



# Newsletter



*'Children at Oasis are learners for life'*

**October/November 2019**

## Plastic Free School (PFS) Refill Van Visit - Incredible Bulk

As part of Marazion School's Plastic Free School initiative, a 'Zero Waste Refill Shop' will be in the school car park on 15<sup>th</sup> November, between 2pm - 3.30pm. You can bring your own containers and refill cleaning products and dry goods saving single use plastic waste. This event is open to the whole community so please share and invite family and friends. **If every family makes one small change the impact would be immense.** The Refill Van visits will continue every third Friday in the month if this event is well supported. Please support this Marazion School PFS initiative and help our planet. A list of available products is displayed in the reception area.

## 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 Briony. 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.

## Parent Helpers

We are looking for any parents/carers who would be willing to come into the setting and share their occupations with the children. With the support of the staff, you could make a short visit to the setting to talk to the children about your role as a nurse, firemen, police officer, pilot, doctor, lifeguard, farmer, builder, dentist, optician etc, providing them with first-hand opportunities to develop their knowledge and understanding of different occupations. If anyone would be interested, please speak to Briony. Thank you for your support.

## Christmas Closure - Marazion and Ludgvan Oasis

The Oasis will be closed for Christmas, from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020. **Funded sessions finish on Friday 20.12.19 and resume on Monday 06.01.20.**

## Christmas Music and Dance Session - Toddler and Pre-School Children Only

We will be holding a Christmas Music and Dance session at Marazion School Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 9.30-11am. All parents are welcome to join us for a sing along and light refreshments (please let Briony know if you are coming). If your child does not normally attend Marazion Oasis on this day but you would like to come to the Music and Dance Session, you are very welcome to join us at the School Hall at 9.30am.

## Christmas Baking Week

Our Christmas Baking week will be Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. The children will all have the opportunity throughout the week to bake Christmas treats to bring home.



## Children in Need

Children in Need is on Friday 15.11.19. To raise money on the day your child can come to nursery dressed as their favourite superhero if they wish. If you would like to make a donation there will be a collection pot in the office. Thank you for your continued support.

## Oasis British Values Star of the Week:

- Tegen Harvey - Always being kind and considerate towards others and helping her friends to put on their coats.
- Orla McNeill - Helping at tidy up time and sharing her toys.
- Isla Dunn - Sharing dolls with her friends in the role-play and being kind to others.
- Willow Baker - Being kind to others and sharing out the plates at snack time.

### Healthy Under 5's - Autumn Safety

Autumn is here, and like the other seasons it brings its own set of safety challenges - such as protecting your family from carbon monoxide poisoning as the heating is switched back on.

RoSPA has collated a range of advice to help keep you and your family safe, whether at home, at work, at play or on the road. Please follow the link below for more information:

<https://www.rospa.com/Resources/Hubs/autumn>

### Community Reading Project

We are going to be introducing a Community Reading Project where members of the local community will be invited into the setting on a weekly basis to read stories with the children. These opportunities will support the children's communication and language development and extend our links within the local community. All appropriate Safeguarding/DBS checks will be completed. If you would like any further information or would be interested in joining the project, please speak to Briony. All regular volunteers will require a DBS and suitable references.

### Makaton

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

- Week commencing 28.10.19: Outside
- Week commencing 04.11.19: Toilet
- Week commencing 11.11.19: Play
- Week commencing 18.11.19: Sing
- Week commencing 25.11.19: Book
- 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: **Twinkle Twinkle Little Star**. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like further information about any of the signs we use in the setting.

### 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 is available from the office and 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. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like any further information.

### Maths Song of the Month

The 'Maths Song of the Month' is:

November: **5 Little Peas**

December: **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.

### Contact Details

Please could you complete the contact details form attached and return to the office. This helps us to ensure that we have up-to-date contact details in case of emergencies. Thank you.

### Parents' Policy Board

This month the staff have reviewed the Capability Procedure, Disciplinary Procedure, Emergency Procedures when on a trip & English as an Additional Language 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.

### 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.

### Diary Dates

**Children in Need - Superhero Fancy Dress**

**Friday 15.11.19**

**Road Safety Week**

Monday 18.11.19 to Friday 22.11.19

**Christmas Music and Dance Session**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30-11am at Marazion School Hall

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Lorna Trudgeon**