



# Oakburn EYC

## December 2022

### Welcome

Welcome to all of our new children and families who have joined us throughout November. We are delighted to have your children attend here.

### FoodBank Collection

We will be collecting donations for the local Foodbank again this year. We will start collecting from Week Beginning 5th December and hope to drop this food to the foodbank with the children by the week beginning 19th December. Please see the office if you would like to volunteer to help with the foodbank drop off.

- The foodbank have asked for support in collecting the following:
- Pasta Sauce
  - Tinned custard/rice pudding
  - UHT milk/long life juice
  - Schloer/soft drinks
  - Snacks
  - Tinned meat/ham
  - Tinned fruit/Veg
  - Mashed Patatoes



### Appropriate Clothing

Now the colder weather is here, we ask that you provide your child with a hat, scarf and gloves and to wear an appropriate jacket for the wet weather.

Please remember to write your child's name on all items.



### Oakburn's Winter Wonderland

After our very successful Halloween Night we have organised Oakburn's Winter Wonderland.  
**Friday 14th December at 6pm-8pm.**

Ticket Prices: **£5 Children** (includes visit to Santa's Grotto, hot drink and toasted Marshmallow)  
**£3 Adult** (includes hot drink and Mince Pie)

If you wish to attend please see the office to sign up for this event. Please select a time slot for Santa's Grotto. These will be available from **Monday 28th November—Monday 12th December.**

Raffle tickets will be on sale from **Monday 28th November.**

As we are working towards our Eco Flag we are going paperless therefore there will be no physical ticket.

### Lunches

We kindly ask that you choose your child's lunch in advance.

We will continue to send the weekly glow form for lunch selection. If you do not choose a lunch for your child a staff member will help your child to choose one.

The QR code will change week to week to match the menu for that week.

Due to storage we kindly ask that those bringing in a packed lunch have an ice pack in the bag to ensure the food stays cold.



### Christmas events

- **Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Concert**— Friday 9th at 10:30 & 2pm  
Children who do not attend a Friday will be given an invite for a specific time. There will be **2 tickets per family for adults to attend the show.** We ask that you let us know at the office if you will be attending.
- **Christmas Fayre**—Wednesday 14th December (updated date) See above for details
- **Christmas Party**—Wednesday 21st December - Children who do not attend on this day will be invited to **EITHER our morning or afternoon party for a specific time** to enjoy our party and visit from Santa



### Congratulations!

A Huge congratulations to one of our Early Years Workers—Shirleyanne who was successful in gaining a acting senior post (temporary post) at Castlehill. Shirleyanne will remain at Oakburn Monday –Wednesday 8-2 as normal and will then be at Castlehill on a Thursday and Friday. We are super proud of Shirleyanne in gaining this promoted post experience and we know she will be fantastic in this new role!



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Acorn Room were celebrating Rhyme week by pretending they were Doctors for Miss Polly had a Dolly.



Acorn Room have been participating in Book Bug sessions with Erin



3-5 Room have been participating a numerous activities linking to rhyme week



Children have been growing different foods in the garden



## Communication Station

Staff have created a communication area at the main gate, where parents are encouraged to come into the nursery at all drop off and pick up times to sign their child in and out. A staff member will always be available in the area during busier times to support parents/carers. During our busiest time of **12:30-12:45**, we ask parents to wait at this area and a member of staff will support your child to gather their belongings and guide them to you.

## Stay and play

We would like to thank all the parents who were able to make it along to one of our stay and play sessions. It was great to see you all joining in with some of our experiences we provide within the nursery. We would greatly appreciate any feedback and comments. We have a parent involvement floorbook which we would love if you could write a comment in.

*"Thank You very much for having us—it was lovely to visit and see so much more of the centre. What a great place with lovely staff!" Parent comment*



## Eco Week

We have been learning about different ways to be Eco Friendly.

Children have been learning about recycling and reusing resources. How we can be eco friendly by ensuring we turn lights off when you leave rooms.

We have started our journey in working towards gaining our Eco Flag.



## Christmas Lunch

Nursery Christmas Lunch will be **Thursday 15th December.**

Please find the Christmas Lunch options via the Lunch Glow form emailed out or the QR code.

Any questions please ask at the office.



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## Personal belongings

All children have been given an individual smart sack, blue for 2-3 room and green for 3-5 room. This means you are not required to bring any other bags to nursery.

We provide these bags to reduce the amount of items on children's pegs.

We kindly ask that you fill the smart sacks with extra clothes and shoes and clearly label them with your child's name.

## Treat Fund

At Oakburn we kindly ask that parents contribute to our treat fund, **£2 per week**

The nursery treat fund helps to fund a number of things for the children, including daily healthy snacks, gifts at celebrations, public transport for outings, birthday cards and much more.

If you have any questions please speak to the Office.

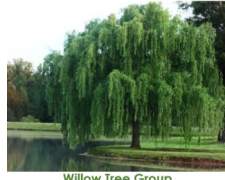
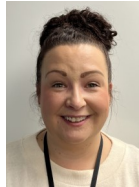
**We no longer accept old paper notes.**

## New Staff

We would like to welcome new staff to our Oakburn Team!

Rebecca who will work full time and be a keyworker for the Willow Group alongside Molly.

Lynsey who will work 3 full day (Wednesday-Friday) and be a keyworker for the Blossom alongside Kirsty.



## Nursery Session Times/Alterations

As our new term begins, you may have made alterations to your child's sessions. Please find below a reminder of the nursery session times:

**AM 8:00-12:45, PM 1:15-6:00, Full Day 8:00-5:30/ 8:00-5:00/ 8:00-6:00**

If you are unsure of your child's session times please check with the Office.

**It is important for all parents/carers to collect their child on time as late collections impact staff ratio at busy times.** If you would like any daily feedback about your child, please allow time for this before collecting at the end of your child's session for staff to be able to give this.

Reminder: Any alterations to your child's sessions can only be submitted **ONCE per term** and 4 weeks notice should be given for this change.

There are 3 terms in a year running from August-December, January-March, April-July. Please speak to the office regarding any changes and availability. Alteration forms can be found on the EDC website.

## Toys from home

We recommend that children **do not** bring toys from home to nursery. This is to prevent any toys becoming lost or broken. If your child requires a comforter from home please ensure that their name is on this.

## Dates for the Diary



**Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Concert**—Friday 9th December

**Christmas Fayre**—Wednesday 14th December (updated date)

**Christmas Party**—Wednesday 21st December

**Last Day before Christmas Holidays**—Friday 23rd December

**Return to Nursery**—Wednesday 4th January 2023



**Chinese New Year—Year of the Rabbit**— w/b 16th January

**Burns Day**— Wednesday 25th January

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO GIVE PASSWORDS TO ANYONE COLLECTING YOUR CHILD. IF WE HAVE NOT MET THE INDIVIDUAL BEFORE, EVEN IF IT IS DAD OR MUM, WE CANNOT RELEASE YOUR CHILD UNLESS A MEMBER OF STAFF RECOGNISES THEM. THERE IS MORE INFORMATION IN THE HANDBOOK ABOUT OUR SECURITY PRACTICES. WE HAVE THESE STRICT MEASURES TO KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION :)**