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Welcome to the Summer Term!



Dear Parents,

Welcome!

Welcome back from the Easter break – we hope you all had an amazing time.

This term, we will be looking at 'Summer' with outdoor activities such as gardening, walks along the bridal paths and to the local park. We will also be preparing children starting school in September. We will be celebrating many events on the lead up to the Summer Holidays such as: The Queen's Jubilee, Leavers celebrations and World Bee Day! (Dates to be confirmed).

Facebook pages

Please check out our Facebook page, Oaklea Montessori Ramsey ([Oaklea Montessori Ramsey | Facebook](#)). As a team, we are learning British Sign Language (BSL) alongside the children with a 'Sign of the week'. To keep you updated so you can join in at home, these are highlighted on our Facebook page beginning of each week. We will also be updating our 'Helping Hands'. If there are any services you could offer to support Oaklea, it would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to the Office if you have anything to offer... Thankyou! *Friends of Oaklea Montessori* - Please also join our Facebook group 'Friend's of Oaklea Montessori' for current parents and staff. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1638495183041210>

Funding

You can find out more information regarding funding available and tax free childcare at: [Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Free Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK](#). We also encourage you to contact Employers for Childcare. They offer free, impartial and confidential advice to parents on the financial support available towards childcare costs. hello@employersforchildcare.org or 0800 028 3008 (Mon-Fri 9-5).

Parking

Please be aware we are working alongside the school to keep our car park as Oaklea's and the Children Centres parking only. We are doing all we can to ensure school cars remain parked outside of Oaklea's premises. We kindly remind all road users to drive with caution in and around our car park. Additionally, please only park in the marked bays, keeping the path and access to the bins clear. Thank you in advance for adhering to this.

Clothing

As the weather will be warming up, **please ensure your child arrives at nursery with sun protection already applied**. For those staying for the whole day, we will reapply cream at lunch time. We will use Nivea Factor 50 cream, so you do not need to supply any (and save it from being lost). Please advise us if your child needs a different cream (such as if they have allergic reactions to the brand). Please also dress your child in suitable clothes and footwear for the summer. Light weight long sleeves are the best protection. Please avoid flipflops; children often trip wearing these. We advise they continue to wear wellies or crocs with easy to put on slippers or plimsols when indoors. Outdoors is such a rich learning environment for young children, and we encourage free flow throughout the day. Please remember to bring in slippers (or similar inside footwear) is packed in your child's bag at every session. This keeps your child's feet nice and warm and protects our Nursery flooring. Additionally, for fire drills, this keeps your child's feet safe in emergencies. Please also remember to pack plenty of nappies, nappy bags and wipes for your child's whole session.

Payments and Late Collection Fee

We kindly ask that if you require extra sessions not included in your funding entitlement, any existing balance outstanding on your account is paid in full.

Additionally, we are sure you can all appreciate our staff work to times and ratios, and when there is a late collection, it has a knock-on effect to staff finishing times. Therefore, we will have to use Late Collection fees to cover the cost of staff working extra until your child is collected. We ask you to let us know as soon as possible if you are running late to pick up your child so staff can make alternative arrangements if needed. Failure to do so will incur a penalty fee. We appreciate sometimes it is unexpected and out of your hands

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and we appreciate these times do occur. When you collect late, you will be asked to sign a late collection form and informed of any penalty charges and care costs.

Term Dates and booking sessions

I am sure you appreciate that staffing for holiday periods needs careful planning. For this reason, we remind those of you who wish to book additional sessions in the holidays.

The dates for making requests for holiday bookings are set out below:

The final day to book sessions in the May half term (Monday 30th – 1st June) will be Friday 16th May.

Requests can be emailed. Thank you for your understanding.

And here is a reminder of the term dates:

Summer Term 2022:

Tuesday 19th April to Thursday 21st July 2022

Half term week, commencing Monday 30th May

Summer holidays Friday 22nd July – 2nd September

Return for the Autumn term on Monday 5th September 2022

The nursery will be closed for:

May Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May 2022

Jubilee Bank holidays: 2nd and 3rd June 2022

Summer Bank holiday 29th August 2022

and finally...

We wish you a wonderful start to the Summer term 2022! Do check out ParentZone to see what your child gets up to whilst exploring at Oaklea – we love to see your entries too!

Best Wishes,

Miriam, Dana and the Oaklea Ramsey Team