



Newsletter



January 2020

'Children at Oasis are learners for life'

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the new term. We hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break!

Thank you!

A big thank you to all our Parents for donating a gift for our sound bags. The support we have received from you all has been amazing.

Christmas Fayre/Nativity

A big well done to all the pre-school children for their performance of 'Happy Birthday Jesus', it was fantastic! Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas fayre or bought raffle tickets. Thank you to Karen Whiting, Olivia's Mum from Barclays Bank for match funding! All funding raised is going towards a wide range of block play and holistic resources and equipment. This will provide endless opportunities for a child's imagination to soar while discovering basic math and science principles, practicing problem solving techniques and social skills and building a solid foundation for future education.

Nativity Costume Donations

We are asking if Parents would be happy to donate their nativity costumes to the Oasis Childcare Centre, so that we can gather a nativity wardrobe to be able to provide the costumes on a yearly basis. Going forward this would cut the cost for parents and be one less thing to think about during a busy time of year.

Oasis/British Values

We are working with the staff and children to promote positive Oasis/British Values. Each day at circle time the staff and children will reflect together about wanted and unwanted behaviour and how that makes the children and staff feel. Each week a child will be presented with an award for demonstrating positive behaviour and promoting the Oasis/British Values. This award will be promoted throughout the week and will be shared with parents on collection.

Oasis British Values Star of the Week

Toddler Room

- Lyla Weaver - Helping to put the drinks bottles away for her friends.

Oasis British Values Star of the Week Continued

Toddler Room Continued

- Olivia Whiting - Giving a friend a cuddle when they were feeling sad.
- Lowen Angel - For being very brave when receiving First Aid.
- Thea Morris - Helping her friends find their coats to go outside to play.
- Alfie-Parker Adams- Great listening and taking part in circle time and story time.

Pre-School

- Arlo Stannard - For helping a toddler to get a paper towel to dry their hands.
- Evie Sampson - For handing oranges to peers for snack time.
- Rufus Todd - For sharing his favourite toy with his friends.
- Hayden Hosking - For saying please and thank you at snack and using the Makaton signs.
- Rose Andrew - For helping to put away all the bricks outside.

Australia Day

Monday 27th January is Australia Day. To celebrate we will be learning about Australian animals and landmarks and reading Australian stories with the children.

Chinese New Year

Saturday 25th January is Chinese New Year and this year is the year of the Rat. To celebrate, on Friday 24th January we will be decorating Rat masks with the children and exploring Chinese symbols and numbers. For snack the children will be given the opportunity to try noodles and stir fry vegetables.

Parent Consultation Evening

We will be holding a parent consultation evening for all rooms on Wednesday 5th February from 6.15pm to give you the opportunity to talk to your child's key person and to discuss their progress. Please speak to your child's key person to book an appointment.

If you are unable to attend an evening appointment, there will be 15 minute appointments that can be booked on Wednesday 5th February between 8.00am - 4.00pm. Please speak to the office if you require a day appointment.

Half Term/Funded Sessions/School Lunches

The last funded day before half term is Friday 14th February. Funded sessions resume on Monday 24th February.

Hot lunches will not be available from Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February inclusive, as Ludgvan School will be closed for Half Term.

Makaton

The new 'signs of the week' we will be learning this half-term are as follows:

Baby Room and Toddler Room

- Week commencing 06.01.20: train
- Week commencing 13.01.20: bus
- Week commencing 20.01.20: boat
- Week commencing 27.01.20: bike
- Week commencing 03.02.20: aeroplane
- Week commencing 10.02.20: car

Pre-School

- Week commencing 06.01.20: postman
- Week commencing 13.01.20: farmer
- Week commencing 20.01.20: police officer
- Week commencing 27.01.20: fire fighter
- Week commencing 03.02.20: nurse
- Week commencing 10.02.20: doctor

Our Makaton song this month will be: **Little Peter Rabbit**

Maths Song of the Month

The 'Maths Song of the Month' is: **I can count**

Please speak to a member of staff if you would like a copy of the math song to take home. It will also be displayed on the parents' noticeboard in the reception.

Role Play Areas

Every term each room creates a new and exciting role-play area based on our termly themes and the interests expressed by the children. This term the baby room has created jungle explorers, the toddlers have created a pet shop and the pre-school are under the sea! If your child has any related items, such as story books, props or pictures, then please feel free to bring them in. Your child can share these with their friends at circle times.

Toys from Home

Please could we ask that your child does not bring toys from home into nursery. Toys are easily mislaid within the nursery and we do not always have the resources available at busy times such as lunchtime to look for them. Thank you for your continued support with this matter.

Parents Policy Board

This month the staff have reviewed the Children in Care, Staff Employment, Staff Sickness and Taking of Images Policies. These are displayed on the Parent's Policy Board in the reception area.

We have also compiled a new Dummy Policy (Please see Attached). If you have any comments or feedback about the policies, please speak to a member of staff.

Designated Safeguarding Team

As part of our safeguarding procedures we have a Designated Safeguarding Lead who is **Lorna Trudgeon**, a two Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads who are **Juliette George** and **Briony Sedgeman**.

Mark Fletcher is currently the Designated Safeguarding Lead on the Management Committee.

More information is available in our policies and procedures, which are displayed in the reception area. We also have spare copies for parents to borrow and read at their convenience.

Online Safety

Technology is becoming such a big part of everyone's lives and children and young people spend a lot of time online. Although it is a great way of socialising and exploring new facts, the internet does pose many potential risks to children and young people. Therefore, it is important that we are talking to young children and helping them to understand how to stay safe online.

We have compiled an E-Safety Guidance for Staff and Parents, which can be taken home to read at your leisure. The guidance compiles many useful documents to help parents learn about what children are doing online and how they can make online experiences positive and safe for their children.

The guidance is available from the office and can be borrowed for up to two weeks at a time. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like any further information.

Diary Dates

Parent Consultations

All Room Wednesday 05.02.20

Funded Sessions/Half Term

Last funded session Friday 14.02.20

Start again Monday 24.02.20

Thank you for your continued support.

Lorna Trudgeon