



Dear Parents,

*Happy New Year! & THANK YOU!!!*

Welcome back after the Christmas break. We hope you enjoyed a lovely Christmas and New Year. Thank you for all your Christmas good wishes, gifts and cards. They have meant so much to us all!

Thank you also to everyone who came to St John's Church for our Christmas celebration. It was very special, and we thank the church for welcoming us. A small group of children thoroughly enjoyed singing to the elderly on the last day of term too. We hope this can become more of a regular event – watch this space.

Thank you also to all of you who have been posting photos and observations through Parentzone to add to your child's learning journey. There are some wonderful things happening and it is a delight for us to share them with you.

### *Topic*

We start our new topic of Real-Life Super Heroes in our communities. Please discuss these important professionals with your children. Ideas for home include visiting the library to find a book about these professionals, roleplay with dressing up clothing and searching for emergency vehicles when you are out and about. Talk to your children about what to do if there is an emergency and who to call.

We hope to host a variety of visitors to nursery. If anyone has anything they can contribute or knows a real-life superhero who might like to share their experiences with the children, please let us know.

We would also welcome other ways you may like to be involved. Perhaps you would like to come in and enjoy a lunch with your child, read a favourite story or show off a hobby - football skills, knitting, playing the guitar... Just let us know and we will book you in!

### *Clothing*

We will be noticing the seasonal changes happening by spending time each day outdoors, so please remember to arrive at nursery with your child dressed

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suitably for the weather (warm wellies, coats, gloves). Please make sure that named slippers and a change of clothing are inside their drawstring bags. Outdoors is such a rich learning environment for young children, and we encourage free flow throughout the day. It's best to name all items if you can.

### *School Admissions*

The deadline for primary school applications for 2020 is 15<sup>th</sup> January. As soon as you have confirmation of a place, please let us know so that we can invite class teachers to meet your child in a familiar setting.

### *Term Dates and booking sessions*

We are delighted to share that we will be open in February half term on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February** and **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February**. If there is enough interest, we may be able to open on additional days.

I am sure you appreciate that staffing for holiday periods needs careful planning. For this reason, we ask those who wish to book additional sessions in the holidays to give at least half a term's notice (although we understand that this clearly is not possible for February half term). The dates for making requests for holiday bookings are set out below:

**The final day to booking sessions in the February half term (Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February) will be Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January.**

**The final day for booking sessions in the Easter holidays (6<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April) will be Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February.**

**The final day to book sessions for May half term (Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> May) will be Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April.**

Requests can be emailed to [stjohns@oakleamontessori.co.uk](mailto:stjohns@oakleamontessori.co.uk). Thank you for your understanding.

And here is a reminder of the term dates:

Spring Term 2020:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

Half term break Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

Summer Term 2020:

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Half term commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

The nursery will be closed for May Bank Holiday. This year it is on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May** (for VE day)

### *Celebration Hour*

Some of you will be receiving invitations to attend your child's Celebration Evening. If you are unable to attend, please let us know as staff often come in or stay on specially to facilitate these meetings.

*Bits & Bobs*

Unless your child needs a comforter, we would politely ask you to leave your child's toys at home. This is to prevent them from getting lost or broken.

We hope to celebrate World Book Day on March 5<sup>th</sup> – more information to follow.

*and finally...*

We wish you a wonderful start to 2020!

Yours sincerely,

*Hanni Heather*

*Martina Mehen*

*Caroline Allen*

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*Setting Managers*

*Managing Director  
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## Spring Term 2020

<b>Weeks beginning</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>A few ideas for home - Enjoy &amp; bring in for your child's journey book!</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Refuse Truck Drivers</b>	Involve your child in sorting rubbish. Go for a local walk on rubbish collection day. Look at packaging and find the recycling label. Go for a litter-pick and talk about protecting the environment.
<b>27<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Police and Lollipop people</b>	Watch how the lollipop person keeps the children safe What number do we call in an emergency? Say 'hello' to a local community police person
<b>17<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Firefighters</b>	Visit a fire station on an open day Explore a hose - what can you water like firefighters do? Talk about fire safety around the home e.g. candles and matches. Talk about the Australian bush fires.
<b>9<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Doctors, nurses and health care professionals</b>	Role play with a poorly teddy and put a bandage on them. Talk about the different roles in health care. Visit a home for the elderly
<b>30<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Vets, animal rescue and working dogs</b>	Do you have a pet at home? What do you do to keep them healthy? Explore Braille Visit a zoo, farm or animal rescue centre.