



Otley Under Fives Newsletter



Spring 2 – February 2024

Welcome Back!

I feel like time gets quicker and quicker as we are now into the second half of the spring term.

Dino is almost ready to go on his second round of adventures! If anyone has a particular date they would like to take him home for please let management know.

Guardian Gathering. Our next event will be for our Easter Eggstravaganza. Date for your diary is Tuesday the 26th of March 2-3pm, and as always everyone is invited to join in. There will be an Egg hunt in our garden, special craft activities and we will be joined by some fluffy friends for the day.

World Book Day. Thursday the 7th of March is national world book day. Please feel free to bring your children in to nursery in fancy dress of their favourite book character, and a book they would like to read during the day. We will have a special cake and book stall to raise money for our garden project.

Refer and Friend. Don't forget about our refer a Friend Scheme. Any current parent who's children attend this setting (School children too) are eligible. If you refer anyone to us and they start at Otley Under Fives, after 2 months £20 will be credited to both of your account. The number of referrals is unlimited until we have no more space! Any questions please speak to Cathy.



Committee Members. We are a committee run nursery and our lovely team of parent committee volunteers are hoping to get some new members. If you would like to take the step to become a committee member, would like to speak to one of the team to see what its like, or just like some more information, please let Cathy know.

Inspirational Speaker. We will have a very exciting experience for the children on Wednesday the 6th of March doing a special French lesson. We have a lovely company called Kidslingo, who are going to come in and give the children a free 30 minuet French lesson, at 10am.

WOW moments. We would like to celebrate the childrens wow moments by creating a space for their achievements. If you child has done anything you would like us to know about, please fill out they slip and bring it back it us, we shall then mention it at circle time and add it to our board.

Donations. We have found a lack of spare clothing in our boxes. If you are getting rid of any trousers or leggings ages 3-4/4-5 for girls or boys, we would greatly appreciate anything you can spare.

Hot Lunches

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 a month in advance or on the next months for any additional lunches.

As before all meals are home made by staff on the day.

School Leavers 2024.

We have started our school transitions for the children who hope to go to Otley Primary. These will be every week on either Thursday or Friday morning to allow all children a turn.

There will be a timetable on the office window for you to check when your child is going.

The children not going will be doing more school preparation activities in nursery.

Funding

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 follow the link at the bottom:

If your child will turn 3 this term, they will receive 15-hour funding after the Easter 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.

<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 (underwear, tops, bottoms etc)
- Nappies, Wipes, Cream (if required)
- Slippers / Indoor Shoes (for grip / warmth)

Please can make sure all these items be labelled.

Our term ends on Thursday 28th of March for the Easter Holidays, Returning Monday 15th of April.

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

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