

# Yokerburn Nursery

## Parent Newsletter Summer 2023



### STAFF NEWS

In May we welcomed back our CDO Claire from her maternity leave, Claire has re-joined the 3-5 rooms and I am sure you will join us in giving her a big Yokerburn welcome back! We have also recently welcomed 2 new members of staff, Orla & Amber. Orla has taken over as keyworker for the Panda group in the 3-5 Lomond Room and Amber is also working within the 3-5 rooms. Welcome to the team ladies!



### PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN PARENTS EVENING

All parents/carers of children starting Primary School in August should now have booked their time slot for Parents Evening on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June**. Time slots are available between 6pm and 8pm and are filling fast. Please see your child's keyworker or pop into the office if you have not yet booked a time slot. Date to be confirmed for anti-pre-school parents evening - more details will follow.



### GRADUATION

All children who are starting school in August will have their Graduation ceremony on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**. The ceremony will take place between 6pm and 8pm in the main school hall. You should have received your graduation invitation from your child's keyworker - if not these can be collected from your child's playroom. As we have use of the full school hall there is no limit to the number of guests who can attend for each child. We look forward to seeing you all on the night and giving our Yokerburn Superstars the best send off into Primary School!



### DANCE-A-THON GRAND TOTAL

Firstly, a massive thank you to all the parents/carers who joined us for the first ever Yokerburn Dance-a-thon! It was a great morning and the children all had good fun dancing along! We would like to extend a massive **THANK YOU** to everyone who has handed in sponsor money - the response has been fantastic! To date we have raised an absolutely phenomenal **£2062.70!!! Wow!!** This money will be a great help in providing a fantastic summer and fun experiences for the children. If you are still to hand in your sponsor money this can be given to the office. Thank you again for all of your support!



### SPORTS DAY

The Yokerburn Sports Day is taking place on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June between 9.30am and 11.00am**. We would ask that children please attend on this day wearing appropriate clothing and footwear to enable them to take part in all the activities. We would also ask that you please apply sunscreen to your child before nursery. 0-3 children will be taking part in Sports Day in the Under 3's play ground area. 3-5 children will be taking part in Sports Day on the school pitches. Parents / Carers of 3-5 children are more than welcome to come and cheer on the children around the school pitch. We are looking for volunteers to take part in a parent race and five-a-side football game. We are sure your children would love to see you participating in Sports Day - if you are willing to take part please let a member of staff know.



### SUNFLOWER CHALLENGE

If you have purchased a sunflower planting kit from the nursery please do send us some pictures - we would love to see how your sunflowers are growing! You can also Tweet us @yokerburn and tag us in your planting journey - who will win with the tallest sunflower this year? Planting kits are still available from the nursery office if you would like one.



### GIVE US YOUR THOUGHTS

Safe, Loved, Successful, Engaged, Happy - What do our Value words mean to you? Outside Mary's office you will find some yellow petals - please leave a comment on a petal for one or all of the value words above telling us what they mean to you and your child. Thank you!



### STARTING SCHOOL

If you have submitted a placing request or appeal for your child we would ask that you please let us know as soon as you receive your decision - this allows us to ensure we have an accurate list of which school each child is attending.

Finish dates for all children starting school in August:

**TERM TIME CHILDREN - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023**

**52 WEEK CHILDREN - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023**



### STAYING SAFE IN THE SUN

I am sure you have all been enjoying this glorious weather recently. As you may have noticed we have put our Sun Safe Information Board up in the foyer 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. Thank you to all parents who have already handed this in. We would ask that you apply sunscreen to your child before attending nursery and staff will top this up throughout the day as and when required. Please also provide a sun hat for your child for added sun protection.



### TOY FUND

A big Thank You to all of our parents & carers who have donated to our Toy Fund recently. Your continued support helps to ensure that we can provide the children with special experiences such as Sports Days, Graduation etc as well as birthday presents, summer trips & other things to enhance their time at nursery. Every child has a Toy Fund donation envelope - these can be found in the bags at each playroom door. All donations can be posted in the Toy Fund donation box at the main office. A suggested donation amount is £2 a week oh whatever you are able to give. **THANK YOU!**



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023** - Finish date for ALL TERM TIME CHILDREN.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023** - Nursery closed to ALL CHILDREN

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023** - In Service Day - Nursery closed to ALL CHILDREN

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023** - In Service Day - Nursery closed to ALL CHILDREN

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023** - Return date for ALL CHILDREN

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023** - Nursery closed to ALL CHILDREN

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023** - Nursery closed to ALL CHILDREN

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