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Oxhey Early Years Centre

Newsletter - 19th June

Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, Friends and Families,



Adults and children enjoyed the 'Zoolab' visit last week and were able to interact with lots of animals including a snake and a tarantula. Thanks again to the PA fund raising that made this possible.

We are now in the middle of the summer term (the hot weather is certainly reflecting this) and it is so rewarding to see all the progress and learning that children are making. Children always seem to blossom at this time of year and many will be preparing to move on to their new schools or rooms. Over the next few weeks we will be welcoming teachers from our receiving primary schools on

transition visits. Children moving rooms, in Sept, will be visiting their new rooms.

Next week we look forward to celebrating their learning journey with you at our consultation events. Please check with your room or key person for how and when to sign up for these.

Do look at the calendar and note the special dates - coming up **this Thursday** is the **Pyjama Day** - wear pyjamas, onesies or similar attire and bring a **bottle** for the tombola for our

Family Picnic/Fun Day - Friday July 7th 10.30am - 2.30pm. (Don't forget to book time off work for part or all of this 4 hour event, if you can.) Come along too to the Parents' Association meeting this Wednesday 21st June - they are doing a fantastic job organising the Family Picnic Day and they need your help for running stalls etc.

The weather is currently **VERY HOT** so please check our **sun safety guidelines** (below).

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:

Pyjama Day (wear PJs or a onesie) see below	(revised date) Thurs 22nd June
PA meeting- everyone welcome (7.45pm in Rainbow Room)	Wed 21 st June
Parent session 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 30 th June
PA meeting - everyone welcome (7.45pm)	Thurs 6 th July
Family Picnic/Fun Day (everyone invited to this special day- we will also need plenty of volunteer helpers)	Fri 7 th July 10.30-2.30
Last day of term for school and term-time only Daycare	Fri 21 st July
Occasional Day - NURSERY SCHOOL CLOSED	Mon 24 th 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

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.

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.



Thank you for bringing in your bags2school. We raised £44 in the process for the PA funds.



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>



FAMILY FUN DAY

Parents' Association News

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

We will be holding a **pyjama day** - wear pjs, onesies or night attire this **Thurs 22nd June (revised date)** and **donate a bottle** for the tombola for the **Summer Family Picnic/Fun Day**. It can be a bottle of anything but please make sure that whatever it is, **it is in date**.



'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. There is now a box in Reception to collect these. Thank you to

those parents who have already put some in. We have some empty jars in the office if anyone would like one.

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 this **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.



Early Years Club - Play and Learn 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 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