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Oxhey Early Years Centre

# Newsletter - 9th May

Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, Friends and Families,



### Support out PA

Our wonderful PA team continue to do a fantastic job and they are having a meeting this week to plan for summer events. Please do come along and support them if you can. Details of the meeting are in this Newsletter.

### Places for 3-4 year olds

Please make sure you have checked your eligibility for the 30 hours offer (see website link below) and given your eligibility code to the office.

### Car Park (see rules below)

Please remember to abide by our car park rules to help us to keep all the adults and children who use

our Centre safe. Please do not park on the double yellow lines and please do not walk across the car park. Even if you park outside the Centre and close to the large double gates you still need to walk around the corner - using the pavements and enter through the pedestrian gate.

Many thanks go to all of you who park carefully and safely and follow our rules.

### Staffing update

A warm welcome is extended to Roksana Lasak who has joined the day care staff recently and will be working as an Early Years Practitioner in the Orange Room and during the holidays.

**Please read below for all the up and coming events.** Once again we are entering a very busy time for events - **this week we have group photos on Wednesday** - read below for further details.

The OEYC Learning Overview and weekly rhyme will be sent out separately. Please read this for all the information about what we are learning in the rooms and ideas to support your children's learning at home.

Have a good week.

Rachel Fagan, Head of Centre

### Dates of forthcoming celebrations and events for your diary:

**Children's Group Photographs**

**Parents' Association Meeting (everyone welcome)**

**Phonic workshops for Blue/Purple room parents/carers**

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

**Bank Holiday - CENTRE CLOSED**

**Half-term for Nursery School and Term-Time Daycare**

**INSET DAY for staff training all rooms CLOSED**

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> May (7.30pm)**

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 2nd June**

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Jun**



## Children's Group Photographs



The photographer will be here this **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May** (morning and afternoon) to take group/room photographs of the children. If your child does not usually attend on this day and you would like them to be included in the photographs, please speak to a member of staff in your child's room.

**Parents' Association meeting this Thursday 11th May - 7.30pm here in the Rainbow Room EVERYONE VERY WELCOME.**

We need help for summer events. We are also looking for new recruits for September to help run the PA. Come along, have some refreshments and find out more. We would love to see you.



If you are interested in being a member of the Parents' Association and can't make the meeting please talk to Sally Woodage (staff member) or Bev Butler parent of child in Blue Room). The Parents' Association is a friendly group who organise so many important fund raising events. The money raised pays for resources and special events (Farm visit, Cultural event.....). Even if you cannot join at present, **helpers/vlounteers** will be needed for the **Family Fun Day on Friday July 7<sup>th</sup>**. If you can help with this event please talk to the above people.

**We are now starting to collect 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



**Please remember our 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.

## Phonic workshops for Blue and Purple Room Parents



Please join us if you can for one of these parent workshops:

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 9.15am - 10.15am OR 1.15pm - 2.15pm**  
in the Rainbow Room.

In the sessions you will find out about how we have been introducing phonics at Nursery and what will be coming next. The session will be interactive and full of ideas to support your child.

Phonics is used to teach the skills of reading and writing in schools.

Look out for sign up lists outside the Blue and Purple Rooms later this week.

## Scholastic Book Fair

**Thank you** for all your purchases - we sold an amazing **£515.23** worth of books which means we can purchase books to the value of **£249.14** for the Centre.



## 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](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

**PLEASE REGISTER FOR UPDATES AT THIS SITE**



### Sponsored Walk

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May all the children in our Centre will be taking part in our Sponsored Walk - both mornings and afternoons. Another opportunity to keep fit! Sponsorship forms will be sent out next week. All the money raised will go to the very worthy charity **Debra** 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. We ask for **as many volunteers as possible** to help us on the day. **All we need is an hour of your time.** There will be a notice outside the rooms this week for you to sign up. 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.

**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.**

Many thanks, Sally Snell (Coordinator).

### 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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:joanne.hart@pre-school.org.uk) to book a place

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





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### Outdoor Learning Project - Rainbow Room Garden

Work is continuing on this, the amphitheatre looks amazing and there are more exciting features being put in place too. We hope to have the garden completed by mid June.

**TESCO** Bags of Help

### Car Parking at Oxhey Early Years Centre

#### Keeping Everyone Safe

*Our car park has limited capacity so please do not expect to have a parking space.*

If there is no parking place available, please park safely nearby but

Please DO NOT obstruct the pavements or kerbs outside Eastbury Court



There is plenty of parking in the neighbouring road (Longcroft) and you can then use the pedestrian entrance (Please do not walk across the car park)

*Please keep to the following guidelines:*

- . Only park in allocated spaces, not on yellow lines
- . Drive very slowly both when entering the car park and when leaving
- . Disabled parking spaces are for disabled badge holders only
- . Find alternative, safe parking on neighbouring roads *but not on the kerbs outside Eastbury Court* as this obstructs pedestrians
- . Beware of children and pedestrians walking or running along the kerbs
- . Always keep your children close by you
- . Do not leave children in your car without an adult supervising them
- . Do not park in designated bays for our elderly neighbours at Eastbury Court
- . We operate a no smoking policy throughout the car park and premises
- . No dogs allowed on site (except guide dogs)
- . DO NOT under any circumstance walk across the Car Park -
- . USE the pedestrian gate and path

### 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

