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Oxhey Early Years Centre

# Newsletter - 26th June

Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, Friends and Families,



The mixture of warm weather together with the fantastic watering our children have done, has meant that many of the seeds and plants children have planted in the allotment areas of the gardens are now flourishing. Many children also had lots of fun with water play last week as we all tried to stay cool.

**'Eid Mubarak' - Happy Eid to those families celebrating Eid-al-Fitr and the end of Ramadan today.**

We are all looking forward once again to the Parent Consultations/Open evenings this week when we can celebrate all your children's learning and achievements and wish you well if your child is transitioning to a new school.

Our **Family Picnic Day - Friday July 7<sup>th</sup> 10.30am - 2.30pm** will soon be upon us. (Don't forget to book time off work for this 4 hour event if you can). **Please note:** Nursery School (Blue Room) and Term time only Daycare will be **CLOSED** on this day. If your child usually has Daycare on a Friday and you wish them to still have this on the Family Fun Day, please let your key person know. In the event of bad weather we may need to cancel and sessions will run as usual (fingers crossed for some dry weather). There will be more information to follow and publicity flyers will be handed out at the Orange Room Social Evening and Parent Consultations. **The Parents' Association team** are doing a fantastic job organising the Family Picnic Day and they need your help for running stalls etc. Please read their column below.

Please note **all rooms** will be **CLOSED** for an **INSET DAY (Staff Training) Fri 30<sup>th</sup> 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:

Blue & Purple Room Parent Consultations	wk beginning Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Orange Room Parents' Evening (5.30pm - 7.30pm)	Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> June
INSET DAY for staff training all rooms CLOSED	Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> June
PA meeting - everyone welcome (7.45pm)	Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> July
Family Picnic/Fun Day (everyone invited to this special day - we will also need plenty of volunteer helpers)	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> July 10.30-2.30
Last day of term for school and term-time only Daycare	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July
Occasional Day - NURSERY SCHOOL CLOSED	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> July
Holiday Daycare begins	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> July
Calendar showing terms dates and holidays for 2017-18 (from September 2017) is now available on our website <a href="http://www.oeyc.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/term_dates.html">http://www.oeyc.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/term_dates.html</a>	

## News from the Parents Association

At our **Family Picnic Day on Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July - 10.30am - 2.30pm** the PA will run a '**Jazzy jars**' stall, a **Bottle Tombola**, a **Raffle** and **Rocking Horse rides** - we will then auction the rocking horse at the end.



Thank you so much for the '**Jazzy jars**' you have already donated - they look amazing. We still need more so if you haven't already done so please get creative. What is a **Jazzy jar**? It's an emptied jar, decorated and filled with sweets, stickers, hair bands..... it's up to you. The jars are sold for £1 each - this is always a really fun and successful way to raise money for the nursery. Have a look at the ones already in Reception or be totally original with your own creative ideas.

Many thanks for all the **bottles** you brought in on pyjama day for our **Bottle Tombola**. If you would still like to donate a **bottle** we would welcome these. It can be a **bottle** of anything you like - soft drink, wine, bubble bath, sauce.....as long as it is un-opened and in date.

We are also looking for **\*Star Prizes\*** for our **Raffle** on the day, so if you or your employer or indeed anyone you know has anything suitable to donate please let us know.

Raffle tickets will be coming home with your children this week. Please follow instructions on the envelope.

We will need **LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS** on the day to man the different stalls. Sign-up sheets are now outside the rooms - there will be half- hour slots running from 10.30 - 12.30. Please do sign up for a slot as we need as much help as possible.

We are all really looking forward to our annual Family Picnic Day - hoping of course that the weather will be fine for this event.

Many thanks from the PA team - Sarah Castro Keable, Nisha Soni, Katy Swain, Anna Johnston (Parents) and Sally Snell (Teacher Administrator).

Please note: Blue Room will be shut on the day. Children should come accompanied by their adults at 10.30am and leave with their adults at 2.30pm when the event finishes. There will be no sessions for Term Time only short session Daycare in the Purple and Orange rooms either and again children should come in with parents at 10.30am and leave with them at 2.30pm.

There will be a **PA meeting on Thursday 6th July** here at 7.45pm. All volunteers and any other interested parents are very welcome. We will also be looking for parents who are interested in becoming PA members in September.

The ice-lolly/ice-cream/ice-pop sales are doing well. We will continue to run these until the end of the term on any warm day of the week. If any parent/carer can help with selling these, please speak to Sally or Sarah Castro Keable (PA) or Jane or Fay (Reception) Many thanks.



## 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](http://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>



## REMINDERS FROM JULIE MARSH - FINANCE OFFICER



Thank you to those parents who have already paid this term's Voluntary Contributions. These are now coming in nicely. If you haven't yet paid, the amount is £25 payable by cheque to 'OEYC Fund Account' or debit card or cash. This goes towards children's healthy snack, 'Drama' and Yoga.

Please let me know ASAP the date of your child's last day, if it is other than the end of term. 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 19<sup>th</sup> August.

## Are You Ready For School?

Is your child starting pre-school or nursery in September 2017? If so can they do the following?

- Change their clothes?
- Use cutlery?
- Sit and listen?
- Carry a tray?
- Choose what food they want to eat?
- Take their shoes and socks on & off?



The Oxhey Group Children's Centres will be holding **FREE** workshops to help your child practice these self-care skills. You need to be able to attend **all 4** sessions.

Sessions will be held on the following dates:

1<sup>st</sup> August

Times: 10am - 11.30 am

8 August

15<sup>th</sup> August

22<sup>nd</sup> August

### Venue:

South Oxhey Childrens Centre  
Northwick Road  
South Oxhey  
WD19 6NL

For more information and to book please contact  
**Maira Darr at Sunshine Children's Centre**  
**01923 254563**  
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## 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](mailto:admin@oeyc.herts.sch.uk)**

