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Oxhey Early Years Centre

Newsletter - 22nd May

Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, Friends and Families,



Thank you to all parents who came in for the **Phonics Workshops**. They were a great success - with parents commenting on how much they have learned about phonics in the Early Years and how they now feel more confident to help their children at home with the resources and ideas they were given. Many thanks go to Angela for planning and running these workshops so well.

This week, we're very excited about our **Sponsored Walk** and have heard already how some people are getting involved! We still need more help as every child needs to

hold a hand. If you are not working please do sign up. Walking is a wonderful way for your child to encounter their environment as well as promoting their health, well-being and fitness. We love this event! This year we are raising money for **Debra** - a UK charity supporting the debilitating skin condition Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) Please remember to **wear your t.shirts/tops inside out for this event**. Please also remember **parking spaces in the car park will be limited** - see below for further information.

Half-term next week and as usual we hope you have a restful week if you are taking the break, otherwise our hardworking all-year round Daycare team will be here to provide stimulating activities for all the children who stay during the holidays.

The weather is at long last warming up, so please read our Sun Safety Guidelines in this Newsletter to enable every child to keep safe in the sun this summer.

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:

Sponsored Walk in aid of debra- a charity supporting EB (details below) **Tues 23rd May**

Donating Plants - please bring bedding plant donations

Friday 26th May

PA coffee morning -

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Bank Holiday - CENTRE CLOSED

Mon 29th May

Half-term for Nursery School and Term-Time Daycare

Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June

Bags 2 school

Tues 6th June

Zoolab visit [here](#)

Thurs 15th June

Pyjama Day (wear Pjs or a onesie) see below

Fri 23rd June

INSET DAY for staff training all rooms CLOSED

Fri 30th June

Sponsored Walk - WEAR YOUR TOPS INSIDE OUT TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR EB

Tomorrow **Tuesday 23rd May** all the children in our Centre will be taking part in our Sponsored Walk - both mornings and afternoons. Another opportunity to keep fit! We have given everyone a sponsorship form and all the money raised will go to the very worthy charity **Debra UK** which supports children with the skin disorder **Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB)**. We currently have a little boy in Blue Room - Freddie Algate who has this condition. The walk will take us just outside the Centre and through the park. This walk is a wonderful opportunity for children to be aware of their environment, noticing things in nature as well as other points of interest.

We will be wearing our tops/t shirts inside out just like many children who have this condition have to do.

PLEASE BE AWARE PARKING SPACES WILL BE LIMITED, SO IF YOU CAN EITHER WALK TO SCHOOL, OR PARK SAFELY OUTSIDE THE CENTRE AND REMEMBER NOT TO PARK ON THE KERBS LEADING TO EASTBURY COURT.

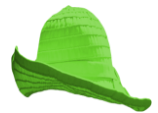
Please return your sponsorship forms together with any money raised into the office by Friday 26th May. For more information on this charity log on to www.debra.org.uk

Many thanks, Sally Snell (Coordinator)

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.



VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR THIS TERM

May we remind all parents that voluntary contributions for the summer term are now due - without these we may not be able to provide the extra-curricular activities such as Woodoaks and Yoga. Half of the contributions go to providing a healthy snack for your child too. Please bring in your payments to the Office **ASAP - £25 for the whole term.**



Children's Group Photographs - Reminder deadline for ordering photos is by Midday this Friday - 26th May.

Please follow instructions on the proofs. Please note the photographs displayed outside reception are the large size 10" x 7". Any orders you wish to make after this date will have to be made directly with the photographer

Guinea-pig Hutch wanted

We need a smallish, single decker holiday hutch (and attachable run if possible) for the Blue Room guinea-pigs. If anyone can help please speak to Jane Raphael (office am/ BR pm) 01923 330300 opt. 1. or email admin@oeyc.herts.sch.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>



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. Please click on the link to find out more www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Parents' Association News



We are once again taking part in **Bag2school** to raise money for the PA. This week each child will be given a bag to take home for you to fill with goods for charity (instructions are on the bag). Some spare bags are available if you need more or you can use bin liners, fill as many as you want to!

The bags can now also be filled with, soft toys, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags. Instructions are on the bag and their website. Collection day for the bags is **Tuesday 6th June** at 9am. Bags need to be at the nursery by this time otherwise they will not be collected. However, please do not deliver them until at least the Monday (the day before) as we have nowhere to store them all!

This is a great scheme to help charity while also helping to raise funds for the nursery. Further information regarding this scheme can be found at www.bag2school.com

Many thanks for your continued support.

Coffee morning

We will be holding another Coffee morning in the Rainbow Room **this Friday 26th May** - do pop along from 9.30am - 11am and purchase a cup of coffee/tea and a piece of cake and take time out to meet and chat with other parents.



If you are interested in being a member of the Parents' Association and didn't make the meeting last week, please talk to Sally Snell (staff member) or Sarah Castro-Keable, Nisha Soni, Katy Swaine (parents of children in the

Purple Room). Even if you cannot join at present, **helpers/volunteers** will be needed for the **Family Fun Day** on **Friday July 7th** so please offer your help to one of these people.

We hope to be running an **ice-lolly/ice-cream/ice-pop sale one day a week** - beginning very soon and 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, 1pm 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, Jane or Fay if you can help.

On **Friday 23rd June** we will be holding a **pyjama day** - wear pjs, onesies or night attire and **donate a bottle** for the **tombola** for the **Summer Fun Day - Friday 7th July**.



We have now started to collect donations for the raffle which is also to be held on the **Summer Fun Day**. 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.



LOTTERY FUNDED

Outdoor Learning Project - Rainbow Room Garden - update

The work continues on this and the 'Clamber Stack' will soon be delivered. It is expected that work on the garden will be completed by mid June.

Meanwhile, Donna Ellis, our Centre Business Manager who has been project managing this would like to thank those parents who have already kindly brought in donations of bedding plants, herbs and vegetable plants to put in the ground. **We would still appreciate some more free donations of plants so if you can help, please bring the plants in by this Friday 26th May.**



Forthcoming courses with HAFLS

Keeping Up With The Children - Early Years English

For parents and carers of Children's Centre children
A chance to learn and support your child's literacy skills
Where: South Oxhey Children's Centre

When: Tuesday 6th June
Time: 9.30 to 11.30 am

This course runs weekly for 5 weeks Call Jo on 01923 255054 or email joanne.hart@pre-school.org.uk to book a place

There is a registration fee of £5.00 per adult for this course

To get the most out of this course you need to have a conversational level of English

Become a Classroom Helper

This course is a stepping stone to becoming a classroom helper/volunteer
Where: South Oxhey Children's Centre

When: Wednesday 7th June
Time: 1.00 to 3.00 pm

This course runs weekly for 5 weeks Call Jo on 01923 255054 or email joanne.hart@pre-school.org.uk to book a place

There is a registration fee of £5.00 per learner for this course



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**

