



Oxhey Early Years Centre

Newsletter - 20th February

Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, Friends and Families Friends and Families



Welcome back to everyone after the half term break! Once again thank you to the all year round teams in our Daycare for providing many exciting activities and excellent care during half term. They had a wonderful week together playing and learning inside and outside in the garden. This half-term looks set to be busy with lots of different events. Please check the dates below and make a note in your diary.

Thank you to parents who came in to help with the Maths week. It was lovely to see carers playing games, making junk models, cooking and joining in with lots of other

maths activities. We will be asking for your support again next week for World Book Week - please read below for details. Please remember if you can't make a specific day you are welcome to come in at any time to help in the rooms - just check with a member of staff beforehand.

We are currently looking to recruit 2 new parent governors - see below for more information - I look forward to hearing from you.

The Learning Overview is emailed separately - this includes ideas of how to support your child's learning at home and our weekly rhyme.

Have a good week.

Rachel Fagan, Head of Centre

Dates of forthcoming celebrations and events for your diary:



World Book Week (see below for details)	Mon 27th Feb - Fri 3rd March
Pancake Day - Shrove Tuesday	Tues 28th February
PA meeting (everyone welcome)	Wed 1st March
Cultural Event & Dress up Day (organised by PA) details soon	Thurs 9th March
Hindu Festival of Holi	Mon March 13th
Blue/Purple Room Parent Consultations	Wk. beg. 13th March
Orange Room Parents Social Evening (6 - 8pm)	Thurs 16th March
On-Line Nursery Admissions CLOSES	Fri 17th March
Comic Relief- Red Nose Day	Fri 24th March
Easter Cake Bake Sale - organised by the PA	Fri 31st March
Last day of term for Nursery School & Term-time only Daycare	Fri 31st March
Good Friday - Bank Holiday - <u>ALL ROOMS CLOSED</u>	Fri 14th April
Easter Monday - Bank Holiday - <u>ALL ROOMS CLOSED</u>	Mon 17th April
<u>ALL ROOMS OPEN</u>	Tues 18th April

World Book Week next week - Monday Feb 27th Feb - Fri 3rd March



Next week we will be promoting World Book Week and we are inviting parents and carers to stay and read stories to their children. I know from past years that children really love to have their special adults in to read to them and their friends. Lists will be put up outside the rooms for you to sign up if you are able to stay for a short while and read a story with some children. We look forward to seeing you next week.

Nursery School Admissions

On-line applications for a school nursery place have are now open for children born between **1st Sept 2013 and 31st Aug 2014.**

Application deadline Friday 17th March 2017

Offer date Tuesday 25th April 2017

Accept your place by Wednesday 3rd May 2017

www.herts.direct.org/nurseryadmissions

NB If your child is currently in the Orange/Blue/Purple Rooms, letters have been sent out to you explaining what you need to do with regards your application. If you still have any queries, please speak to a member of staff in the Office. If you require any help with this on-line process please ask in the office and a member of our team will be happy to help.



News from the Parents Association



Thank you to those parents who attended the coffee morning on the Friday before half-term. We raised £40 in the process which will go in the funds to pay for resources for the children and for putting on events such as our forthcoming cultural event on the 9th March (details to follow).

Our next PA meeting is on Wednesday 1st March at 7.45pm here at the Centre. Everyone is very welcome, so do pop along - we are a very friendly group.

To help raise more money for the 'Duck Egg Experience' beginning on the 25th April, there will be a cardboard egg on the door in Reception and for every £1 you donate you may choose a gem to put on the egg and receive a sticker in return. This will be there for the duration of this half-term so please have a look and purchase a gem to stick on.



Parent Governors Needed



We have 2 vacancies for parent governors of the maintained nursery school (Blue and Purple Rooms) Please see the information below:

Are you interested in being a School Governor?

OEYC is made up of a maintained nursery school and a day care provider.

The Maintained Nursery School has a governing body that acts as a

"critical friend" to the Head and Senior Leadership Team.

Our governing body is made up of 4 parent governors, 4 co-opted governors, a staff governor, the Head of Centre and a local authority governor.

We currently have 2 vacancies for parent governors.

What is the time commitment?

The minimum commitment is to attend 1 evening meetings per half term, (usually lasting 2 hours) and you would also need to commit time to reading the papers in advance of these meetings.

You are encouraged to visit the Centre once a term to observe us "in action" and would be given a theme for your visit linked to the Centre Development Plan.

Do I get any training?

The Centre subscribes to Governor training run by the local authority and you can attend training on a variety of subjects at no cost to you. You will be asked to attend a one day Governor Induction training within the first six months of becoming a Governor.

What to do next

Please contact Rachel, the Head, either by speaking to her when you are dropping off or collecting or by email at: head@oeyc.herts.sch.uk or on the phone 01923 330300 option 5.

People with experience in finance/ accounting or people with links to the local community or with experience of working for large organisations such as the NHS, a county council, a big multinational, a large charity would all have skills and expertise that would benefit OEYC.

**POLITE REMINDER FROM JULIE MARSH
TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE FREE
SESSIONS - VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOW DUE**



Thank you to those parents/carers who have already paid this term's voluntary contributions - £25 per term, which can be paid half-termly or weekly to suit. We would value payment of these ASAP. If your child does not do yoga or Woodoaks drama, we would still like a contribution to pay for their healthy snack. Please call in the office if you have any queries about these or are unsure of what you should be paying.



Sainsbury's vouchers for schools

Sainsbury's have now started up their **Active Kids** voucher scheme again. We welcome any vouchers you collect. There is now a box in reception for these. The more we collect the more equipment we can

get for your children. Thank you

We are continuing our 'Walk on Wednesday' campaign to encourage everyone to keep fit and enjoy some quality time together. 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 now an increasing number of things to see (and hear and smell) now that spring is approaching.



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**

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



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: oxheygrouppcc@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!

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

