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Oxhey Early Years Centre

Newsletter -6th February

Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, Friends and Families



It is Let's Do Maths Week! (in purple and blue rooms)

It is not too late to sign up to come and join in our play and activities to see how we learn maths through play and exploration We look forward to welcoming lots of visitors: mums, dads, carers, grandmas and grandpas - all welcome (younger siblings welcome too).

Can you believe it is nearly half term already and we wish those families taking a break a restful and fun week next week. We will soon see some signs of spring and hopefully the weather will be mild, although we know it can be very changeable at this time of year.

Meanwhile as usual there will be lots happening here for the all year round children who attend in the holidays.

Nursery School Admissions open today. Some of you at the Centre will have received letters explaining this process and we hope everyone is aware of what they must do. Please see paragraph in this Newsletter for more information or ask in the office.

30 hours - we are continuing to collect information on this to inform our future planning. Thank you to those who have completed the survey

Please read below for all the latest news and information. The Learning Overview is emailed separately - this includes ideas of how to support your child's learning at home and our weekly rhyme. This week's rhymes are about counting and numbers - *1, 2, Buckle My Shoe* and *5 Enormous Dinosaurs*.

Have a good week.

Rachel Fagan, Head of Centre



Dates of forthcoming celebrations and events for your diary:

On-line Nursery Applications OPEN

Let's Do Maths! Parents come and join in the activities

Parents' Association Coffee morning - see below

Half-Term week for school and Term Time only Daycare

World Book Week (come and read a book with children)

Pancake Day - Shrove Tuesday

Mon 6th February

begins Mon 6th Feb - all week

Fri 10th Feb

Mon 13th - Fri 17th Feb

Mon 27th Feb - Fri 3rd March

Tues 28th February



Let's Do Maths

We are having a special 'Let's do Maths' week in the Blue and Purple rooms to recognise and celebrate that maths is all around us. There will be lots of maths activities taking place such as making patterns, measuring, creating shape pictures, reading number stories,



etc. and we are hoping that many of you will be able to spend some time in your child's

room involved in an activity with the children. You will work alongside the members of staff. If you have an hour or two to spare and would like to help out in your child's room during this week, please indicate your preferred day on the sign-up sheets outside the rooms.

Possible activities may include:- Cooking that involves counting and measuring; Making play dough - using shape/number cutter; Junk modelling - discussing 3D shapes and using mathematical language e.g. on top, next to, big, smaller etc; Reading number stories; Threading beads to make repeating patterns; Playing a game e.g. snakes and ladders, dominoes; Creating pictures using 2D shapes; Playing a game outside and keeping score; Number Target practise game outside. Or maybe you have another idea. We look forward to seeing you this week.

Nursery School Admissions

Applications for a school nursery place will open on **Monday 6th February 2017** for children born between **1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014**.

A leaflet detailing information about nursery admissions will be

sent to all parents/carers who are registered with a Hertfordshire GP

Apply online from Monday 6th February 2017

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

Coffee Morning - Friday 10th February - 9.30am - 11am

We will be holding a Coffee morning in the Rainbow Room on Friday 10th February 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 Living Eggs

(watching chicks/ducks hatch), our cultural day and our annual visit from farm or zoo animals.





30 HOURS FREE CHILD CARE IS COMING!

From Sept 2017 Oxhey Early Years Centre will be offering the additional 15 hours free child care that working parents can apply for.

These additional hours are for 3-4 year olds.

To help us devise the best offer for our parents we have an online questionnaire. This has been sent out to parents already. If you missed this and might use the 30 hours in the future then please follow the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/OEYC30HRS>

NOTE: No final decision has been made on OEYC's exact additional 15 hours offer



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

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: oxheygroupcc@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

