

Otley Under Fives

Newsletter



Christmas 2023



Merry Christmas Everyone!

I can't believe I am saying this already, but its almost time to end our 2023!!

We have had an amazing term and I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped our nursery this term. From fundraising to joining in with our events, we are ending the year on a high. I know this year has had some ups and downs, and my biggest appreciations to all that have helped through it all supporting us.

Our Dino teddy has made it to even more houses and has been on his first overseas adventure! His home is getting more and more pictures of his lovely memories with the children. If your child has not had a visit yet, please don't worry we have a list, and everyone will get a turn. If there is a particular date you would like him, please let us know so we can arrange this.

Guardian Gathering. This will be our Christmas Party on the 20th of December from 2-3pm. You are all invited, guardians to, just a reminder if your child does not usually attend that sessions you will need to stay or book them in extra please. We have got a list of helpers bringing in food so no extra charge will be needed. There will hopefully be a small performance done by the children, then games, music, crafts and food afterwards, and to finish a special someone will be coming!!!

Visitor. This month we have been visited by Rev. Gail from Otley Church! She came and told us the story of the nativity to children and then had some crafts and toys for them to explore after. All the children sat so well through the story and had lots of fun getting messy afterwards.



Clothing. With the cold weather here please can I remind parents and guardians to pack their children warm winter coats, winter hats, and warm clothing.

Lastly but not least, I hope you all have an amazing Christmas Holiday and New Year, from all the staff at Otley Under Fives.

Our last day is Wednesday the 20th of December. The email will be monitored over the holidays if you did need to contact us.

Hot Lunches

A slightly altered menu has been created for the next half term.

This will be sent as a separate attachment with the newsletter email.

Hot lunches are £2.75 per child per meal. If you do wish for your child to have a hot lunch, please let us know at least 1 week before. This charge will be added to your invoice.

School Leavers 2024.

May I remind all parents who children are leaving for school this coming September, to make sure they have applied for their schools. The deadline is the 15th of January 2024.

For all information please go to <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-primary-school-place-2024-2025>

Funding

If your child will turn 3 this term, they will receive 15-hour funding after the Christmas holidays, starting in January. We also offer 30-hour funding so please do check if you are eligible by following this link: <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

You can also check to see if you are eligible for 2 year funding by following this link www.suffolk.gov.uk/two

We part of the tax-free childcare scheme. Please apply for this by visiting <http://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account>

We also accept childcare vouchers.

The government has stated they will be creating 15 hours funded childcare for 2 year old of working parents starting April 2024. If you are interested or need more information please speak to Cathy or following the link below:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

Reminders

Please see a list of things that all children will need each day at nursery:

- Winter/Raincoat
- Empty Drinks Bottle
- Weather appropriate shoes
- Multiple Spare Clothes
- Nappies, Wipes, Cream (if required)
- Slippers / Indoor Shoes (for grip / warmth)

Please can these items be labelled.

Our Spring Term starts on Thursday the 4th of January, we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best regards and Many Thanks from Cathy and all the Team at Otley Under Fives.



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