



Newsletter



'Children at Oasis are learners for life'

September 2019

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a lovely summer and are looking forward to the new academic year ahead. We would like to welcome Jade Dunn to the Marazion Oasis team. Jade will be joining the team from Ludgvan Oasis as a Room Leader in the Toddler and Pre-School Room. Jade has a CACHE level 3 Diploma in Child Care and Education and has been at Oasis since 2015.

Job Vacancy

Ludgvan Oasis are seeking: -

- **An experienced Finance Administrator for a minimum of 20 hours per week. Excellent interpersonal and computer skills required.**

Please see our website www.oasischildcare.org.uk for further details and an application pack.

Oasis is committed to equal opportunities in employment and to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. All successful applicants will require an enhanced DBS.

Closing date: Monday 30th September 2019.

Interviews: W/C 14th October 2019.

Feedback from Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to those parents that took the time to fill out our parent questionnaires. We received 50% of them back, which was great. We are keen to ensure that your voice is heard.

The vast majority of parents/carers are very pleased with our setting. Some points highlighted were: 'welcoming, friendly and approachable staff', 'children feel happy, safe and secure', 'free-flow access to outdoor area'. Other comments were 'fantastic staff and environment', 'varied range of interesting and stimulating activities', 'wonderful childcare centre'.

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. Please speak to Briony if you would like more information about Oasis/British Values.

Toys from Home

Please can we remind parents to ensure that your child does not bring any toys, objects or play equipment from home into the setting via their bags. As the staff do not always have the time to check every child's bag, we are asking parents to take on this responsibility. Children will only be permitted to store comforters, nappies and a change of clothes in their bags.

If your child has an object of special interest that would support home to setting learning, please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to work with you to ensure safety procedures are put in place if necessary.

Nursery Rhyme Time

Starting from Wednesday 18.09.18, we will be holding nursery rhyme time in the toddler/pre-school every Wednesday from 11.15am-11.55am during the term time. Pre-school parents/carers can come into the setting and join in with nursery rhymes and stories with the children. Please speak to Briony if you wish to join the session.

If you have a child in the toddler/pre-school who does not attend on a Wednesday, you are welcome to come along with your child to join in with the session.

Animal Day

We will be celebrating Animal Day on Friday 4th October and learning about different animals from around the world. Your child can come into nursery dressed as their favourite animal if they wish.

Bring Teddy to School

On Wednesday 9th October we are celebrating Bring Your Teddy to School Day. Staff and children are invited to bring their favourite teddies into nursery. We will share stories and celebrate with a teddy bears picnic at snack time.

Individual Photographs

The School Photography Company will be here to take individual photographs of the children on Friday 11.10.19 from 1.00pm. If your child does not normally attend nursery on this day you can still bring them along at 1.15pm for their photograph to be taken. If you would like a sibling to be in the photograph, then please bring them to the nursery at 1.15pm. If you have a child at Marazion School who you would like to be in the photograph, then please tell Briony and we will arrange to collect them. Thank You.

Half Term/Funded Sessions/School Lunches

The last funded day before half term is Friday 18.10.19. Funded sessions resume on Monday 28.10.19.

Marazion Oasis will be closed for the school holidays from Monday 21st October 2019 to Friday 25th October 2019. As previously stated, your child is guaranteed a space at Ludgvan Oasis. Please speak to Briony if you require a space.

Hot lunches will not be available from Monday 21.10.19 to Friday 25.10.19 inclusive.

Outdoor Learning

We are really excited to announce that we are working alongside Marazion School and Jo Cooper, our Community Development Worker for outdoor learning, to develop an onsite Forest School area. The area will be accessible to both nursery and school children and will consist of community growing areas, outdoor cooking opportunities including a firepit and pizza oven, fairy dens, tree houses and sensory growing areas. The children will be able to free-flow into the forest school daily, providing them with endless opportunities to learn about fire safety, develop their confidence and self-esteem, learn how to manage their own risks and explore the natural environment to extend their knowledge and understanding of the world.

Keep your eyes peeled for future updates and progress of the area!

Healthy Under 5's

As a 'Healthy Under 5's' setting we provide lots of opportunities to develop the health and wellbeing of the children and their families.

We always encourage the children and staff to eat a healthy lunch and we would appreciate your support in ensuring that children are provided with healthy options in their lunchboxes and that sweet treats are limited. We also ask parents/carers not to provide any nuts or nut products in children's lunchboxes due to choking and allergies. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like any further information.

Makaton

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

- Week commencing 09.09.19: Hello
- Week commencing 16.09.19: Goodbye
- Week commencing 23.09.19: Please
- Week commencing 30.09.19: Thank you
- Week commencing 07.10.19: Snack
- Week commencing: 14.10.19: Drink

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

Please speak to a member of staff if you would like further information about any of the signs we use.

Maths Song of the Month

The 'Maths Song of the Month' is **Sammy Square**

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.

Parents' Policy Board

This month the staff have reviewed the Teaching and Learning Policy, Child Protection Policy, Social Networking Policy and Risk Assessment Policy. These policies are displayed on the Parents' Policy Board in the reception area. If you have any comments about the policies, please speak to a member of staff.

Early Reading

Research shows that stories play an important role in children's learning and development. Sharing stories with children from a young age supports early communication and reading skills and helps to promote lifelong readers. To promote reading across the early years we have provided all children across the age ranges with a book bag. Each day your child will bring home a new story to read before bed. If you would like to keep a story for an extra night, please tell a member of staff when dropping off.

Oxford Owl is an online website that is packed with expert advice, top tips and activity ideas so you can help your child with reading and maths. It provides a wide range of resources and e-books for children across the age ranges. Please follow the link below:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>

Real Heroes <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/together-for-families/real-heroes-read-books/>

Designated Safeguarding Team

As part of our safeguarding procedures we have a Designated Safeguarding Lead who is **Lorna Trudgeon**, and 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.

Diary Dates

World Animal Day - Fancy Dress

Thursday 04.10.18

Bring your teddy to school day

Monday 08.10.18

Individual Photographs

Friday 11.10.19 at 1.00pm

Funded Sessions/Half Term

Last funded session Friday 18.10.19

Start again Monday 28.10.19

Hot Lunches

Not available Monday 21.10.19 to Friday 25.10.19 inc.

Christmas Closure

Monday 23.12.19 to Friday 03.01.20 inc.

Thank you for your continued support.

Lorna Trudgeon