



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents, I hope your child/ren have settled into Caverstede and are enjoying their sessions. We realise that for new parents to Caverstede there is a great deal to learn about! If you are not sure about anything please do not hesitate to ask a member of the team or you may like to look at our website. We try to have everything that you may need to know about us on there and it is regularly updated.

We hope that you are enjoying looking at and adding to your child's Tapestry Online Learning Journal. We enjoy reading about the activities the children take part in out of school.

Thank you for your support with Children in Need, this year we raised a grand total of £326.80.

I would like to remind you all about our school library which you can access from Reception. We are so fortunate to have our own lending library for you to use. If you can please do take time to let your child go in and choose books to borrow. Then take them to Reception where your child can scan them out.

Debbie



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, Caroline Day and Hannah Pilling. The Governor responsible for overseeing Child protection is Fiona Beveridge.

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. 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.





Butterflies

The Butterfly class have been finding out about fireworks. We have looked at some photographs and lots of children have told us about seeing them. The children have made firework pictures on the iPad and also with paint and glitter.

We have had several enjoyable Woodland Days making leaf mobiles, a pretend fire, playing hide & seek, exploring and collecting things to make lots of sticky strips.

Ladybirds

This term in the Ladybird class, our core interests are colour, number and shape. We shall be exploring these through stories, activities and experience. We are also exploring Autumn through our Woodland Days. Please remember to provide your child with a hat, scarf, gloves, boots and a warm coat.

Buzzy Bees

The Buzzy bees have really embraced role play within the classroom and outdoor areas. The children are often found role playing 'fire fighters', and have begun to use and make props as part of their play. As part of bonfire night we had a small real fire during Woodland day, which the children enjoyed, and continue to revisit this, discussing fire safety, and have even revisited the fire drills we have had as part of their role play! You may have noticed that the outdoor area has had a few extra role play outfits and furniture added, which has really supported the children's role play interests, especially those who enjoy Pirates! We are often finding treasure, walking the plank and hoisting the main sail! We have also had a close interest in pumpkins; the children have compared their weight and size, looked at growth and decay, used them as part of our hammering skills, painted with them and even used them as a piñata.

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.

Please remember

to send your child with warm clothes, hat, gloves and scarves so that they can enjoy playing outside during the winter months.

If possible please try to name all clothing as it makes it so much easier to return items of



In the classrooms, **each child has their own pigeonhole for information**, letters etc. so please remember to check these every day that your child attends nursery as there may be something important in there for you.

ParentMail;

Please activate your ParentMail account so that messages can be sent to you quickly and efficiently. Please ask if you are unsure of this facility. Thank you

Diary Dates

INSET days (staff training days - Nursery closed)

Wednesday 3rd January; Monday 16th April;

Monday 4th June

Church visit; Monday 11th December

Christmas sing-a-longs;

Buzzybees: 12th December

Butterflies: 13th December

Ladybirds: 14th December

Party Day: 19th December

**We finish for Christmas on
Tuesday 19th December.**



Autumn Term

Classes start
Half Term
Classes close

Wednesday 6th September 2017
23rd – 27th October 2017
Tuesday 19th December 2017

Spring Term

Classes start
Half Term
Classes close

Thursday 4th January 2018
12th – 16th February 2018
Thursday 29th March 2018

Summer Term

Classes start
May Day
Half Term
Classes close

Tuesday 17th April 2018
Monday 7th May 2018
28th May – 1st June 2018
Tuesday 24th July 2018



Caverstede Christmas Fayre

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

Friday 8th December 4 - 6pm

FREE entry

Games, stalls, cakes, prizes and Father Christmas!

ALL WELCOME



We are focussing on activities with the children that help to promote road safety awareness.

Useful websites that you can also visit are;

www.saferpeterborough.org.uk - which includes advice on children's car seats as well as other road safety information.

www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk

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.

Payment of nursery sessions and lunches; Nursery fees for sessions and lunches can be paid by cash, cheque or via your bank by the BACS method. Please make sure payments are up to date. If you have any query on payments, please ask at reception to speak to Helen, our Finance Administrator.

Caverstede SEN and Family Support Service

Caverstede Special Educational Needs and Family Support Service provides a friendly and relaxed environment for young children and their families. It is a place where you can make friends, get advice and join in organised activities to help your child's learning and development. We offer groups for parents/carers and their pre school children to learn together through play, singing and exploring, specialist services for children with additional needs, home visiting and summer holiday respite care.

We and our partner agencies offer a variety of services to support families with young children. Parents/carers can benefit from attending Baby Clinics and informal chat time.

For more information on what is available, please speak to Caroline, our Family Services Manager. Please note, the days that our universal groups are held has changed.

Family Services



Tuesday

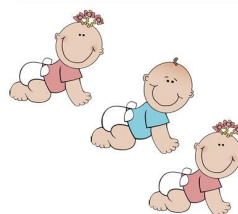
Jump and Jiggle
(story & sing-a-long)

11.00-11.45am
for children aged 1 to 3
years old
£1.50 per family

Wednesday

Multiple Miracles

9.45-11.00am
A group
for families with twins or more!
£1.50 per family



Monday

Creative Explorers

9.45 - 11am
for children who are
walking up to 3 or 4
years old
£1.50 per family

Tuesday

Messy Play

1.15 - 2.15pm
Monthly
Explore different tactile
activities
(see flyer for details)
£2.00 per family

Wednesday

Sensory Explorers

1.30 - 2.30pm
for children from birth to
walking
£1.50 per family

Library Explorers



Our Library Explorers scheme started after the Half Term break and lots of you have started to borrow books and get your reward cards stamped. It is not too late to start borrowing books from the library and collect stamps to earn a brand new book! Pick up your card at reception and take a look at all of the lovely books we have in the library.

Starting school for the first time in September 2018?

If you live in **Peterborough**
and Your child was born between
1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014



You need to apply for a school
place by **15 January 2018**

For more information and how to apply, visit
www.peterborough.gov.uk/admissions

Telephone: 01733 864007 • Email: admissions@peterborough.gov.uk

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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 Centre.

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.



We have a Facebook page - Official Caverstede Early Years Centre. Please request to be added.

