Newsletter

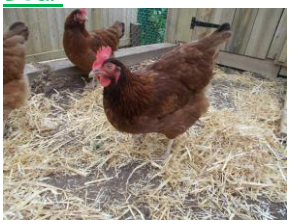
April 2018

'Children at Oasis are learners for life'

Oasis Chickens

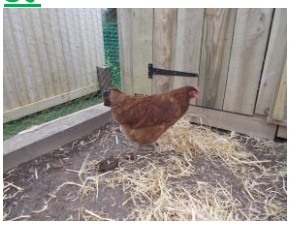
We would like to say a big thank you to Jack Old's mum and dad (Jenny and Pete) for our chickens. They have settled into their new home really well and, as you may have noticed, the children are starting to take home eggs each day! The chickens are helping to teach children about responsibility and empathy for animals. In the next couple of weeks once they have fully settled, the children will start going into the coop with the adults to help with daily tasks such as feeding, cleaning the coop and collecting eggs. We look forward to the future learning opportunities that they will offer!
We would like to introduce you to our new additions:

Bear



Strawberry

DJ



Huxley

Neville

Maths Song of the Week

We are going to be introducing a 'Maths Song of the Week'. Each week we will learn a new Maths song with the children to support them with counting, numbers, shape and measure. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like a copy of the weekly maths songs to take home. These are also displayed on the parents noticeboard in the reception.

- Week 1 Commencing 16.04.18: Five Currant Buns
- Week 2 Commencing 23.04.18: A Tall Silver Rocket
- Week 3 Commencing 30.04.18: I Can Count
- Week 4 Commencing 07.05.18: Three Ducks
- Week 5 Commencing 14.05.18: Five Little Peas
- Week 6 Commencing 21.05.18: Five Little Speckled Frogs

Transition

Pre-School transition is fast approaching. Nursery staff and primary staff will work together to ensure transition periods into schools are as smooth as possible for the children. The Pre-School children will be actively encouraged to visit their chosen reception class to participate in play sessions, story time and physical activities. At Oasis we will also be providing daily transition opportunities for the older Toddler Room children to visit the Pre-School. They will visit the pre-school on a daily basis, both in the mornings and afternoons, to join in with large group circle times. Once the pre-school children start visiting their chosen reception classes the older Toddler Room children will have further opportunities to visit the pre-school room and participate in play sessions and the daily routine. Babies will continue to undertake transition into the Toddler room as each individual is ready. These opportunities aim to provide positive transition experiences for all children to support their well-being and promote 'life-long' learning skills. Please speak to your child's key person if you would like any further feedback on transition.

Funded Sessions/Hot Lunches

The last funded day before half-term is Friday 25.05.18. Funded sessions resume on Monday 04.06.18. Hot lunches will not be available from Monday 28.05.18 to Friday 01.06.18 inclusive.

August Closure

Our annual closure will be Monday 20.08.18 to Monday 03.09.18 inclusive. This incorporates the August Bank Holiday and our annual training/cleaning day. Oasis will reopen on Tuesday 04.09.18, refreshed and ready for the autumn term.

Parents Storytelling Workshop

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. We are working with Pat and Chris from MADE to hold a storytelling workshop for staff and parents on Wednesday 02.05.18, from 6.30pm at Oasis. The workshop will focus on interactive storytelling skills that support reading with young children. Please let the office know if you would like to attend.

Wenna's World Play Dates

A magical journey of play featuring art, song, dance... and cake. Pat, Chris and their team from MADE are holding Wenna's World workshops for parents and children (aged 2-6 years) at the Acorn Theatre in Penzance.

Children are invited to come and play with Wenna and her friends as they set off on a magical journey. They will start with some art and then there will be an opportunity to sing and dance together in Wenna's World. The session will finish with a Wenna cupcake party! We think it might be raining so please bring your wellies! Places are limited so please book early through the Acorn Theatre on 01736 363545.

The workshop dates are as follows:

- Summer 2018 – Wednesday 25th July, 2.00pm-4.15pm
- Autumn 2018 – Sunday 18th November, 2.00pm – 4.15pm

Online Safety Training Evening for Parents and Staff

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 will be hosting an Online Safety Training Evening here at Oasis on Thursday 07.06.18 from 6.30pm. The training will be delivered by Caroline Brixton from CB Consultancy and will cover topics such as safe use of the internet, social media and online gaming. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss any concerns you may have with regards to online safety. The evening will also provide an opportunity for you to network with other parents. If you would be interested in attending, please speak to the office staff.

We also have 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.

Parents' Policy Board

This month the staff have reviewed the Sun Protection Policy. This policy is displayed on the Parents' Policy Board in the reception area. If you have any comments about the policy then please speak to a member of staff.

Sun Hats and Suncream

Now that we are beginning the summer term could we please ask all parents to provide a named sun hat and suncream of at least factor 30 for your child. We would really appreciate parents applying the first application of suncream before their child comes to nursery. Thank you.

All Stars Cricket

All Stars Cricket is a brand-new initiative from the England and Wales Cricket Board aimed at providing children aged five to eight with a great first experience in cricket. The initiative gives children the chance to play, learn great skills and meet new friends! Ludgvan Cricket Club will be running 8 weekly sessions on Friday evenings, 5.30pm-6.30pm from 11th May – 29th June. To register or to find out more information about All Stars Cricket, please visit www.allstarscricket.co.uk or ask to speak to Lorna or Kirra.

Tempest Group Photographs

On Tuesday 12.06.18 Tempest will be with us to take group photographs of the children.

If your child does not normally attend nursery on this day you are more than welcome to come along with them and stay for the photograph.

The photographs have been scheduled as follows:

Baby Room	9.30am
Toddler Room	9.45am
Pre-School	10.00am

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

Storytelling Workshop with MADE

Wednesday 02.05.18 from 6.30pm

Funded Sessions/Half Term

Last funded day - Friday 25.05.18

Funded sessions resume – Monday 04.06.18

Online Safety Training

Thursday 07.06.18, 6.30pm at Oasis

Thank you for your continued support.

Lorna Trudgeon