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Oxhey Early Years Centre

Newsletter - 20th March

Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, Friends and Families



Today is officially the first day of spring and International day of Happiness. Well-being of children, families and staff is a high priority at OEYC and we promote this with children through the learning area of personal, social and emotional development and through all our positive interactions. This week we have our Parent Consultations across the Centre and we look forward to welcoming you to celebrate your child's learning and achievements and to plan for their next steps. Please remember if you cannot make it on this occasion then book an alternative date and time to see your

child's key person. Orange Room parents will be given a questionnaire to complete at their evening. We ask that Blue and Purple Room parents complete the Ofsted questionnaire on Parent View - see link below. We will remind you about this at your consultation too. We finish the week with Red Nose Day - a day for lots of fun and at the same time giving to this worthwhile charity.

The Learning Overview and weekly rhyme is emailed separately

Have a good week.

Rachel Fagan, Head of Centre



Dates of forthcoming celebrations and events for your diary:

Blue/Purple Room Parent Consultations

Orange Room Parents Social Evening (6 - 8pm)

Comic Relief- Red Nose Day

PA Coffee morning

Easter Cake Bake Sale - organised by the PA

Last day of term for Nursery School & Term-time only Daycare

Good Friday - Bank Holiday - **ALL ROOMS CLOSED**

Easter Monday - Bank Holiday - **ALL ROOMS CLOSED**

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Duck Egg Experience

Wk. beg. 20th March

Thurs 23rd March

Fri 24th March

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Fri 31st March

Fri 31st March

Fri 14th April

Mon 17th April

Tues 18th April

begins Tues 25th April

Red Nose Day - Comic Relief

We will be celebrating **Red Nose Day this Friday 24th March** across the Centre - raising money for Comic Relief - a very worthwhile charity. Money collected helps various projects both in the UK and Africa - empowering people's lives in a multitude of ways. We are 'dressing funny for money' so children and staff are invited to wear something funny plus red noses and one way or another we are going to have a lot of fun! Children will also have the opportunity to have their faces painted if they wish. **We ask for a donation of £1 per person.**



News from the Parents Association

Coffee Morning - this Friday 24th March - 9.30am - 11am

We will be holding another Coffee morning in the Rainbow Room this Friday 24th March to coincide with the Early Play and Learning session. Please do drop in from 9.30am onwards and purchase a cup of coffee/tea and a piece of cake. It will be a wonderful opportunity to take time out and have a chat with other parents. All money raised will go towards the PA funds which put on events such as the Duck Egg Experience (see below), our cultural day and our annual visit from farm or zoo animals.



Easter Cake Sale



The PA is running a cake sale on Friday 31st March - and this time it's **Easter themed!** You will be given a plate to take home a few days beforehand and it would be fantastic if you could fill the plate with six (or more) cakes - these can be homemade or shop bought, it's up to you. If they feature bunnies, chicks, Easter eggs, ...even better!

You and your children will then be able to buy a plate back for £1 - raising important funds that will provide activities and treats for the children throughout the year. Please look out for sign-up sheets outside each room over the next week, as we would be very grateful for any help preparing the stall and selling cakes. Thank you once again for all your support

Sponsored Scavenger Hunt

Competition sheets will be coming home with your children soon ready for the Easter Holidays - something fun to do and at the same time help raise funds for special events and for purchasing bikes, scooters, buggies etc.

We hope you have fun collecting treasure and we look forward to seeing your completed sheets after the Easter holiday! Please return sponsorship money and your treasure by **Friday 21st April**.



Parents Association Whatsapp group



Interested parents will get information about our upcoming events and how they can support us (it's not just about turning up to meetings!). Ask in the office about adding your phone number to our group.

Duck Egg Experience

Every year the Parent's Association fund the Duck/Chicken Egg experience that we have in nursery. The children learn so much from watching the eggs hatch and become ducklings or chicks. We need to raise £300 to fund this event, so we have set up a giant golden egg in the hallway. You can make a suggested donation of £1 for your child to stick a jewel on and support this experience. Please ask in the office for your jewel now!



Summer Fun Day



We need to start collecting donations for the raffle which is to be held on the Summer Fun Day in July. 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.

OFSTED QUESTIONNAIRE

Please look at our online questionnaires on PARENT VIEW. Please follow the link below and complete a 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.

Car Park Rules

We would like to highlight 2 of our car park rules for your safety:-

Please remember to use the pedestrian gate and footpath when entering the Centre on foot - **DO NOT** under any circumstances walk across the Car Park.

Please use designated drop off spaces if you come in by car -

DO NOT park on any yellow lines. If the drop-off spaces are full, please park safely on neighbouring roads, *but not on the pavements outside Eastbury Court* as this obstructs pedestrians and restricts access to ambulances for the elderly residents.

Many thanks to everyone for your continued cooperation in keeping everyone safe



We are continuing our 'Walk on Wednesday' campaign to encourage everyone to keep fit and enjoy some quality time together. Walk, cycle or scooter 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. **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 here!



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 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: oxheylgroupcc@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.

Volunteers needed

They are currently also looking for volunteers to help them in a variety of ways, admin, playgroups, maintaining resources.....Volunteering will also help you enhance your CV at the same time supporting a fantastic service.

For more information, please contact Ceres El-Khalifa on 01923 255054

Up and coming workshops and courses:-

Healthy Eating Cookery Course - Wednesday 19th April 10 - 12noon for 5 weeks - Ebury CC

Understanding your Baby's Brain - Wed 26th April 10.30 - 11.30am (1 session) South Oxhey CC

How to look after baby's and your teeth - Tues 13th June 1.30pm (1 session) South Oxhey CC

How to keep your child safe in the home - Tues 4th July 1.30pm (1 session) South Oxhey CC

About Boy's Course (understanding boys development & behaviour) Tues 18th July
9.30 - 11.30am South Oxhey CC

For more information and/or to book a place phone 02018 428 3591

