

# Yokerburn Nursery

## Parent Newsletter Spring 2025



### REDUCED SERVICE

We would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support and understanding during the current staffing situation. Unfortunately, the situation is still on a week-to-week basis and we will do our best to keep parents and carers updated on the hours we are able to offer each week. Thank you again for your patience and understanding at this time.



### EASTER

We have lots of nice activities planned for Easter time including a special surprise visit from the Easter Bunny (Sssssh! Please keep the secret as we would like the children to get a lovely surprise on the day 😊) The Easter Bunny will be visiting the nursery on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April to give all children an Easter treat. If your child does not attend on this day please feel free to bring them along at 1pm to meet the Easter Bunny and receive a treat.



### DUCKLINGS

After the success of last years chick hatching, this year we will be welcoming some ducklings to the nursery! We will be working with the wonderful team at Incredible Eggs who will be providing us with duckling eggs on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April. The eggs will hatch and the children will have the chance to observe and interact with the ducklings until they return to the farm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. We will keep you posted when the eggs arrive - parents & carers will also be welcome to come and observe the ducklings and hatching process if they wish! The children are already very excited to meet the ducklings and learn all about the hatching process!



### COOKING KITCHEN

After the success of last years cooking kitchen sessions Avril will be running more sessions during the Easter holidays this year! We will be running 2 sessions on Thursday afternoons from 2pm - 3pm during the Easter Term Time break. We would ask that an adult attends with your child for the duration of the session - all ingredients and equipment are provided and you can take home all of your lovely food at the end of the session. If you would like to take part in the sessions please contact the office ASAP to book your slot - we can only offer limited spaces so slots will be available on a first come first served basis.



### SPECIAL PERSONAL ITEMS

We would ask all parents & carers not to allow your child to bring any special items or toys into nursery. We know how precious these items are to the children and we wouldn't want them to get damaged or become lost. Children can also become upset if another child wants to play with their toy so to minimise this we would ask to keep these special items at home. We would also ask that children do not bring any lip balm, lip gloss or make up items into nursery. Many of the children have severe allergies or sensitive skin and therefore we cannot have these items within the nursery playrooms. If your child requires a lip balm or cream for medical reasons please speak to a member of staff and we can fill out the appropriate paperwork and keep the item safe.

## BE PREPARED

### NURSERY CLOTHING

During their time at nursery the children have the chance to take part in lots of different types of learning experiences. This includes outdoors activities, painting, baking, arts & crafts, block building and many more! Some of the activities can be messy or muddy! For this reason, we would always advise parents to send your children to nursery in clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. Keep your special clothes and shoes for out with nursery as we do not want these items to get dirty or stained. We would also like to remind all parents or carers to put their child's name on all pieces of clothing and shoes. We have over 130 children at Yokerburn at present and this really helps to minimise the amount of lost property throughout the building.

#### ALL CHILDREN SHOULD COME TO NURSERY WITH:

- THEIR OWN BAG (NO DRAWSTRING BAGS PLEASE)
  - WARM, WATERPROOF JACKET
  - WELLIES
  - SEVERAL CHANGES OF CLOTHES
  - SEVERAL SPARE PAIRS OF SOCKS AND PANTS
- SPARE SHOES OR WASHABLE SHOES (I.E CROCS ETC)
  - SUNHAT



### 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.

If your child is diagnosed with an infectious illness such as chicken pox or hand, foot and mouth please let the nursery know as soon as possible.

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.

If your child takes unwell at nursery we may call you to request that your child is collected. This is only done in the best interest of the child and we would ask that you please arrange collection of your child as soon as you can.



### NURSERY PHOTO DAYS

Our photographer from **Glasgow Family Photography** will be in the nursery on **28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May** to take photographs of all of the children. Children who are starting school in August will also have their graduation photos taken. More information will follow in the coming weeks on which days & times each room will have their photos taken.



### STARTING SCHOOL

If your child is due to start school in August you will be contacted by your child's school with information on transition visit days and starting school information. Please also keep an eye on our School Information Board where we will list any information from our local schools. The board can be found outside the 3-5 room. If you have submitted a Placing Request please let us know as soon as you receive the decision, this ensures we have each child listed as attending the correct school to ensure a smooth transition process for all. Our school leavers Graduation ceremony will take place on the evening of **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025**. More information on this will follow closer to the time.



### TOY FUND

Thank you to all those parents & carers who have donated to our Toy Fund recently! Your donations ensure we can continue to provide special experiences for the children including **Easter Treats**, **School Leavers Graduation**, **Playdough Ingredients**, **Birthday Gifts**, **Cultural Celebrations** and much more! If you haven't yet received your Toy Fund envelope this can be collected from the main office. There is a donation box outside the main office door where you can post your envelope.



### DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has donated spare clothes, toys and books to the nursery. Please note, we can no longer accept any donations of plastic items or toys. We can accept donations of clothes to be used as spares or to be added to our pantry. You are also welcome to donate food pantry items at any time. We are also currently looking for donations of the following items:

**Planks of wood**  
**Wooden Pallets**  
**Rope**  
**Plants (Indoor and Outdoor)**  
**Seeds**  
**Soil**  
**Tarpaulin**  
**Clothes Pegs**  
**Picture Frames**  
**Corks**  
**Wooden Items**  
**Stainless Steel Kitchen Items**



### STAYING SAFE IN THE SUN

We are expecting some nice weather in the next coming weeks. As you may have noticed we have put our Sun Safe Information on the main door with lots of top tips on how to keep your child safe in the warmer weather. We would ask that you please provide a new, unopened sunscreen for your child to use during their time in nursery. Sunscreen provided must be 5-star UVA rated and at least SPF 50. If you have handed sunscreen in last year, this will now be expired. Could you please take this home with you and replace with a new bottle.



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April - NURSERY CLOSED TO ALL TERM TIME CHILDREN**  
*Children return to nursery Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April*

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April & Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April - NURSERY CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN**  
*Children return to nursery Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April*

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May - NURSERY CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - NURSERY CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN (IN SERVICE DAY)**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - NURSERY CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - NURSERY CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN**

A list of the holiday dates for 2025 are available from the office.