



OSCARS Newsletter ~ January 2017

Happy New Year !!

Thank you for all our cards and gifts, they were very much appreciated 😊



The waiting list for siblings to start school in September 2020 is now open. Please don't assume that siblings will automatically get a place here at OSCARS, they need to be on the waiting list. Make sure you request and return the form asap. If you know of anyone who may need our service in the future please pass on our details. Children attending other schools are very welcome to come to us for holiday playscheme.

February Playscheme booking forms are now available from the desk and online. There is a separate booking form for an inset day on Monday 20th February

SAFE GUARDING

This newsletter is mostly about safe guarding as our last Ofsted report gave us outstanding for the 'Well-being of our children' and for us to maintain that ranking we need to tighten up some safe guarding issues.

MOBILE PHONES



When collecting your children please can you refrain from using or even looking at your phone when on OSCARS premises. We know this seems a bit extreme but we would like to share this news item from OOSA [Out of School Alliance] with you "a club was graded as 'Inadequate' because the Ofsted inspector spotted a parent checking his text messages whilst he was waiting inside the club to collect his children. The inspector decided that this was evidence that staff were not implementing the club's safeguarding policy correctly." If you need to use your phone please do so outside only.

For your information staff are not permitted to use their phones and they are kept in lockers.

PHOTOS may not be taken. If you would like a photo of your child whilst they are at OSCARS please ask the staff who will take it on the club camera for you.

NON-ATTENDING It is most important to let us know if your child will not be attending OSCARS on their booked session;

- If your child has been sent home from school
- If your child did not attend school that day



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- If your child was due to an after school club but is not attending

Failure to do so invokes our missing child policy. We spend too much time chasing up missing children and our last resort is to call the police. Please remember that in our Rules for Parents [available to view on line at www.oscarschildcare.org.uk] it does state that a fine will be charged if we are not informed of non-attending. Can you also please not ask school to pass on messages regarding this as they are already very busy. Our answerphone is on 24/7 and you can email to oscars.terrapin@btconnect.com we will always acknowledge any emails received.

COLLECTING YOUR CHILDREN

As OSCARS has got busier, but with no extra room, it would be helpful if you could come in, sign out your children and leave as soon as possible. It would also be very helpful if you could reiterate to your child that they need to leave quickly as well. So many adults and children milling around the door creates a hazard. We take it as a great complement that sometimes your children are

reluctant to leave us but this has become a serious issue for staff.

Under the same heading can you please also reiterate to your children what we already tell them about turns on the PS2 and the Wii. Which is "if you arrive to collect them when they are playing on the PS2 or Wii then their turn is over". We always have a long waiting list for these and if your child doesn't get their go we try to let them go on as soon as possible the next time they are in.



In case of any adverse weather please check the blackboard on our website www.oscarschildcare.org.uk for updates or check the answer phone for the latest message.

Please visit our web site to read our [Emergency Closure Policy](#) as this has all the details you need to know if there should be severe weather conditions.

**The next parents' meeting
is set for 7.45 p.m. on
Tuesday 21st February.**

**Please put this date in your
diary as we really do need
you to attend !**