



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.

Staff Changes

Due to professional development after October Half Term Emily Wallis will be taking on the challenge of leading the Toddler Room and Sharon Preston and Laura Richards will be leading the Baby Room.

Job Vacancy

We 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.

Keeping Your Children Safe

Driving onto School Premises

For those of you who may not be aware, for health and safety reasons, you are not permitted to drive onto school premises between 8.30am and 9.00am and 3.00pm and 3.30pm when the school children are being dropped off and collected. Also, could we please remind parents/carers to only park in the yellow accessible parking space if you have either a blue badge parking permit or a Ludgvan School Parking Permit.

Ludgvan Community Path Project

Oasis Childcare Centre, Ludgvan School and Ludgvan Community Centre have worked in partnership to create a path to help with tackling onsite parking issues. The path provides a safe route for young children and parents/carers to access the Oasis and Ludgvan School. We are encouraging all parents to park in the Community Centre car park and walk across the path and through the school play area to access the Childcare Centre and School. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like further information.

Tots In The Trees

Please see attached handout - Forest School Adventures for your Children.

Feedback from Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to those parents that took the time to fill out our parent questionnaires. We received 75% 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'.

Nursery Rhyme Time

Starting from Monday 30.09.19, we will be holding nursery rhyme time in the pre-school every Monday 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 the office if you wish to join the session. If you have a child in the pre-school who does not attend on a Monday, you are welcome to come along with your child to join in with the session.

Tempest Photographs

Tempest will be here to take individual photographs of the children on Thursday 03.10.19 from 8.30am. If your child does not normally attend nursery on this day you can still bring them along at 10am 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 10am. If you have a child at Ludgvan School who you would like to be in the photograph, then please tell the office and we will arrange to collect them. Thank You.

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.

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.

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

Makaton

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

Baby Room

- 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 **milk**
- Week Commencing 14.10.19: **water**

Toddler Room

- 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 **happy**
- Week Commencing 14.10.19: **sad**

Pre-School

- Week Commencing 09.09.19: **apple**
- Week Commencing 16.09.19: **orange**
- Week Commencing 23.09.19: **banana**
- Week Commencing 30.09.19: **tomato**
- Week Commencing 07.10.19 **pear**
- Week Commencing 14.10.19: **grape**

Our Makaton song this month will be: **Old McDonald Had a Farm**

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.

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.

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 Lorna. Thank you for your support.

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**, 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

Nursery Rhyme Time - Every Monday from 11.15am - 11.55am during term time. First session 30.09.19.

Tempest Individual Photos - Thursday 03.10.19

World Animal Day - Fancy Dress: Friday 04.10.19

Bring your teddy to school day: Wednesday 09.10.19

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 inc.

Thank you for your continued support.

Lorna Trudgeon