



# Newsletter



Spring 2021

*'Children at Oasis are learners for life'*

Hello Everyone, we hope you are all keeping well and safe!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for all their hard work during these unprecedented times. We have an amazing team here at Oasis and I am very proud of each and every member of the team.

## Oasis Management Committee

Would you be interested in joining the Oasis Management Committee? We are looking for another parent who has skills/knowledge in education or Finance. Please speak to Lorna if you are interested.

## Home Learning

Please visit our website [www.oasischildcare.org.uk](http://www.oasischildcare.org.uk) to view our updated home learning information.

There are many fun ideas and activities to help you support your child's interests and learning at home. Please do not hesitate to contact Briony direct if you would like any further support.

## Half Term/Funded Sessions

The last funded day before half term is Friday 12.02.21. Funded sessions resume on Monday 22.02.21. Marazion Oasis will be closed for the school holidays from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February. As previously stated, your child is guaranteed a space at Ludgvan Oasis. Please speak to Briony if you require a space.

## Chinese New Year

Friday 12.02.21 is Chinese New Year and this year is the year of the Ox. To celebrate we will be decorating Ox 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.

## Story Boards

Every term each room creates a new and exciting story board based on our termly themes and the interests expressed by the children.

This term the baby room are following the story of "Old Mac Donald". This interactive story has supported the babies with sharing stories, exploring sounds, develop their listening and attention, learning about different animals, exploring different textures, and creating musical masterpieces.



The Toddlers and Pre-School are following the story of "Supertato". This story has provided opportunities for children to learn about fruits and vegetables and explore healthy food choices. It has also developed their understanding of size, shape, and measure, provided opportunities to count 0 to 10 forwards and backwards and recognise numbers. This story has also provided opportunities to learn new words and phrases, support the use of simple sentences, begin to develop an understanding of positional language and create music and dance routines. Fantastic sharing and turn taking was demonstrated by all when using a variety of textures and materials to create their display.



## Maths Song of the Month

The 'Maths Song of the Month' is: **5 Little Dinosaurs**

Please contact Briony in the office if you would like a copy of the math song emailed to you.

## Oasis British Values Star of the Week

- Hugo Donohoe - being kind towards others and sharing his toys.
- Honey Hunter - being helpful and helping to tidy away the toys.
- Joshua Jarman - always using good manners and remembering to say please and thank you.
- Harrison Dunn - helping to put away the toys at tidy up time.

## Makaton

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

- Week commencing 25.01.21: cow
- Week commencing 01.02.21: rabbit
- Week commencing 08.02.21: sheep

Our Makaton song this month will be: **Old Mac Donald**



## Collecting Your Child at 12 noon

If you are collecting your child at 12 noon, could we please ask that you are in the reception area ready to collect your child on time. Hot lunches are served at 12pm and all available staff are needed to support the children who are staying for lunch. It can also be upsetting for your child if they have to wait while the other children are eating their lunch.

## Covid Winter Grant

Many families are facing financial hardship due to the impact of the pandemic and many are struggling to put food on the table, stay warm, and buy essentials. Cornwall Council has secured a government grant to provide additional financial and practical help for families. The Covid Winter Grant can be used to provide financial help to any households who are facing financial hardship and who would benefit from this support.

The conditions of the grant specify that financial help can be given in the following areas:

1. Energy and water bills for household purposes (including drinking, washing, cooking, central heating, and sanitary purposes) and sewerage.
2. Food
3. Other essentials (including sanitary products, warm clothing, soap, blankets, boiler service/repair, purchase of equipment including fridges, freezers, ovens, etc.)

All grants must be allocated by the end of March. To apply for the Covid Winter Grant, please use the contact information below.

For items relating to home heating such as fuel bills or breakdown in heating equipment such as oil tanks or boiler repair please contact Community Energy Plus by emailing [advice@cep.org.uk](mailto:advice@cep.org.uk) or phoning [0800 954 1956](tel:08009541956).

For help with food and other essential household items visit our website here:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/crisis-and-care-awards/>

For Families with children under five Health Visitors have direct access to vouchers which can be given to families for immediate use, please direct families to Health Visitor advice line on 01872 322779 or email

[hvsnadvice@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:hvsnadvice@cornwall.gov.uk)

## Diary Dates

### **Funded Sessions/Half Term**

Last funded session Friday 12.02.21

Start again Monday 22.02.21

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**Lorna Trudgeon, Senior Centre Manager**