

Oaklea Montessori Ramsey - 29/01/2024



Dear Parents/Carers

### [2024!](#)

What a wonderful start to the Spring term we have had, it has flown by! Christmas seems such a long time ago but just wanted to say a huge thankyou from all of us for our wonderful cards and gifts, we all appreciate them so much!

We have had so much fun this month, welcoming back our returning children, and meeting new friends who have all settled in so beautifully.

### [New Provider- Harwich Connexions, Noah's Nursery](#)

As I'm sure you are all now aware, Harwich Connexions-Noah's Nursery will be taking over Oaklea Ramsey from the Summer term. Staff are meeting with the manager and Trustess of Noah's, it is still very early days however we will keep you all updated with the handover process as soon as we know more.

### [Clothing](#)

With the seasonal changes and spending time each day outdoors, please remember to arrive at nursery with your child dressed suitably for the weather (wellies, coats, hats and gloves). Please make sure they have indoor shoes such as slippers and a change of clothing inside their bags. Outdoors is such a rich learning environment for young children, and we encourage free flow throughout the day as well as starting each session outside. Please make sure all clothing is named.

Also please ensure if your child wears nappies that they have nappies, wipes and cream (if needed) in their bags.

Don't forget, all clothes left behind are placed in the front entrance on the lost property shelf.

### [Absences](#)

Although nursery attendance is not statutory, it is important for parents/carers to report their child's absence to nursery on the first day. Nursery must follow guidelines set out by the local authority regarding the regular attendance of all children. Please report all absences on our landline number 01255 880135 or drop us an email on [admin@oakleamontessori.co.uk](mailto:admin@oakleamontessori.co.uk). Thank you for your understanding.

### [Reminder no mobile phones](#)

Parents collecting children / visiting the nursery are kindly requested to keep any personal cameras, mobile phones or any other recording equipment in their pocket or bag. Parents or visitors who either arrive using a mobile phone or take a call on a mobile will be asked to end their phone call or leave the premises.

## **Focus of the week!**

We are going to start introducing a 'focus' each week. Basing this on the childrens interests and upcoming events. Over the next few weeks our focus will be...

- Healthy eating week
- National story telling week (27<sup>th</sup> Jan – 4<sup>th</sup> Feb)
- Childrens mental health week (5<sup>th</sup> Feb-11<sup>th</sup> Feb)
- Chinese new year
- Shrove Tuesday (Pancake day)
- Valentines day

If any of our parents/carers have any ideas, suggestions or would like to get involved with any of our focuses. Please get in touch, we'd love to hear from you!

## **Stay and play – Chinese new year!**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 10:00-11:45

We will be hosting another Stay and Play session, themed around the upcoming Chinese New Year! We would love to invite up to two adults per child to join us for a morning of fun activities! If you would like to attend please let us know by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb by emailing [admin@oakleamontessori.co.uk](mailto:admin@oakleamontessori.co.uk)

## **Availability**

Over the past week we have been looking at our occupancy. We have some availability across all three rooms for sessions to be increased from April. We have also opened our occupancy for September. If you would like to increase your sessions please drop an email to [admin@oakleamontessori.co.uk](mailto:admin@oakleamontessori.co.uk).

## **Dates for your diary**

**Staff Training Day – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**, the nursery will be closed for ALL Children, as your staff will be updating their Safeguarding training.

**Good Friday: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** - Closed for All Children.

**Easter Monday – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April** - Closed for All Children.

**Easter Holidays – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April** (Closed for term time children).

As always, thank you to you all for your support over the last few months. We have an exciting time ahead of us as we transition to being taken over by Harwich Connexions – Noah's Nursery. We look forward to continuing to provide your children with a nurturing environment, with days full of exploring, discovering and learning.

Yours sincerely,

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Setting Manager

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Deputy Manager