

# Yokerburn Nursery

## Parent Newsletter January / February 2024



### WELCOME BACK

We would like to welcome back all of our Yokerburn families! We hope you all had a wonderful festive break. We are gearing up for an action packed 2024 here at Yokerburn Nursery with lots of exciting times ahead!



### ENTERING THE NURSERY

When entering the nursery we would like to remind all parents/carers not to hold the door open for anyone else. It is important that the staff are aware who is entering the nursery at all times to ensure the safety of the children.

When you are within the nursery it is important that all mobile phones are kept in bags or pockets at all times. This is again to ensure the safety of the children during their time at nursery.

When dropping off and collecting your child we would ask that parents do not enter the playrooms unless instructed to do so by a staff member. Please knock the playroom door and a member of staff will come to the door to take your child into the playroom and bring them out of the playroom at collection time.

If a different person will be collecting your child please inform a member of staff of their name and relation to the child - we can then set up a password to allow us to identify the person.



### STAFF NEWS

As you may be aware Mary is currently off at the moment, Avril is the Acting Head of Centre during Mary's absence.

We have welcomed a new member of staff Billie who will be working with us as a CDO. Billie will be working throughout the rooms so please give her a big Yokerburn welcome when you see her!

Abbie finished up for her maternity leave on 1<sup>st</sup> February - we hope you join us in wishing her well for the new arrival! Good Luck Abbie!

We are currently experiencing low staffing levels due to a number of factors and we would like to express our gratitude and thanks to all parents and carers for their patience and understanding during this time.



### BE PREPARED

Whilst at nursery the children experience many activities both inside and outdoors. The children are given the opportunity to play outside every day, in all weathers. It is important that children come to nursery with the appropriate clothing to ensure they can gain the full benefits of all experiences. Please ensure your child comes to nursery with:

- Waterproof winter jacket
- Wellies
- Hat, gloves & scarf
- At least one full change of clothes

Please ensure all of your child's clothing and shoes are labelled with their name, this helps us to identify any lost property and return it to its rightful owner.



### WINTER ILLNESS

If your child is unwell and unable to attend nursery we would ask that you please contact us by phone on 0141-952-9962 at your earliest convenience.

We would also like to remind parents/carers that if your child has experienced any sickness and/or diarrhoea they must be off nursery for **48 hours from the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea**. This is vitally important to prevent the spread of illness within the nursery.

We would ask that you please consider if your child will be happy to attend nursery when they are unwell. Although children can attend if suffering from a cold or mild illness they may not be feeling themselves within the playroom environment and may not feel entirely comfortable. We would ask that you please consider this before sending your child to nursery unwell.



### ALLERGIES

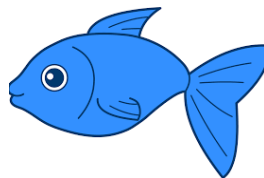
We have children and staff members who have severe allergies within the nursery. The following items must not be brought into the nursery environment:



**Strawberries or  
any strawberry  
flavoured  
product**



**Kiwis or any  
Kiwis flavoured  
product**



**Fish or any fish  
products**



**Pears or any  
pear flavoured  
product**



**Nuts or any nut  
product**

We would also like to remind all parents / carers please **do not send your child into nursery with any food and drink items, either in their hand or in their bags**. It is important that we are able to monitor all food and drink consumed on the premises. Snacks and lunch are provided during nursery hours therefore children are not required to bring anything with them. Any food or drink items found within bags or jackets will be disposed of. Thank you for your support!



### DONATIONS NEEDED

We are trying to make our environment as natural as possible within the play rooms. We would welcome any donations of wooden items such as bowls, rings, cups as well as jam jars, keys, metal utensils or crockery & homewares. Anything you are happy to donate please hand this in to a member of the staff. Thank you!



### SCHOOL TRANSITION

Our first School Transition Evening will be taking place on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February from 5.00pm to 7.00pm.** We would like to invite any parents / carers with children starting Primary 1 in August to join us for an informative session on preparing for school. This will also be the opportunity to meet the Depute Head Teachers from our local schools. This evening is a drop-in session so you are welcome to arrive at any time between 5.00pm and 7.00pm.



### SEESAW

Seesaw is now live and will be launched to all parents in the coming weeks. Parents/ Carers are added to the app using their email address - if you have updated your email address recently please let us know. You will receive an email explaining how to log in and access your child's learning journal. This is our first time using the Seesaw platform so please bear with us whilst we iron out any teething problems. If you have any questions please speak to the office.



### 3-5S LENDING LIBRARY

The 3-5 Rooms have launched their lending library! Children from the Lomond and Nevis Rooms can pick a book each week to take home and enjoy. Each child will receive a book bag to bring their book to and from nursery. Each book bag will also contain a book review sheet - please complete this with your child after reading your book and return it to nursery. Children can keep their book for a week and then swap it for a new one. Return dates for books at **TUESDAY FOR LOMOND ROOM AND TUESDAY & THURSDAY FOR NEVIS ROOM.**



### TOY FUND

Thank you to all parents & carers for their continued Toy Fund donations! These are greatly appreciated and allow us to provide special experiences for the children along with birthday presents, Christmas presents and more! The Toy Fund envelopes are handed out each month from your child's playroom - if you haven't received yours yet please ask a member of staff. Donations can be posted in the Toy Fund box at the main office door.

**THANK YOU!**



### GLASGOW HELPS

Glasgow Helps is a service set up to work directly with the people of Glasgow. They offer free, confidential support, information and advice for citizens on a wide range of issues including: **Food Support, Employability, Mental Health, Physical Health, Fuel Support, Housing Issues** and much more. They will listen to what you need, what your aims are, and work with you to help you to access the right support services at the right time in the right place. Some of you may have met Elaine from Glasgow Helps previously. We now have the lovely Jane as our new Glasgow Helps representative. Jane will be in the nursery on Thursdays to chat to anyone who is wishing to make use of the service. You can also contact them on **0141 276 1185** or at [www.glasgow.gov.uk/glasgowhelps](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/glasgowhelps) We will text our parents & carers to let you know when Jane is in the building and available for a chat. You are also welcome to speak to a member of the management team if you would like a referral to Glasgow Helps for support.

## WELCOME TO OUR PANTRY

### YOKERBURN PANTRY

We have set up our Yokerburn Pantry which is situated outside the main office. We have food items, nappies and clothing all available for those who require it. Please take anything you need in moderation, no questions asked. We are also happy to accept donations of unopened baby formula, nappies, food and unwanted clothing.



### YOKERBURN INTERGENERATIONAL PROJECT

We are delighted to be restarting our intergenerational project with Quayside Care Home! Some Pre-School children will be visiting the care home to spend time with the residents and take part in some fun activities together. If your child is starting school in August and you would like them to take part in the project please speak to the office.



### LONG TERM PLAN

We are currently putting together our long-term plan. If you have any suggestions of anything you would like to be included throughout the year please let us know - this could be upcoming celebrations, cultural holidays or anything else you would like to share - the more ideas the merrier!



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**February Mid-Term Holiday** - Mon 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (TERM TIME CHILDREN OFF)  
Tues 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (TERM TIME CHILDREN OFF)

**February In Service Day** - Wed 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (NURSERY CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN)

A list of all holiday dates for the year is  
available from the nursery office.