



# Newsletter



April 2019

'Children at Oasis are learners for life'

## Thank you!

Jack Olds brought in Dotty his Shetland pony to meet his friends at nursery. Dotty helped the children learn about how to take care of a pony and care for animals. She also helped the children learn about safety hats and how to ride a pony and trap. The children enjoyed exploring the texture of Dotty's coat and mane, learning about her hooves, teeth and facial features. Like the children at Oasis, Dotty was very kind and gentle during her visit. A big thank you to Jack and Jenny Olds (Jack's mum) for taking the time to organise the visit.

## 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.

**Parents/carers are very pleased with our setting.**  
Some points highlighted were: 'the staff are amazing', 'kind, caring and enthusiastic staff', 'my child has developed close bonds with staff', 'warm, welcoming and friendly atmosphere', 'home from home environment', 'the staff are happy, engaged and approachable'. Other comments were 'safe and secure environment', 'wide selection of activities inside and outside', 'happy and excellent learning opportunities', 'friendly, attentive staff', 'my child has enjoyed guest visits - Canon Nigel, MADE, Farmer Pete', 'my child loves every minute of being at nursery'..

One parent has suggested more visits and trips.

Therefore, in line with this year's actions plans, we have extended our contacts within the local community. To date the children have experienced on-site visits from the local Police Community Support Officers, local farmer, Dotty the Shetland pony, MADE and Forest School sessions. Over the summer term the children will also have the opportunity to visit Longrock beach, The Minack Theatre, Penzance Fire Station, Wallis Farm etc. Further information to follow.

If you have any other suggestions, please feel free to speak to a member of staff. We are always looking for ways to improve and develop the setting and value your thoughts and opinions

## 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.

## 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 24.05.19. Funded sessions resume on Monday 03.06.19. Hot lunches will not be available from Monday 27.05.19 to Friday 31.05.19 inclusive.

## August Closure

Our annual closure will be Monday 19.08.19 to Monday 02.09.19 inclusive. This incorporates the August Bank Holiday and our annual training/cleaning day. Ludgvan Oasis will reopen on Tuesday 03.09.19, refreshed and ready for the autumn term.

## Online Safety - Keeping Your Children Safe

Please see attached online safety handout to support you with parental controls and online safety in the home environment. Our IT Consultant, Aaron Wilson, is available onsite on a weekly basis to provide parents with support and advice about setting parental controls. Please speak to Jen in the office or Lorna if you would like some help or support.

## Parents' Policy Board

This month the staff have reviewed the Illness Policy, Inclusion Policy and Sleep and Rest (including Cot Death) Policy. These policies are 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.

## 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. We have attached a 'Healthy Lunchbox! Guide', which is also displayed in the reception area. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support.

## Maths Song of the Month

We are introducing a 'Maths Song of the Month'. Each month 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 monthly maths songs to take home. These are also displayed on the parents noticeboard in the reception.

- May: Ricky Rectangle

## Makaton

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

### Baby Room and Toddler Room

- Week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> April = Mummy
- Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> April = Daddy
- Week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> May = Brother
- Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May = Sister
- Week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> May = Friend

### Pre-School

- Week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> April = Postman
- Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> April = Police Officer
- Week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> May = Firefighter
- Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May = Nurse
- Week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> May = Doctor

Our Makaton song this term will be: If you're happy and you know it.

## 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.

## Traffic Light System - Supporting Positive Behaviour

At Oasis we recognise that all children are individual and believe that all children have basic needs. We are aware that different behaviours might be occurring for a variety of reasons and believe it is the behaviour that is challenging and not the child. Our Behaviour Management Policy outlines the strategies we use to support children's behaviour, including the traffic light system which we use to support positive and negative behaviour. The system works by using the visual symbols of:

- Red for stop
- Yellow for wait or listen
- Green for go

This system works effectively to positively manage children's behaviour and encourage them to stop and listen when needed. We support the use of the traffic light system by also using them in a fun way during daily activities such as 'stop and go' whilst running, dancing or playing the musical instruments. If any parents would like a set of traffic lights to use with their children at home or further information on behaviour strategies, then please feel free to speak to Lorna or Juliette.

## Red Nose Day

Thank you to everybody who made a donation for Red Nose Day. We raised a total of £14.

## All Stars Cricket - Active and Healthy Children

All Stars Cricket provides boys and girls from 5-8 years old with 8 weeks of non-stop fun. The activity and game-based programme is suitable for all skill levels, providing your child with the foundations to begin a lifelong love of physical activity and cricket, while making friends in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Ludgvan Cricket Club will be running 8 weekly sessions on Friday evenings, 5.30pm-6.30pm from 10<sup>th</sup> May - 28<sup>th</sup> June. To register or to find out more information about All Stars Cricket, please visit [www.allstarscricket.co.uk](http://www.allstarscricket.co.uk).

## Absence/Sickness

Please can we remind parents to phone the office if your child is sick or not able to attend nursery. If your child is not in nursery and we haven't received a phone call, then we will contact you direct. We are legally required to keep a record of attendance, therefore need to ensure that we have a record of children's absences. Thank you for your continued support.

## Diary Dates

### Funded Sessions/Half Term

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**Lorna Trudgeon**