



NEWSLETTER

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Oakengates Nursery School

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EXCITING NEWS!

We are pleased to announce the opening of our brand new 'Rising 2's' room for children aged 15-24mths. This will allow our older babies experiences and opportunities to practice and develop those new challenges and skills ready for when they move into Toddlers.

Parents of the baby room who have children moving into the 'Rising 2's' will be visiting the room in the week commencing 3rd June and the room will officially open on the 10th June.

ATTENTION PRESCHOOL PARENTS!

We would like to invite you to our preschool reading workshops on **Tuesday 4th June 2019**.

There is an opportunity to see how we teach the acquisition of phonic skills and reading at our nursery. We will also share useful information and strategies that will help you to support your child at home. Your child will be sent home with a letter. Please return the reply slip to the office indicating your preferred session. The options are 9.00-10.00, 12.30-1.30 and 5.00-6.00.

Please note that these are parent-only sessions and your child cannot attend unless already booked into nursery at the time of your chosen session.

GRADUATION

We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our leavers with ceremonies on 16th and 17th July at 10am and 2pm.

Please reserve your seats (maximum 2 per child) by contacting the office.

Graduation photos will be taken on Friday 7th June. Please let the office know if you do NOT wish your child to have their photo taken.

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Have you visited our new website yet? Please take a look and let us know what you think. The newsletter will be posted weekly on the home page.

Term dates for funded children 2019

Monday 3rd June to Friday 19th July 2019
If you would like to make use of the summer holiday club, please register your interest with the office to help us to gauge demand.

PD Day Monday 2nd September -

Nursery closed to funded children except those on 30 hours stretched offer.

Term begins on Tuesday 3rd September

Please remember your snack donation of £1 a week!



CHANGES TO BOOKINGS

Please can we remind parents that we require 2 weeks' notice for any booking changes or requests for additional sessions. This will enable us to check availability and ensure accurate billing. Please make requests in writing, either by email to Oakengates.admin@taw.org.uk or by hand to the office.

Cancellation of sessions requires a four-week notice period.

LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY COLLECTIONS

We would like to remind parents that every late arrival or early collection means that your child is missing out on valuable learning, and that the learning of other children is disrupted.

Office staff have been asked to ensure that there is a valid reason, so please bring along your appointment cards etc to show staff, and please bear in mind that you may need to wait before staff are able to collect your child.

Toddler Room

Our focus story will be '*Camping and Travelling*'.

We will be exploring how to build a fire using natural objects, talking about safety and discussing the items we would need to go camping. As part of our role play will be pretending to toast marshmallows on a fire, and will make hot chocolate in the snack area.

We will be exploring different ways cars, boats and trains move using sand, ramps and sensory areas. We will use sticks, soil, grass and sand to create natural paints to make marks.

Brenda Bear will be going home with Lorraine's blue group this week.

Preschool

The pre-school team would like to wish you all a lovely and hopefully sunny half term!

When we return on Monday 3rd June 2019, our theme will be travelling and camping.

In the sunshine room we will be investigating how to make a car using junk modelling resources, and different types of wheels. Which would be the best material to use?

In the café we will be making 'damper bread', a bread traditionally baked in the embers of the camp fire. The children will be able to choose their topping.

Our role play area will be a camp site, where the children can use their imagination to have a sleepover, cook on the BBQ or camp fire and play games.

Our rhyme of the week will be 'Campfire Hokey Cokey'.

Baby Room –weeks commencing 28th May and 3rd June

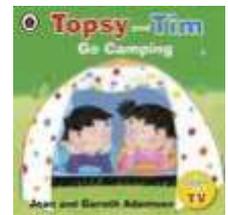
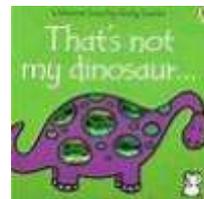
Our themes will be 'Dinosaurs' followed by 'Camping and Holidays'.

We will share the book '*That's not my dinosaur*', discovering the different textures, and then '*Topsy and Tim Go Camping*' by Jean and Gareth Adamson

We will be playing with the cars and putting them in lines and we will be placing balls into cake tins.

Our rhymes will be **The dinosaurs go marching** and **I'm driving in my car**. Staff will be making a song box to accompany each song.

Outside we will be making obstacle courses for the babies to move through, crawling through tunnels and climbing steps and sliding down our slide.



Please contact us by telephone or email if your child is ill or if you are going on holiday. This way we will know why your child is absent and there will be no need to contact you. Thank you for your support in this matter.

PLEASE CAN PARENTS ENTERING THE BUILDING TO COLLECT THEIR CHILD ENSURE THAT THE INNER DOORS CLOSE FULLY BEHIND THEM.

Any medication you bring in for your child **MUST** have a prescription label with your child's name on the box/bottle/tube. There will then be a parent consent form for you to complete for staff to administer medicine on site.

CAN YOU PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL CLOTHING IS NAMED.

We advise that children do not bring their own toys or other special belongings into nursery due to the risk of them being misplaced.