# Welcome to the Nursery Acorns at Yorke Mead!

**This leaflet is just to give you the information you will need as your child starts in Nursery.**

**Things to bring to school**



**Book bag or rucksack**

Book bags are needed every day for the children to put in important letters, their pictures and library books. Please ensure that children leave any toys at home, so that the book bags don't get too cluttered. Please ensure that water bottles are NOT put in book bags, as they may leak which may result in books getting ruined. Please do not send your child in with a large rucksack as we have limited cloakroom space. A book bag or small rucksack will be adequate.



**A Bottle of Water**

Sipping water throughout the day helps to keep the children's brains active. Children need to bring a **named** bottle of water to school each day. Water bottles will be sent home each night so that it can be washed and refilled ready for the next day. Please no juice.

**Snack & Lunch**

Each morning please help your child to find their name card and to put their name on the appropriate place on the board to choose their lunch. There are sections for children who are going home for lunch or having a packed lunch. If you have preordered lunch online please also help your child to place their name card on the relevant choice. By the end of the year we would expect all of the children to recognise their own name and this routine is to help the children to achieve this.



All Nursery children (unless we have been informed of a dietary requirement – e.g. lactose intolerant) are offered a piece of fruit or a vegetable each day. You may provide them with a healthy alternative such as a piece of fruit, dried fruit, cheese or breadsticks. Due to allergies please ensure no other snacks are sent in eg crisps, biscuits.

If your child does have a packed lunch, please make sure they have an appropriate amount of food that you would expect them to eat at home. This will help us to encourage them to eat all they have in their lunchbox and ensure that they are not rushing their lunch to get outside.

**Please ensure grapes and cherry tomatoes are cut in quarters/half long ways. We are a <u>nut free</u> school so please no foods which may contain nuts, including pesto.**

**<u>Absences</u>**

If your child is unable to attend school, please inform the school by 10am by calling the school office.

**<u>Sickness</u>**

Please keep your child at home for 48 hours once they have stopped being sick or had diarrhoea. This is to avoid any bugs being passed around.

**<u>Going Home</u>**

If your child is being picked up by someone other than one of their main carers, please inform a member of staff at the door in the morning. This also applies if your child is going home with another child in the class.

**<u>Labelling</u>**

Please ensure ALL items of clothing and belongings are named including shoes and bags. Some lunchboxes are names but on the inside – please make sure names are on the outside of items so they can be seen by the children easily.

**<u>Outside clothing</u>**



In nursery we like to explore our outside environment, therefore your child will need a **labelled pair of wellington boots** to be kept at school as we know the weather can be unpredictable**.** In cold weather the children should wear a hat, scarf and gloves. Please make sure your child has a coat in school every day as the weather is very unpredictable.

**<u>Library Books</u>**

In order to develop your child's interest and enjoyment of books and to widen their vocabulary, we will be sending home library books. Please share these at home with your child. They will be changed each **Monday,** please ensure they are in your child's book bag on this day. Please make sure these books are looked after and brought back each Monday as we will need to ask for a small charge for lost or damaged books to help us replace them.

**<u>PE</u>**

We will start changing for PE towards the end of term and so there is no need to send in a PE kit at this

stage. This term PE will be taught on a Wednesday morning by Mr Furlong

**Skills**

Below is a list of skills that we like to encourage children to work towards; we would appreciate your help in developing these skills at home.

Putting on their own coats and doing up their zips and toggles.
Taking off and putting on shoes.
Independently putting items into their book bags.
Independently using the toilets and **washing their hands with soap**
Independently blowing and wiping their nose.

**What will we be learning?**

The Early Years curriculum consists of seven areas of learning:

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

Our learning is largely topic based. We aim to incorporate each area of learning into our topics.

We start the year with a 'Marvellous Me' topic, in which we celebrate our similarities and differences.

**Instagram**

We regularly post photographs of our learning on Instagram. Please follow us on **@yorkemeadn**

Kind Regards,

***The Nursery Team*** ☺