



# Newsletter



*'Children at Oasis are learners for life'*

**September 2018**

## **Welcome Back!**

We hope you all had a lovely summer and are looking forward to the new academic year ahead. We would like to welcome Chloe Winterbottom to the team. Chloe will be joining the team as a Nursery Assistant and has previous experience working with children across the age ranges.

## **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.

## **Nursery Rhyme Time**

Starting from Wednesday 26.09.18, we will be holding nursery rhyme time in the pre-school every Wednesday 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 Wednesday, you are welcome to come along with your child to join in with the session.

## **Parents Comments and Suggestions**

Everyone at Oasis values your opinions and we welcome your entries in our comments book and suggestions box, both of which are located in the reception area for your use.

We would also like to make you aware that we display your feedback and thank you cards in our reception area. If you would prefer for your feedback to remain confidential, speak to Lorna or use the private comments box in the reception area.

## **Toys from Home**

Please can we remind parents to ensure that your child does not bring any toys, objects or play equipment from home into the setting via their bags. As the staff do not always have the time to check every child's bag, we are asking parents to take on this responsibility. Children will only be permitted to store comforters, nappies and a change of clothes in their bags.

If your child has an object of special interest that would support home to setting learning, please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to work with you to ensure safety procedures are put in place if necessary.

## **Makaton**

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

### **Baby Room and Toddler Room**

- Week commencing 10.09.18: Hello
- Week commencing 17.09.18: Goodbye
- Week commencing 24.09.18: Please
- Week commencing 01.10.18: Thank you
- Week commencing 08.10.18: Snack
- Week commencing: 15.10.18: Drink

### **Pre-School**

- Week commencing 10.09.18: Fruit
- Week commencing 17.09.18: Apple
- Week commencing 24.09.18: Pear
- Week commencing 01.10.18: Orange
- Week commencing 08.10.18: Banana
- Week commencing: 15.10.18: Tomato

Our Makaton song will be: **Little Peter Rabbit**

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

## **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.

### 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.

### Safeguarding - Let's talk PANTS (Underwear Rule)

With the help of NSPCC's friendly dinosaur Pantosaurus, talking PANTS is a simple way to teach your child how to stay safe from abuse. NSPCC's singing dinosaur video is a great way to introduce PANTS to your child. We will be introducing the Pantosaurus video to the pre-school children over the next few weeks. They'll love singing along with Pantosaurus and it'll help them learn the key PANTS messages. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like further information on Pantosaurus and the Let's talk PANTS campaign.



Follow the link below to sing along with Pantosaurus and to access NSPCC's fun activity packs:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

We also have a Safeguarding Guidance for Staff and Parents entitled 'Keeping Your Child Safe', which includes further information about the 'Talk PANTS Campaign'. This can be taken home to read at your leisure. The guidance compiles many useful documents to help parents learn about simple conversations to keep your children safe from abuse.

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. Thank you.

### Parents' Policy Board

This month the staff have reviewed the Child Protection Policy, Health and Safety Policy, Manual Handling Policy and Social Networking 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.

### Fundraising Committee

If anyone would be interested in joining our Fundraising Committee please speak to Juliette George who runs the committee.

### 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/>

### 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.

### Wanted!

We are collecting empty washing powder boxes to create large scale construction blocks for the children. Any donations of empty washing powder boxes would be very gratefully received. Thank you.

### Diary Dates

#### **Nursery Rhyme Time**

Every Wednesday from 11.15am - 11.55am during term time. First session 26.09.18.

#### **World Animal Day - Fancy Dress**

Thursday 04.10.18

#### **Bring your teddy to school day**

Monday 08.10.18

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

Last funded session Friday 19.10.18

Start again Monday 29.10.18

#### **Ludgvan School Inset Day**

Monday 29.10.18

#### **Hot Lunches**

Not available Monday 22.10.18 to Monday 29.10.18 inc.

#### **Christmas Closure**

Monday 24.12.18 to Friday 04.01.19 inc.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**Lorna Trudgeon**