

Yokerburn Nursery

Parent Newsletter October 2024



STAFF NEWS

Our lovely CDO Alyssa will sadly be leaving us - her last day will be Friday 25th October. We hope you will all join us in wishing her well in the future - we will miss you!



HALLOWEEN

During the week of 28th October - 1st November the children will be taking part in Halloween activities throughout the week. Children are welcome to come to nursery in a costume throughout the week if they wish to. We would ask that children do not wear scary masks or bring anything that may be too scary for the other children. If your child is wearing a costume we would ask that you please put their name on it to avoid any lost items. We will also be running a Halloween Bake Sale on 31st October - if anyone would like to donate cakes and bakes we would be happy to take donations - all proceeds raised will go to the Toy Fund.



ARRIVAL TIMES

It is important that you drop off your child at your allocated times - staffing rotas are organised to ensure safe working ratios of adults to children throughout the nursery day. If you bring your child in to nursery before their allocated start time this can affect the ratio of adults to children within the playrooms. If you are unsure of your child's nursery start time please pop in to the office and we can check this for you. If your child starts at 1pm please bring them to the top door next to the school entrance. Your child will be brought in and offered lunch before going to the playroom. If you are running late and arrive after 1.10pm please bring your child to the main nursery door and take them straight to the playroom - the staff can then take them up for a lunch if required.



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
- Warm, waterproof jacket
- Hat, gloves & scarf
- At least one full change of clothes (if potty training please provide several full changes of clothes)

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR ARE LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

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 also have Yokerburn Nursery polo shirts available to buy - these are available at

<https://myclothing.com/collections/yokerburn-nursery-25773/>



CARE INSPECTORATE

We recently had a follow up visit from the Care Inspectorate over 2 days in September. This was overall a very positive visit with some wonderful interactions and activities observed on the days. We have received the draft report and as soon as the final report is published we will be able to share this with all parents & carers. We would like to extend a big **THANK YOU** to all parents & carers who took the time to complete the Care Inspectorate questionnaires - it is greatly appreciated!



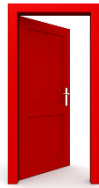
SPONSORED NURSERY RHYME WEEK

The 11th - 15th November is World Nursery Rhyme Week. To celebrate we will be holding a sponsored nursery rhyme event. Each day of world nursery rhyme week children will be given a new nursery rhyme to learn which will then be sung or recited during their time at nursery. Please look out for more information and sponsor forms coming out soon! All proceeds raised go to the Toy Fund.



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!



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. If you have older children with you during pick up and drop off we would ask that they please remain in the foyer area (if they are able to do so) whilst you collect your child from the playroom, this helps with congestion within the corridor during peak times.

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

Toy Fund envelopes will be handed out for all children in the coming week. We ask that all parents / carers contribute to the Toy Fund if they are able to do so - a suggested donation amount is £2 per week. We rely on these donations to allow us to provide birthday and Christmas presents for all children along with special events such as Sports Days & Graduations. Unfortunately, at present less than 50% of parents are returning the Toy Fund donation envelopes. This severely impacts what we are able to provide within the nursery with regards to special events and gifts etc. We would ask that if you are able to donate please do! Without these vital funds we would not be able to provide these special experiences for your children. **THANK YOU!**



TOILET TRAINING

We are looking at organising an information session with a local Health Visitor on the topic of toilet training. This would be open to all parents & carers who would be interested in gaining some helpful hints and tips on starting or continuing the toilet training process. If this is something you would be interested in please let us know.



TOYS FROM HOME

We would like to remind all parents & carers that children do not bring toys or special items to nursery. We understand that these items are special and treasured by children and if they get lost or if another child uses them or plays with them it can cause upset and distress. Therefore we ask that all toys and special items are kept safely at home.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 20th December 2024 - Term Time children finish date for Christmas holiday.

Monday 6th January 2025 - Term Time Return Date.

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