



Welcome / welcome back to Caverstede Nursery School, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the parents and children who are new to the school. I look forward to getting to know you and your children over the course of the year. I hope your child/ren are settling well into the nursery routine. Please do not worry if your child is taking a little time to fully settle, this is quite normal. It has been lovely watching both our returning children and those starting with us settle into school.

We will be sending out newsletters on a regular basis to keep you up to date with the events and activities that are taking place at Caverstede, please do look out for them. We also send out information on ParentMail and Facebook. If you are not sure where to find information please ask your child’s Key Person or at Reception and they will direct you.

If there is anything you want to know about the school or about your child’s progress, please do talk to the staff or you can speak to me. Your Tapestry account allows you to keep up to date with some of the activities your child has been accessing.

Please do take the opportunity to borrow books from our lending library, your child may choose a book from the selection outside their classroom. There is more information about this later in this newsletter.

We have already had some instances of inconsiderate parking this term. Both neighbours of the school and parents have reported instances of cars parking illegally or inconsiderately. When talking to those involved it would seem that some people feel they can park in the wrong place ‘as it is only for a few minutes’. Please park considerately and legally at **all** times. I know I do not like it when I am blocked in at home by a thoughtless driver and that happens very rarely, if it was happening to me daily I too would become angry and upset. We have had drivers who have received parking tickets and fines, please think of others and park responsibly at all times. Thank you.

The staff really appreciate the fact that many of you are continuing to wear face coverings when dropping off and collecting your children, please do continue to do this, lets try to keep COVID-19 out of Caverstede.

Thank you for your continuing support. Debbie



Our new **Scholastic Book Club** is live now! Go to our book club page link <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/caverstede/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books. Select School Group Order at checkout to have your books delivered to school and enter code SEPTBOOKCLUB to get an extra 10% off for you (valid until 7th October) and free books for our school.

Please place your **order online by October 7th, 2021.**

Lunch Club

Our updated Lunch Club leaflet will be sent out on ParentMail shortly due to changes in food safety and guidance. Please could you check this to ensure that you are aware, thank you.

Child Protection and Safeguarding for Schools

We take child protection issues extremely seriously; at all times we consider the protection and safety of the child in our care. Child protection issues are always dealt with in the appropriate ways. All staff have attended child protection training and are familiar with the correct procedures.

At Caverstede Nursery School we follow the Child Protection procedures for the Peterborough Safeguarding Board.

“It may be helpful for you to know that the law (Children Act 1989) requires all school staff to pass on information which gives rise to a concern about a child’s welfare, including risk from non-accidental injury, neglect, emotional or sexual abuse. Schools are encouraged to take the attitude that where there are grounds for concern they should be over-cautious, and seek advice, rather than to risk a child’s safety. Occasionally, this duty on staff means that a concern is passed on which is later shown to be unfounded. It is hoped that parents/carers will appreciate how difficult it is for schools to carry out this delicate responsibility, and accept that the staff member was acting in good faith and in the best interests of all children.”

We have named people for child protection they are Debbie Hayes, Katy Coles, Hannah Haigh and Emily Wiseman.

If you have concerns regarding children’s safety and protection, it is essential that you contact your child’s key person, class teacher or the Headteacher.



Security & Safeguarding; Mobile phones and personal cameras are only permitted to be used at in the school reception and parent café and NOT in the Nursery garden. 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.



Keeping safe and considerate parking

If you drive to Caverstede, could we please ask that you park with care and **avoid double parking or parking on yellow lines**. This is illegal and makes the road dangerous for all the children and families who are using it. There is also a disabled parking bay at the front of the nursery which is there for the use of those who need this facility so please do not park here. Please also consider our neighbours along Caverstede Road and avoid parking across driveways or on the grass verges.

Borrowing library books from the Caverstede library

All classes have boards outside with pictures of books that can be borrowed. If you haven't yet started to borrow books, why not start! There are lots to choose from. Select a card from the board, pop it into your book bag and put the book bag into the box near the boards. Your book will then be ready to take home later in the day. You will need a book bag so that you can take books home and keep them clean, dry and safe. We have a couple of book bags still available at the reduced cost of £1 and then newer bags costing £4, these are available at reception. Or you may have a suitable bag at home that you would like to use. Please check our [website](#) for details on how to use the library.



After the October Half Term, we will also be starting Library Explorers. This is a scheme to encourage reading and as a reward at the end of the period, all children who have borrowed books will receive their very own book to keep and enjoy. More details will be sent nearer the time.



NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS AND VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL

Caverstede Nursery School is a ZERO TOLERANCE ZONE. Inappropriate language, threats or acts of aggression towards staff, visitors or other parents will not be tolerated on these premises. Anyone behaving in such a way will be asked to leave; they may receive a ban from the premises and their behaviour may be reported to the police.

IMPORTANT!

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 school.

MISSING SCHOOL IS MISSING OUT - EVERY DAY COUNTS!!

Attending school **every day** is very important. 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. Ofsted always ask for the school's attendance data. We monitor each child's attendance and absence record and you will receive copies of this information. **If your child is ill and will not be attending school please telephone the school on the day of absence to inform us.** Thank you.

TERM DATES 2021 - 2022

Autumn Term

Half Term 25th – 29th October 2021
Classes start Monday 1st November 2021
Classes close Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term

Classes start Wednesday 5th January 2022
Half Term 14th – 18th February 2022
Classes close Friday 1st April 2022

Summer Term

Classes start Wednesday 20th April 2022
May Day Monday 2nd May 2022
Classes close Thursday 26th May 2022
Half Term 27th May – 3rd June 2022
Classes close Friday 22nd July 2022

Please note that the school will be closed on the following days for INSET/Staff Training days:

Friday 22nd October 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022

Parent Payments; Just a quick reminder to any parents who are paying for any sessions or extra services that payment is due in full by the last week of the half term (week commencing 19th October, classes finish Thursday 21st and the school is closed for staff training on 22nd)

Any queries regarding your payments, please email helen.hobbs@caverstede.peterborough.sch.uk.

Invoices will be sent out again at the beginning of next term. Thank you to all parents making regular payments.

Helen, Finance Administrator



Welcome to the Buzzy Bee class;

The children have settled so well into the Buzzy Bee's this term. They have quickly become used to the routines of the day and are confident in accessing the resources independently.

We are currently reading the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' which the children are embracing, accessing the books independently as well as engaging in role play in our home corner and creating playdough bears. They've tasted porridge for snack, enjoyed small world play with bears and tactile play.

We have been looking at different types of bears, where they live, what they eat as well as linking with other books and stories linked to bears.

We are beginning to look at the changing seasons. Autumn provides us with lots of wonderful opportunities to learn about changes and the natural world. We will use conkers, fallen leaves/seeds etc to do a wide variety of activities, from crafts to counting, measuring and developing their physical skills.

We will also soon be starting to visit our woodland garden once a week where the children will be able to experience gardening, fire building, den building, bug hunting and much more. Benefits of our woodland days include; confidence, social skills, communication, concentration, physical skills, knowledge and understanding, new perspectives.

We ask that with the changing weather, you send clothing appropriate for the weather, e.g. sunhats and wellies.

Welcome to the Ladybird class;

A warm welcome to all of our new families and a happy welcome back to our returning families. Thank you for all of your support during the settling in period.

The children are settling in really well and are enjoying exploring all that our classroom has to offer.

Our core story over the coming weeks is one of our favourite stories in the Ladybird room, 'Dear Zoo'. We shall be sharing the book with the children and theming all of our learning around it. Through the story, we shall explore animals, counting, size, sounds and textiles. We shall be providing lots of hands on learning experiences. This half term, we will also be learning the routines of our nursery day and supporting the children in their learning of this. We shall be promoting independence by encouraging the children to have a try at taking off and putting on their coats by themselves, supported by staff. If you could practice this skill at home, by encouraging them to put their arms in the sleeves (don't worry about the tricky zips and buttons yet!) then that would be lovely.

It has been lovely to meet you all and if you have any questions or worries then please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the Ladybird Team.

Welcome to the Butterfly class:

The children have settled in really quickly into their new Butterfly class. We have welcomed some new children as well as some returning children back. They are learning the routines including snack and group times. The children are happily exploring inside and outside as well as trying some new activities.

Our core story for the next few weeks is 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. We will be reading the story and looking at the pictures to help us to start learning about owls. We will be finding out facts about owls using some non-fiction books and the internet. We are drawing and painting owls. We have been finding feathers in the Woodland garden and looking at different birds using the binoculars.

We are learning about the season of Autumn through finding lots of fallen leaves, seeds, pine cones and conkers in both gardens. We have been doing some conker rolling using conkers in paint, counting conkers and looking for spiders in their webs. We have collected lots of sticks which the children have painted, used them to paint with and wrapped wool around them.

We have been singing and playing different instruments. We have been singing familiar songs and rhymes as well as learning some new ones! The children love singing!

Please could the children bring some named wellie boots and a warm waterproof coat as the weather is getting colder and wetter as the term is progressing.



Choking

Each day around 40 under-5s are rushed to hospital after choking on something, or swallowing something dangerous. Food is the most likely cause, but small objects and toys can also be risky for young children.

Such a scary thought that something could stop your child breathing. But, the steps to stop that happening are simple and make sense.

Choking –Young children are still learning to chew, swallow and breathe in the right order. There's no sound to warn you. But there are simple ways to stop it happening.

- Cut round food like grapes, tomatoes and big blueberries lengthways and into quarters, not just across
- Cut hard food like carrots, apples, sausages and cheese into thin strips
- Cut large fruits like melon into slices instead of small chunks
- Avoid popcorn, marshmallows and hard round sweets like mini eggs or boiled sweets
- Put small parts from older children's toys out of reach
- Sausages should be avoided due to their high salt content, but if offered to children these should be cut into thin strips rather than chunks and remove the skins



Watch the Chokeables film for first aid advice www.sja.org.uk/thechokeables

Information taken from <https://www.capt.org.uk/choking-prevention>

Applying for a primary school place

If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, and you live in Peterborough you need to apply for a Reception school place.

To apply for a place if you live in Peterborough, please visit the following website <https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-school-in-reception>

Applications can now be made online and the deadline for applications is 15 January 2022, you will then get an offer for a place on 19 April 2022.

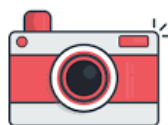
Caverstede Governing Board

The school Governing Board has a range of duties and responsibilities, which ensure that the school operates efficiently and effectively.

We currently have vacancies for Parent Governors and are inviting nominations. Details of the role, who is eligible and what is involved have been sent out on ParentMail. Please check this or ask for more information if you are interested.

Nominations should be received by **Wednesday 6th October**. After which time an election may be held - further details will be sent as needed.

Please either speak to Debbie or to the Clerk to the Governing Board, Jackie Lowe.



INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTO'S

These will be taken at the school on Thursday 11th November by

Tempest Photography.

If you do not usually attend on a Thursday, you can come in to have your photo taken. Specific times will be arranged nearer the time. Please keep checking for more information which will be sent out by ParentMail.

Easyfundraising

We've registered Caverstede Nursery School with #easyfundraising, which means over 4,000 shops and sites will now donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them.

These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long. Thank you!

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/caverstedenursery/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=fb2&fbclid=IwAR1R0haexYo4TV7jZHwXVtGKArst7LCtDcJSuPci3wQdTtZkI3YaymP4fns