

Yokerburn Nursery

Parent Newsletter August 2024



WELCOME BACK!

We would like to welcome all of our children, parents & carers back to nursery after the summer break! We hope you all had a wonderful summer despite the not-so-sunny weather! The staff have been hard at work over the summer making some exciting changes to our playrooms. There is a lot of information to pass on so please take your time to read the information below.



STAFF NEWS

We have some changes to our staff team for the new term including some room moves and some new faces - please see below for staffing information.

Management Team		
Mary (Head of Centre) Avril (Depute Head of Centre) Melissa (Team Leader) Tracy (Team Leader) Naomi (Team Leader) Carol - Anne (LPA)		
The Wee Nessie's (Birth - 2)	The Kelvin Room (2-3s)	3-5 Room
Samantha Kirsty Kirsten	Angela Jill Diane Brooke Lucy (SFLW)	Amber (Zebras) Orla (Pandas) Claire (Rhinos) Cindy / Karen (Elephants) Jakki (Polar Bears) Lions (Karen) Belquis (Penguins) Ash / Carol (Giraffes) Jemma / Isobel (Tigers) Tina / Gillain (Monkeys) Alyssa Debbie (SFLW) Siobhan (SFLW) Elaine (SFLW) Salma (SFLW)

You will notice that we have a few new faces - please join us in welcoming Lucy, Siobhan, Salma & Carol to the Yokerburn team!



ROOM CHANGES

Over the summer months the staff have been hard at work re-vamping the playrooms and they are all looking fantastic!

The Birth to 3 rooms (The Wee Nessie's and Kelvin Room) have received some new resources to enhance the room environments. These playrooms remain as 2 separate rooms and parents / carers should enter and exit the rooms as normal.

Our 3-5 playrooms now function as one large playroom for all of the 3-5 children to enjoy and explore. The central doors between the rooms remain open throughout the day as well as the doors to the outdoor area to allow a free flow environment for the children. 3-5 children should enter the playroom via Room 2 Lomond Room door where they will be welcomed by a member of staff. The children are encouraged to wash their hands on entering the playrooms, the toilets are on the right-hand side of the playroom door to allow them to do this. The free flow between the 3-5 rooms has started off well with the children enjoying exploring the new resources and environment. Staff are supporting children in using the areas and any changes to the routine.

All children who are a 1pm start should still continue to enter via the nursery top door (just along from the school door).

We will be welcoming some new children to Yokerburn over the coming weeks so look out for some new faces and new friends!



PREPARED FOR NURSERY

This is a reminder to all parents/carers that ALL children should come to nursery with the following items:

- Nursery bag
- Indoor soft shoes
- Wellies
- Several spare pairs of socks
- Sun Hat (During Spring & Summer months)
- Warm, waterproof jacket
- Hat, gloves & scarf (during Autumn and Winter months)
- At least one full change of clothes (if potty training please provide several full changes of clothes)

In order to keep our new playroom environments clean and dry we would please ask that all parents/carers provide a pair of indoor soft shoes for their child. If you could please change your child's shoes upon arrival to nursery this would be greatly appreciated. If your child wishes to go straight out to the outdoor area please keep their jacket on and change into their wellies before entering the playroom.

We would like to remind all parents & carers that the children have access to explore a range of experiences and materials during their time at nursery and will take part in activities such as sand & water play, outdoor play in all weathers, making playdough, mixing paint, baking etc. This means children's clothing may sometimes become wet, muddy or dirty during their day. We would ask that parents please refrain from putting their children in any clothing or footwear that do not wish to get dirty or wet and keep these special items at home. We do have Yokerburn Nursery polo shirts available to buy - please see information on next page.



UNIFORM

Yokerburn Nursery have the following items available to order from the My Clothing website.

- Polo Shirts of various colours
- Fleece / Jackets
- Sun Hats

Visit www.myclothing.com and select Yokerburn Nursery to place an order.

ALLERGIES

We have children and staff members who have severe allergies within the nursery, therefore, we would 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!



LOST PROPERTY

We are seeing an increasing number of clothing and shoes in the lost property. We would like to remind all parents / carers to please ensure that your child's name is clearly written or labelled on **ALL** of their clothing and shoes. This allows us to quickly and easily identify any lost items and return them to their rightful owner.



We have also signed up to My Nametags where you can order labels for your child's clothing and shoes. You can order online by visiting www.mynametags.com using the School ID 108839 (please insert our school ID at the checkout page) Flyers for My Nametags can be collected from the nursery foyer.



MAINTAINING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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. If you are running late for your collection time please call us on 0141-952-9962 to let us know.



TOY FUND

Every child has a Toy Fund donation envelope - these are handed out each month from the main office. All donations should be posted in the Toy Fund donation box at the main office. Your donations help to ensure that we can provide the children with special experiences such as Sports Days, Christmas Parties & Graduation as well as birthday presents, summer trips & other things to enhance their time at nursery. A suggested donation amount is £2 a week or whatever you are able to give. **THANK YOU!**



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 27th September 2024 - Nursery closed to ALL CHILDREN

Monday 30th September 2024 - Nursery closed to ALL CHILDREN

Friday 11th October 2024 - Nursery closed to ALL CHILDREN (In Service Day)

Monday 14th - Friday 18th October 2024 - Nursery closed for Term Time children

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