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Oxhey Early Years Centre

# Newsletter - 3rd July

Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, Friends and Families,



We are all looking forward to the **Family Fun Day** this Friday. The weather looks promising too! **Flyers with further information on this day have been given out/parentmailed and detailed programmes will be sent out tomorrow. Please read carefully to find out what is going on and times of the entertainment. If you usually attend for short sessions, then we ask that you attend between 10.30-2.30 on this day instead to join in with the free Woodoaks Creative Play session, family picnic in the garden and free Children's Entertainer show. If you require your usual additional hours of day care and wrap around hours, this is also available to you - please check with your room if you are unsure. Please be aware**

that parking will be very, very limited on site. Please either walk, or find alternative, safe parking **OFF SITE** without obstructing pavements and roads for our elderly neighbours, in case of emergency access. **THANK YOU!** Please try to spend this day with your child, or if you can't make it, perhaps a relative could come to be with your child. **Our aim is that every child will have a parent or special person with them for the event (which is from 10.30-2.30) and to eat a picnic with them (12-1pm).** In the event of bad weather the Fun Day will be cancelled and the usual sessions will run. Many thanks to the Parents' Association who have worked very hard in helping us prepare for this special annual event.

Finally if anyone has a **Gazebo** they can lend us for Friday, please speak to anyone in the office.

Thank you all for your participation in our parent / carer meetings and consultations last week. Your feedback has been really positive with lots of fantastic comments on children's progress and on the way the Centre is run.

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:

**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**

**Welcome to OEYC meeting for all new parents (3 - 4yr olds)**

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> July (7-8pm)**

**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 [http://www.oeyc.herts.sch.uk/news\\_dates/term\\_dates.html](http://www.oeyc.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/term_dates.html)

## 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 have already been sent home with your children. 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 and at present it looks promising.

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 session 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 this Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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>



## Welcome

'Welcome to Oxhey Early Years Centre - Blue and Purple Rooms

This is a meeting for all parents new to the 3-4 year old provision and is on:

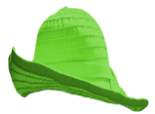
Monday 10th July 7 - 8pm

If you would like to attend this meeting and have not been given a letter, please call in the office for a letter with an attached slip which must be signed and returned.

### 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 - no flip-flops, crocs or flimsy footwear. At this time of the year children engage in lots of outdoor activities - running, climbing, pedalling and footwear must be safe and protective.



**Please ensure shoulders are covered. Thank you.**

Please note as our weather is often unpredictable, do provide a light weight rain mac in case of showers.

### REMINDERS FROM JULIE MARSH - FINANCE OFFICER

Thank you to those parents who have already paid this term's Voluntary Contributions. However we have not as yet received enough contributions to cover the cost of our additional 'Drama' and 'Yoga' activities. If you haven't yet paid, the amount is £25 payable by cheque to 'OEYC Fund Account' or debit card or cash.

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.

**MAY I RESPECTFULLY REMIND EVERYONE THAT ANY OUTSTANDING DEBTS SHOULD BE PAID BEFORE THE LAST DAY OF TERM - FRIDAY 21st JULY**



### Holiday homes for our pet guinea-pigs



Would anyone like to look after our pet guinea-pigs over the summer holidays? We have 2 in the Orange room - Buzz and Woody and 2 in the Blue Room - Shaggy and Pip, so we would require 2 homes. We can provide hutches, runs, bedding.....and we would ask that you can provide the love and care. If anyone is interested or would like more information, please speak to

a member of staff in the Orange Room or Jane Raphael in the office and Blue Room pm.

## 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**

For more information and to book please contact  
**Maira Darr at Sunshine Children's Centre**  
**01923 254563**

**Venue:**

**Maira.darr@pre-school.org.uk**

South Oxhey Childrens Centre

Northwick Road, South Oxhey WD19 6NL



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](http://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: [oxhegroupcc@pre-school.org.uk](mailto:oxhegroupcc@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!

## 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)**