



Message from Headteacher

I wanted to mention to those of you who have children in the Buzzy Bee or Butterfly classes that you need to be thinking about where you would like your child to go to school next September. It seems early but you need to have made your decision and applied for a school place by January 15th 2019. For some of you this will be the first time that you will have had to go through the process. My advice would be to do your research! Go and look at the schools you are thinking of and talk to other parents. You are the ones who know your children best and by going to look round potential schools and asking questions will help you to make the right decision for you and your child.

Once you have made your decision apply online at www.peterborough.gov.uk/admissions The website is already open and is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week. It will close on 15th January. On this website there is a booklet entitled 'Primary School Admission' which gives the admission criteria of all the schools in Peterborough.

You will be asked to put down three schools in your order of choice.

You will be informed which school you have been allocated on Primary National Offer day which is 16th April 2019.

If you would like any help with completing the online application please do not hesitate to ask at reception.

Debbie



A reminder to those parents that are eligible and claiming the 30 hours Free Childcare. If this is your first time of claiming please ensure you have applied and have received your code. You need to do this BEFORE the term you are claiming for. Therefore ensure you claim NOW to be eligible and in time for January. If you already have a code for the Autumn term don't forget you MUST confirm your details every 3 months and therefore needs doing again now. To do this sign into your childcare account. If you again do not do this before January you will NOT be eligible. We do not want any disappointed children or parents that can not therefore have the free funding. All details for applying/eligibility and signing into your childcare account can be found here;

www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare

A thank you to all paying parents for prompt payments and a reminder for this term that all fees to be paid in full by 10th December.

Victoria - Business Manager

Classroom Christmas Sing-a-Longs in December

Buzzy Bees - Tuesday 11th
Butterflies - Wednesday 12th
Ladybirds - Thursday 13th

Parents/Carers are welcome to join us. Details and times will be on the classroom whiteboards nearer the time.



Christmas visit to Paston Church for all classrooms

Monday 10th December - 9.45am
Friday 14th December - 1.45pm

If parents/carers are able to join us then please let your child's key person know.



Buzzy Bees;

The children are really confident within the nursery, and are enjoying a wide range of activities and experiences. Already this half term we have been looking at the changes that Autumn brings. Using pumpkins in all kinds of ways, including, painting, decorating, weighing and using them in our role play. The children have also used them to practice their physical skills to hammer in nails and role them down hills. We celebrated Diwali, creating Diya pots from clay, having a special snack and even making some traditional sweets. We celebrated Bonfire night by creating splatter paintings of fireworks, eating bonfire snack around a pretend bonfire whilst watching a firework display on the large screen. We even had a real fire in our fire pit during Woodland day where we toasted marshmallows! For Remembrance Sunday we watched a short video clip and created lots of poppies of our own, you may have seen the 'Field of Poppies' in the nursery garden.

During the rest of the half term we intend on having activities linked to our core story of 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson and of course in December we shall be doing lots of activities related to Christmas.

Our Woodland days are a real success, the children spend either the majority of the morning or afternoon in the Woodland garden on Tuesday, (this day will change next term). There are similar opportunities each week available to them such as the Mud Kitchen, Digging and Den building. Then each week other activities are added and changed. For example the children have had lots of opportunities to use clay to create Faces on the trees, make prints of leaves or even their own hedgehog. We have been using tools such as hammers and drills to create pieces of woodwork. We have also used our 'Kelly Kettle' with the children, so that they can have a warm hot chocolate with their snack.

Butterflies;

We have had a very busy start to the second half of the Autumn term. We have been continuing to learn about the season of Autumn and enjoying playing in the Woodland Garden on Mondays. We have collected lots and lots of leaves especially in the Woodland Garden. The children have looked at their different colours and shapes. The children have had great fun exploring pumpkins. They have rolled them, felt how heavy they can be and looked inside them to find all the seeds. We have talked about fireworks and made pictures using paint and glitter. We watched a short programme about Diwali and learnt how people celebrate it. The children made chocolate Barfi and it was yummy! Also they have had a go at making Diya lamps using clay and playdough.

Our core story this half term is 'It was a Cold, Dark Night' by Tim Hopgood. It is a story about Ned the hedgehog trying to find a home before Winter starts.

Ladybirds;

Welcome to all of our new Ladybird families. It had been lovely to meet and start to get to know you all! The children have settled quickly into their new class. Thank you to all parents for your support during the settling in process!

The children are learning our new routines and exploring the new things we have to offer, and we are now visiting the main garden. Friday 23rd November is our first Woodland day. Please see messy play in the outdoors information sheet for what to wear. Also, as the weather gets colder, please remember a coat and spare clothes for your child. Our core story is now Dear Zoo.



Come along and join us at our Christmas Fayre - here at
Caverstede Nursery School.

Friday 7th December 4 - 6pm

FREE entry

Games, stalls, cakes, prizes and Father Christmas!

ALL WELCOME

**Caverstede Christmas
Fayre**

Diary Dates

INSET days (staff training days - nursery closed)

Wednesday 2nd January 2019 - Monday 25th February 2019 - Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Children in Need: Friday 16th November

Caverstede Christmas Fayre: Friday 7th November

Paston Church visits: Monday 10th December and Friday 14th December

Christmas Sing-a-Longs:

Buzzy Bees - Tuesday 11th - Butterflies - Wednesday 12th - Ladybirds - Thursday 13th

Classes close for Christmas **Wednesday 19th December.**

Classes start **Thursday 3rd January 2019**

Term Dates for the rest of the school year

Spring Term

Classes start - Thursday 3rd January 2019

Half Term - 18th - 22nd February 2019

Classes start - Tuesday 26th February 2019

Classes close - Friday 5th April 2019

Summer Term

Classes start - Wednesday 24th April 2019

May Day - Monday 6th May 2019

Half Term - 27th - 31st May 2019

Classes close - Wednesday 24th July 2019



*We are supporting
Children In Need
On Friday 16th November
It's going to be*

SPOTACULAR !!

At Caverstede we will be raising money to support Children in Need 2018. We will be doing this in several ways:

- Your child could wear fancy dress for the day.
- We are selling Pudsey bands ears and keyrings on reception. These are selling fast!
- Cake stall - donations of cakes will be greatly received for our cake stall which will be open at the beginning and end of nursery sessions.
- Your child can have their face painted with a Pudsey patch. Please sign the consent form which will be given out in the classrooms if you would like your child to participate in this.

We would be grateful of any support you can give no matter how big or small!

Library Explorers has started again!

If you've not yet started to borrow any books from our library, why not take a look - there's lots to enjoy!

Collect a stamp on your reward card each week that you borrow a book and once it's finished, you will get a brand new book to keep and enjoy. Reward cards are at reception.

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.

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 and Hannah Haigh.

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.



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.



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!

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.

For your child’s safety and the safety of others, please make sure that you **close the main gate after you.**

And whilst we know the garden and equipment is very inviting, PLEASE do not allow your child and siblings play on them when you collect after the sessions.



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.

We work closely with the local Police and Peterborough City Council road safety team to keep Caverstede Road safe for all so please do help us in this aim.