



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 2020. 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 2020.

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

Please ensure payments for sessions, lunch, early and late club (where applicable) are paid by the end of this half term or as soon as possible when we return on Tuesday 29th October. Please speak to our finance administrator, Helen, if you have any queries regarding this, thank you.

Victoria - Business Manager



Christmas at Caverstede

During December we hold classroom sing-a-longs. Children learn their classes Christmas songs leading up to these dates and parents are invited to come along to watch.

Dates are;

Buzzy Bee class - Tuesday 10th December
Butterfly class - Wednesday 11th December
Ladybird class - Thursday 12th December

We will be singing at 9.30am and 2.30pm. More details will be displayed on the whiteboards outside each classroom.

We also visit Paston Church during December. The date for this is to be confirmed and we will let you know as soon as it is.



The children in all classes have settled into the nursery routine well and are enjoying getting to know their classrooms, teachers, key people and friends.

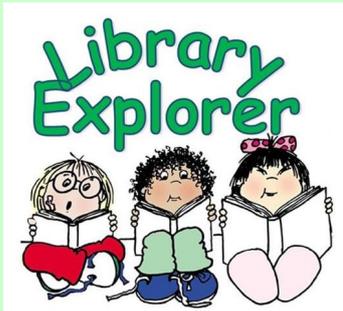
Children in the Buzzy Bee and Butterfly classes have enjoyed a visit to Paston Church to celebrate Harvest and have taken part in the activities Reverend Mark provides. We also had lots of parents/carers join us and we hope that you also enjoyed the activities! Thank you for joining us. It is a great help to have so many parents/carers help us to walk to the church.

Woodland days have now started for the Buzzy Bee and Butterfly classes and we have a new pupil, Ivy, on display in the reception who is well wrapped up for enjoying being outside in all weather!

Stories are being enjoyed in the classes; Butterflies are focussing on 'Owl Babies' and for Buzzy Bees it's 'Shark in the Park'.

The Ladybird class will be starting their woodland day after half term.

Please remember to check your child's pigeonholes daily as this is where we put information we need to send out. Whiteboards are also displayed outside each classroom and updated with information on things that are going on within the nursery. We also use ParentMail and Facebook to keep you informed of what's happening and also have a 'News' page on our website - www.caverstede.peterborough.sch.uk.



Library Explorers;

Is a scheme that we run to encourage reading and even more important this year as we are part of the 'Peterborough Reads' initiative running in the city.

We will be starting Library Explorers when we come back after the half term break. You will need to collect a reward card from reception and get this stamped at least once a week when you borrow a book. We have lots to enjoy in our library - which is in reception so why not join in and become a Library

Explorer. At the end of the scheme, which usually run for between 5 and 7 weeks, you will receive your very own book to keep and enjoy at home!

Children love to choose a book to take home and can scan their book out themselves with the special barcode system!



Caverstede Christmas Fayre

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

Friday 6th December 4 - 6pm

FREE entry

Games, stalls, cakes, prizes and Father Christmas!

ALL WELCOME

More details will be sent out soon.

Diary Dates

INSET days (staff training days - nursery closed)

Monday 28th October; Thursday 2nd January;

Monday 20th April

School photos; Thursday 7th November

Children in Need; November 2019

Caverstede Christmas Fayre; Friday 6th November

Paston Church visits; To be arranged

Christmas Sing-a-Longs; 10th, 11th, 2th December

Classes close for Christmas

Wednesday 18th December.

Classes start **Friday 3rd January 2020**

Burghley - save the date

We are visiting Burghley Sculpture Park as a whole nursery.

All three classrooms will be visiting on Friday 19th June 2020

It's a fabulous day for children to share with a family member. The children enjoy the morning exploring the sculpture garden, and then the afternoon splashing about in the Garden of Surprises.

Further information including costs will be available soon.

Term Dates for the rest of the school year

Autumn Term - 2019

Classes start;

Tuesday 29th October

Classes close;

Wednesday 18th December

Spring Term - 2020

Classes start;

Friday 3rd January

Classes close;

Half term; 17th - 21st February

Classes close; Thursday 2nd April

Spring Term - 2020

Classes start;

Tuesday 21st April

May Day; Friday 8th May

Half term; 25th - 29th May

Classes close; Tuesday 21st July



Children in Need

At Caverstede we will be raising money to support Children in Need 2019. We will be doing this in several ways:

- Your child could wear fancy dress for the day.
- We will be selling Pudsey merchandise at reception.
- 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. This will be held on Friday 15th November.

We are also planning a very exciting 'Ramble around Caverstede' - watch this space for more information!

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

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 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.

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.



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.

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.

A white sign with black text that reads 'FOR YOUR CHILDS SAFETY PLEASE CLOSE THE GATE'.

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.