

Hello All,

I do hope you are enjoying this lovely weather. It is great to see the children out in the Nursery garden exploring the water feature, water wall and other activities involving water. We always enjoy this time of year when the children are settled and confident in their play.

I would like to thank those of you who attended the recent Family Disco. Although the main aim of this event is a lovely family social time we also managed to raise £236 for school fund. Those of you who are observant may have spotted the new equipment that we obtained through the proceeds of the Christmas Fayre. This includes a wooden den set, a wooden shelter with a bright blue cover, an outdoor rattan seat and lots of new storage tubs to keep everything tidy! The children have been enjoying the new resources and they have become firm favourites for some!

Debbie

Classrooms



Butterflies; This term in Butterfly class we have started looking at our new core story 'Don't Chat to the Bus Driver' by Shen Roddie and Jill Newton. We thought this would be a good story as in July we are going on a coach to Burghley to visit the Garden of Surprises as well the Sculpture Park.

The children are really interested in our little caterpillars and every day we look at them to see if they have grown. We have looked at some books about butterflies and caterpillars including 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle.

We have also found lots of plastic mini-beasts and the children are making lots of homes for them using the leaves, twigs, wool and small pieces of wood. We have been using the identification charts to help us see what the different mini-beasts look like as well as what they are called. In the main garden and woodland garden we have been mini-beast hunting!

We have also started to talk about moving onto big school as many of the children in Butterfly class are moving on to new schools in September. We have been practising crossing our legs and looking at our full names. We will look at and read stories about going to school to help with this big next step.

Ladybirds; This term Ladybirds are continuing with the core story of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". Our Caterpillars have arrived and we are watching them grow each day. When our Butterflies are ready to release we will be having a celebration party!

To support our topic we are learning songs about caterpillars and mini beasts - watch out on tapestry for our latest songs!

In the woodland garden our plants have been growing over the last few weeks and we are beginning to harvest them and eat them at snack.

The children have enjoyed trying new vegetables such as radishes and we will continue to pick and eat our vegetables until the end of term!

Buzzy Bees; In this final term at Caverstede for the children moving on to school we will talking about what to expect when they move on to 'big school'. We have a selection of stories, and introduced some school uniform and bags into the dressing up clothes, so the children can role play going to school and taking their own registers. We are currently watching and studying the class caterpillars as they grow and develop and will be linking this with stories such as 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We shall be looking closely at the life cycles of various animals including the butterfly.

During Woodland days we are practising our woodwork skills, using real tools such as the bow saw, drills and hammers to create different objects such as Bee houses, woodland medals and more! We are looking forward to international mud day on the 29th June, where we will become 'Mud Warriors'!



We will be celebrating Mud Day on Friday June 29th - please come to nursery in clothes and shoes that you won't mind getting



Library Explorers;

Our last Library Explorer scheme for this school year runs until Friday 6th July so you still have a few weeks to start borrowing books from the library and fill up your reward card! We will then be able to get your new books to you before the classes close on Tuesday 24th July - and you can enjoy reading them over the

summer!

Our library will close on Wednesday 18th July and no more books can be borrowed after this date - this is so we can get ready to sort and tidy the library ready for the new school year.

Could we also ask that you return any library books that you have borrowed before the end of the school year, thank you.

Security & Safeguarding

Mobile phones and personal cameras are only permitted to be used at in the school reception and parent café. It is important that you do not use your phone whilst settling your child into nursery or when dropping off and collecting your child. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



IMPORTANT!

Please ensure your child/ren do not go on any of the Nursery equipment before or after the Nursery session. This includes children who do not attend Caverstede.

We see some of the children using our equipment and toys which has led to some of them being misplaced or broken. Also, some children could end up with injuries as the equipment is not designed for older children.



For your child's safety and the safety of others, please make sure that you close the gate.

We realise that the beginning and end of the sessions are very busy.

Please make sure you keep hold of your child once you have collected them and before you leave the Centre. Thank you.



Whole School visit to Burghley Sculpture Park - Friday 20th July

Letters are soon to be sent out for the Burghley Trip in July. This is a lovely day out for families and a great opportunity to spend time together, explore the sculptures and enjoy the water fountains. In the past, a lot of our parents have been able to join their children on the trip and have enjoyed the day - no matter what the weather!

Information will also be put onto our Facebook page giving details of what to bring on the day, parking restrictions along Caverstede Rd on the day and a few safety guidelines to think about when we are at Burghley - such as footwear needing to be worn at all times in the water fountains.

Whilst we ask for a £14 voluntary contribution, we subsidise the trip ourselves to help to keep the cost as low as possible to families. If we do not receive enough contributions towards the cost however, we may have to consider cancelling the trip. Payments are needed by 4th July in order for us to be able to make a decision on this.

We hope that you will be able to come along on the trip with us and enjoy this special time with your children, other families - and staff!



Now the weather is warmer - please don't forget sun cream and sun hats. The sun cream will need to be labelled, please speak to your child's Key Person about this. If you don't have a sun cap, we do have some 'Caverstede' legionnaire sun caps available at reception. These cost £3. If you do buy one for nursery, please remember to write your child's name inside the hat so that we don't get any mix ups!



Regular Attendance is Important

Regular attendance is crucial for your child. Even a short time of absence from school can mean that a child misses out on a significant part of the curriculum, which can impact on their learning.

At Caverstede we closely monitor each child's attendance. Attendance is reported to yourselves during the year and it will be recorded on your child's reports throughout the academic year. The School's Governing Body are also given attendance data.

The parents of all children who miss a significant amount of time, other than for illness, will be contacted and the issues will be discussed. With this in mind please do consider carefully if your child really does need to be absent from school.

If your child is ill and will not be attending school please telephone the school on each day of absence to inform us. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Friday 20th July - Family trip to Burghley

Tuesday 24th July - Classes close

Dad's Group; this group runs every other Saturday, 10 - 11.30am. The cost is £2 per family and is for children aged 0 - 7 years old and their dad's, granddad, uncle or other male carer.

Dates for the summer term;

7th July

21st July

Messy Play

A fun, creative sensory session for children from birth to 3 years. You can explore lots of different resources - using your senses. Be prepared to get messy and wear old clothes! £2 per family

Next date; Tuesday 11th July

Class photos

If you would like one of your child's class photos, all orders and payments must be received at reception by Wednesday 20th June please. This is to ensure that all photo's are received back in time before the school year ends.

Thank you



Nursery Places



We are currently allocating nursery spaces ready for the new school year starting in September. There are some spaces still available so if you know anyone who is looking for nursery provision for their child please let them know. Information on the nursery is available on our website:-

www.caverstede.peterborough.sch.uk

Mobile phone numbers;

Please make sure that we have your up to date mobile number on contact details held in the classroom and on your ParentMail account. This is important so that we can contact you regarding your child immediately and also advise you of any urgent message by ParentMail.

Change of contact detail forms are available at reception.

Additionally, if you need to arrange for someone different to collect your child, please ensure you notify us and add their name and contact to your child as a matter of urgency. If an adult is not known to us or we have not been advised, then we will not let your child leave nursery.

Alternatively, the use of a password can be an option but we must be informed prior to someone coming in to collect. This is an important safeguarding matter and your child's safety is our priority.

Keeping safe and considerate parking

You may have noticed the yellow 'no parking' cones on the grass verges opposite the centre. These have been placed there by Peterborough City Council in response to concerns raised by ourselves and local residents. Parking opposite the centre is not permitted during certain times and the notices displayed indicate this and are accompanied by single yellow lines. In addition, parking on the grass verges has caused them to become muddy and unsightly which is understandably annoying to the residents of Caverstede Road. We hope that the new cones help parents park safely and considerately along the road and we appreciate your help with this ongoing problem.