



Oakburn EYC

February 2024

Welcome

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

Lunches

A reminder to all parents that the Lunch Glow form is emailed out at the beginning of the week for the following week for you to select a choice with your child. If possible please have the form returned by the Friday.

If you are having any problems with the form please let the office know.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Ailsa who recently qualified as an Early Years Worker. She has secured herself a permanent job in Auchinairn Nursery as an Early Years Worker.

We are all going to miss Ailsa very much. We wish her all the best in her new job!

Ailsa will be starting her new post on the 4th March.



Good luck!

Gate Security

The safety of our children is paramount. Please ensure you close both gates securely behind you when entering and leaving the premises.

Please alert a staff member in the office of presence before entering the building via the intercom or coming to the window. This is for security and to ensure a staff member is there to greet you at the gate on arrival.

Chinese New Year

We have a variety of cultures within our children and staff team. They have been learning about Chinese New Year and that this year is The Year of the Dragon. Children have been making spring rolls in the snack area with Sarah and have been exploring experiences throughout the nursery.

Please ask your child about what they have learned about Chinese New Year.



Easter Fundraising

For Easter we have decided to sell handmade items made by our children.

If you would like to order mugs or tea towels then please ask at the office for an order form. You can order a **maximum of 2 of each item**.

Please note: as these are created by your child each item will be different.

Order forms and money must be returned to the office by **Monday 18th March**.

Price list

Mug & Tea towels—£2.50 per item

Velvet bunny bag— £3 personalised
£2 not personalised

Small Hessian bags— £2
personalised

Jute bags—£5 personalised £3.50
not personalised

Limited stock on bags



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We had Craighdu Primary down to read to our children



Our Acorns have been role playing Doctors



Some children went to F Pizza in the village to make pizzas



In the gross motor skills area the children have been interested in gymnastics



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 only accept Cash or Cheque

Allergen Reminder

Just a little reminder that we are a **NUT FREE CENTRE**, no products containing nuts allowed.

Other severe allergies that we kindly ask to be considered are;

Raspberries and eggs.

Please check ingredients of products when putting them into packed lunches. ***As we may have to remove them from the packed lunch and a note will be placed in box to explain.*** These items will be returned to parent at home time to ensure we keep all children safe and healthy.

We follow our Healthy Packed Lunch policy and ask that all children's packed lunches contain healthy nutritious foods.

Leaflets available if you require more information

Important Dates

All important dates for the remainder of the academic year are stated below:

World Book Day is Thursday 7th March Children are welcome to dress as their favourite character if they already have an outfit and bring in their favourite story. ***Please Ensure child's name is on the book.***

Red Nose Day is Friday 17th March Children are welcome to wear something red and there will be a chuck in the bucket to raise funds.

Sponsored Easter Toddle & Coffee Morning is Wednesday 27th March The toddle starts at 10:15 and we will walk around Oakburn Park twice. There will be a Parents Coffee Morning after the toddle. All children welcome. Those who do not attend the Centre on this day must be accompanied by an adult. Parents are welcome to join in as well. Sponsor Sheets will be handed out in advance.

World of Work Week is the week beginning 15th May. We are looking for parents to come along and share with the children some fun facts about their job. Please let staff know if you would be interested and when suits you.

Graduation for all our Pre Schoolers will be **Friday 14th June**. All pre-schoolers will attend the one graduation. Time to be confirmed.

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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.

We kindly ask that children refrain from bringing in any toys to nursery to prevent them getting lost or broken,

March Literacy Focus

In the 3-5 Room:

The Author of the month is Julia Donaldson

Rhyme of the month is "Jack & Jill"

In the Acorn Room:

The Book of the month is "We're going on an Egg Hunt"

The Rhyme of the month is "Peter Rabbit"

QR Codes for these are found on our

Stay & Play Sessions

We would like to thank everyone you made it along to our Stay & Play sessions in February. Children loved showing you all your favourite things to do in Oakburn.

We would all agree that their Scottish Song performance was outstanding. Well done to all the children who were involved in the performance.

Next Stay & Play will be the Week Beginning 22nd April 2024

Specific dates and times to be confirmed



Appropriate clothing

As part of our vision values and aims we encourage the children to make choices in their play. We are a free flow nursery allowing children to access all areas albeit indoors or outdoors.

With this in mind we ask that you provide your child with a hat, scarf and gloves, wellies and to wear an appropriate jacket for the wet weather.

We kindly ask that you please provide extra socks and clothes as children are out in all weathers.

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

Nursery Closure Dates

Easter holiday—Friday 29th March & Monday 1st April

In-service Day—Thursday 2nd May

Bank Holiday—Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday—Friday 24th & Monday 27th May

Bank Holiday—Monday 15th July

In-service Day—Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th

These are displayed on the parent communication board at the gate

Dates for the Diary



World Book Day—Thursday 7th March

Red Nose Day (wear something red, chuck it in the bucket) - Friday 15th March

Easter Toddler & Coffee Morning—Wednesday 27th March

Nursery Closed: Good Friday—Friday 29th March



Nursery Closed: Easter Monday—Monday 1st April

Stay & Play Week—Week Beginning 22nd April

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 :)