



Otley Under Fives Newsletter



Spring Term 1 – Jan 2025

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and new year with your loved ones. We are starting 2025 with a few changes and lots of excitement as well!

Staff update.

Our deputy manager Amy has finished her time with us and is starting a job in a nursery closer to home.

We wish her all the best in her new position and are excited to welcome our new deputy manager Michaila who will be starting this term with us. I know you will all make her feel welcome to our lovely setting and she is excited to meet you all too!!

Updated Menu

Please see the door of the lobby or the file attached to the newsletter email with our updated menu for this term.

Post fire update.

Last term Otley Primary School suffered a fire in their main building causing severe damage forcing their closure. It was a difficult time for all involved and we would like to thank all parents and families for their continued support of our nursery. We are open as normal and including our wrap around clubs. I know I emailed current parents the risk assessment for entering our setting, I shall send this to all new parents as well. For those that have not confirmed in writing or have signed the physical copy, please can you do so on or before your first drop off, of the new year. If you need any help or have any questions, please speak to Cathy, thank you.

Indoor Shoes.

Can I please ask all parent to bring in some form of indoor slippers or shoes for the children to wear in the setting. One thing that was highlighted after our fire evacuation was that footwear. We still wish to keep outside shoes out of the setting for hygiene reasons but also wish to keep little feet safe in the chance of any future evacuations. These are welcome to either stay here or go home each day. Please can they be labelled. We do have some spares at nursery we could use for those who may not have any at the moment.

Hot Lunches

Hot lunches are still £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. Our refreshed menu for the new term is now available!!

Dates for your diary.

7th Jan – Welcome Back

20th Jan – Penguin Awareness Day

25th Jan – Burns Night

29th Jan – Chinese New Year

14th Feb – Valentines day

Funding

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 are 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.

To see what options you may be eligible for please visit:

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

Please make sure you check and confirm you information when requested by the government or the funding will not be available for the next term.

Reminders

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

- Raincoat/Sunhat
- 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.

Kindest regards

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