fri 1st Sept & Mon 4th Sept
ALL ROOMS OPEN FOR START OF AUTUMN TERM	Tues 5th Sept (check
with your key person to find out if this is your child's start date)	

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



Race for Life

The OEYC ladies team who entered the Race for Life on Sunday 11th June are delighted to announce they raised **£672.25** for Cancer Research. A big thank you to all parents/carers who donated money to the OEYC team.

News from the Parents' Association

The Parents Association would like to thank you all for your support for the Family Fun/Picnic day. The event was very well attended and we managed to raise £307 for the Centre so thank you all very much.

This year you have helped the Parents Association raise an amazing total of over £2,600 which has helped to pay for Christmas gifts for the children, new equipment for each of the rooms, the Zoolab visit, the Living Eggs experience, caterpillars/butterflies and the cultural drama and dance day.

The Parents' Association are in desperate need for new volunteers to start in September. If you can help in any way please speak to Sally Snell (a member of the OEYC staff team & their 'welcomer' every 9am and 1pm) or Sarah Castro-Keable who will continue to lead the team in September. Thank you all once again for your support - The Parents' Association team - Sarah Castro-Keable, Nisha Soni, Katy Swaine (Parents), Sally Snell (Teacher Administrator).



GET YOUR 30 HOUR ELIGIBILITY CODE HERE

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS ACCESSING 30 HOURS IN THE BLUE ROOM FROM SEPTEMBER 2017: **ELIGIBILITY CODES MUST BE WITH US BY 30.8.17**

Please email your code to pa@oeyc.herts.sch.uk or finance@oeyc.herts.sch.uk



Polite Reminders for the end of term

Please remember to take home all your children's work from their folders.

Please remember to return any books you have borrowed from our libraries.

Please have a look through lost property and claim any clothes belonging to

your child.

Please take home any medication, toothpaste, sun cream left with staff.

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REMINDERS FROM JULIE MARSH - FINANCE OFFICER

'Pay-As-You-Go' short sessions



We are now offering pay-as-you-go 3 hour sessions (9am-12noon and 1.00pm - 4pm) for the summer holiday period on Tuesdays and Fridays only. These are on a 'first come, first served' basis as spaces are limited. The cost will be £15 per session. Please book and pay in advance with me - Julie Marsh 01923 330300 opt 2 or finance@oeyc.herts.sch.uk Ad hoc sessions will

be available on the other days of the week and will be charged at the normal rate.

Thank you to those parents who have already paid this term's **Voluntary Contributions**. If you haven't yet paid, the amount is £25 payable by cheque to 'OEYC' or cash or debit card in the office.

If your child has **all year round care**, please let me know the date you wish to finish their booking, otherwise I will assume their last day will be 25th August.

MAY I RESPECTFULLY REMIND EVERYONE THAT ANY OUTSTANDING DEBTS SHOULD BE PAID BEFORE THE LAST DAY OF TERM - FRIDAY 21st JULY





OFSTED QUESTIONNAIRE

If you have not already done so please look at our online questionnaires on **PARENT VIEW**. Please follow the link below and complete a questionnaire. Thank you to those people who have already completed the questionnaire.

Log onto www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk. If you experience any difficulties logging on please let us know. Thank you for taking time to do this.

If you would like to complete this at the Centre ask in the office about a guest log-in.

Hertfordshire Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

'Animal Agents' are coming as part of the 2017 Summer Reading Challenge!

Research shows that the Summer Reading Challenge helps to improve children's confidence with reading and interest in looking at books. It is the UK's biggest promotion of children's reading - last year over 20,000 Hertfordshire children took part - and it's free.

The children are challenged to read six library books or eBooks of their choice during the holidays. For every two books they read, they are rewarded two stickers. When they have completed the challenge, they will receive a wristband and are invited to a presentation ceremony where they will be given their certificate and medal. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to win tickets to an exclusive author event. The Summer Reading Challenge materials are suitable for all ages and for visually impaired children too.

'Animal Agents' packs will be available in all Hertfordshire public libraries from Saturday 15 July while stocks last, finishing on Saturday 9 September

a link to the Animal Agents website can be found at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries



What the children said about last year's challenge

"I really liked it and it was easy and the books were interesting and fun, amazing, wonderful and can't wait until next year." - Samantha Age 8

"I really liked the reading challenge and talking about the books to the library staff." - Martha Age 4

"Fun and exciting challenge this year." - Matthew Age 10

"The reading challenge encouraged me to read more books than I usually would." - Rufus Age 7

"A really great idea to get kids excited about reading and feel special in receiving their certificate and medal." - Mikail Age 6

Summer Activities for the family



If you are looking for activities to do with your children and family over the summer holidays, pick up a copy of 'Families' from Reception or log on to <https://www.familiesonline.co.uk/school-holidays> for ideas and events locally.

Oxhey Group Children's Centres (Ebury, South Oxhey, Sunshine Children's Centre) also have a comprehensive Summer Programme running from 24th July to 1st September. Pick up a programme from reception or from the Sunshine Children's Centre or phone 0208 428 3591 for more information.



Holiday homes for our pet guinea-pigs



We now have most of the holidays catered for our guinea-pigs but we still need a home for the first 3 weeks of the holiday - Friday 21st July to Friday 10th August for Buzz and Woody. If anyone is interested or would like more information, please speak to a member of staff in the Orange Room or Jane Raphael in the office and Blue Room pm.

We can provide hutches, runs, bedding.....and we would ask that you can provide the love and care. If anyone is interested

Are You Ready For School?

Is your child starting pre-school or nursery in Sep 2017?

The Oxhey Group Children's Centres will be holding FREE workshops to help your child practice self-care skills. You need to be able to attend all 4 sessions - 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd August; Times: 10 - 11.30am
Venue: South Oxhey CC, Northwick Road, WD19 6NL

For more information and to book please contact Maira Darr at Sunshine Children's Centre
01923 254563 Maira.darr@pre-school.org.uk



Hiring the Rainbow Room for parties, special events or classes



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 receptionist@oxheyearlyyearscentre.herts.sch.uk

