



Newsletter



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'Children at Oasis are learners for life'



Thank You

Thank you to everyone that attended the Toddler and Pre-School Christmas Music and Dance session. It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and grandparents join us for the morning. The children, parents and family members all did a fantastic job with their singing and dancing, so a big well done to all of them!

Thank you to Marazion School for inviting the pre-school children to join them around the campfire to sing Christmas Carols and toast marshmallows. A fun morning was had by all.

Oasis British Values Star of the Week

- Buster - for helping his friends put away the bricks.
- Rosenwyn - for showing good listening skills and helping the adults at snack time.
- Mason - for using good manners when asking for an apron.
- Arlo - for sharing the balls with his friends outside.

Makaton

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

- Week commencing: 02.12.19: Christmas Tree
- Week commencing: 09.12.19: Father Christmas
- Week commencing: 16.12.19: Reindeer

Our Makaton song will be: **Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer.**

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

Wanted

If you are having a pre-Christmas tidy at home and have any of the following items that are in good condition, we would love to have them to assist the children with developing their role play and problem-solving skills:

Pots and pans, tubes, funnels, barrels, guttering, planks of wood, small screwdrivers and hammers, spoons, cooking utensils, baskets, plastic cups and plates, tents, tarpaulin, buckets, jugs, sieves, tape measures, pegs, blankets, sheets, duvet covers, watering cans, mallets, material, bowls, paint brushes (big or small), paint rollers and sponges. Anything you can spare would be very much appreciated. Thank you.



Important Diary Dates Reminder

Christmas Baking Week

Monday 16.12.19 to Friday 20.12.19

Christmas Closure

Monday 23.12.19 to Friday 03.01.20 inc.

Funded sessions finish on Friday 20.12.19 and resume on Monday 06.01.20

Maths Song of the Month

The 'Maths Song of the Month' is: **3 Ducks**

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 Complaints Policy, Whistleblowing Policy, Special Education Needs Policy and Serious Accidents 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.

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.

Childcare Choices

Childcare Choices brings all the government childcare offers together and provides a simple way for parents to see which schemes are available. An explanation of all government childcare support is available on the Childcare Choices website:

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Using the website's Childcare Calculator, you can quickly find out which of the offers are available to you and choose what works best for your family:

www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator

Please speak to Briony if you would like further information about any of the government childcare schemes.

Designated Safeguarding Team

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

We have compiled a Safeguarding Guidance, entitled 'Keeping Your Child Safe', to help staff and parents learn about simple conversations to keep children safe from abuse. The guidance is available from the office and can be taken home to read at your leisure.

Pre-School Parent/Grandparent Duty Rota

If you have a child or grandchild in the Pre-School and would like to be more involved at the setting, then please speak to Lorna. We could accommodate one parent/grandparent per morning and would organise it on a rota basis. You would be supported by the Pre-School staff and would have the opportunity to help with cooking activities, read a story to the children or join in with our favourite nursery rhymes. All regular volunteers will require a DBS and suitable references.



Everyone at Oasis would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lorna Trudgeon (Senior Centre Manager)

