



Message from Head of Centre



Our Inset days for staff on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th April were Forest School Skills for Staff who work in the classrooms and Family Services. As I mentioned in a previous Newsletter we have been completing a BTEC Level 2 in Forest School Skills to further improve our work with the children on our Woodland days. Non contact staff were involved with Manual Handling and Fire Marshall training.

Earlier in the year I was fortunate to win a school website! A company called 'eSchools' who design and maintain school websites ran a competition which I won. We have



been working with 'eSchools' to redesign our website and now we are proud to finally be able to share it with you. We will still be further developing it over time.

Please take a look when you get a chance at www.caverstede.peterborough.sch.uk or just Google 'Caverstede' and you should find it.

We would welcome any comments about it.

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

You may have heard about Pupil Premium or Early Years Pupil Premium. EYPP came into force from April 2015 for eligible 3 and 4 year old children accessing funded education. Nurseries, schools, childminders and other childcare providers are now able to claim extra funding through the Early Years Pupil Premium to support children's development, learning and care. We can use the extra funding in any way we choose to improve the quality of the early years education that we provide for eligible children. This could include for example additional training for our staff on early language, investing or supporting our staff in working on specialised areas such as speech and language.

It is well documented that high quality early education can influence how well a child does at both primary and secondary school so we do want to make the most of this additional funding. You may be aware if you have older children that a pupil premium has been available for school age children and it has proved to have given a real boost to the children receiving the funding. We want to do the same for our early years children entitled to this funding. Thank you for completing forms regarding this and we will be publishing information regarding how this terms funding has been spent later in the year.

Further information regarding EYPP is on our website.

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Butterfly Class

Welcome back and we hope you have been enjoying the recent good weather! This term our core story has changed to The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle and you will be able to see the beginnings of the work we have been doing on our topic wall. Children will be learning the story and retelling it using props and puppets. Through this topic we shall explore the concepts of growing, life cycles and healthy eating. We will be watching caterpillars growing into butterflies and keeping a watch on the tadpoles in our Woodland pond!

At the moment we are encouraging our children to be as independent as possible and so supporting your child's dressing and name writing skills at home will really help this. If you need any support then please ask your key worker and if you would like to share any events or pictures from home then please keep using our class email address.

Butterfly team

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Buzzybee Class

Our current core story in the Buzzy Bees is The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. The children will be looking at the days of the week, number, cycle of the butterfly and tasting fruits from the story. We also hope to be getting some live caterpillars so they can see the real lifecycle of a caterpillar to butterfly.

The children have also shown an interest in weddings, so as you may have already noticed we have added wedding outfits including many bridesmaid dresses and waistcoats to our role play area for the children to wear and extend their play further.

As the weather is warming the children are accessing the outdoors much more regularly and have been enjoying the use of the bikes and water play. Please could we remind you bring a named sunhat and sunscreen for your child.

LadyBird Class

We have been learning about growing in the Ladybirds. So far, we have grown sunflowers on Woodland day and been growing cress in the classroom. We had some yummy cress sandwiches! Please take some seeds from the class whiteboard to plant at home.

After half term, we will continue this theme with our new core story – The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We will try some hungry caterpillar fruits and make a fruit salad. Please remember to bring sunscreen and a hat in for your child. The weather at this time is changeable and if sunscreen is available, we can apply this if it becomes sunny.

Ladybird Team

Legionnaires Caps

We now have some 'Caverstede' legionnaires sun caps available at reception in preparation for the warm, sunny weather!

These will cost £3.60. 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!



IMPORTANT!

We realise that the 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 tempting, PLEASE do not allow your child and siblings play on them when you collect after the sessions.



Diary Dates

Maypole Dancing at Caverstede - 20th May. Please check the whiteboards outside your child's class for times and more detail. Or ask your key person.

Half Term - 25th - 29th May

Class Group Photographs - Friday 12th June

Burghley House Visit - Monday 29th June (all classes) Letters with details will be out shortly

Summer Disco - Friday 26th June - Details and tickets will be available soon!

Sports Day - 15th July (we are aiming for this date but are awaiting confirmation from Itter Park)

Last Day of Term - 17th July

The parking bay directly to the front of the nursery is for those with a valid disabled badge. Please do not abuse this facility and park here if you do not hold a disabled parking badge.

We have families who come to nursery who do need to park here and have a valid parking permit.

Traffic and parking enforcement officers from Peterborough City Council do often patrol the area and you will receive a parking violation ticket if you park illegally.

Thank you for your help



ParentMail;

Don't forget to register your account on ParentMail and ensure you have a mobile number listed too as this will be the quickest way of sending urgent messages to you about the nursery.

Thank you.

Regular attendance;

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.

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.

We also use a **whiteboard outside each classroom** to let you know about things that are going on in the nursery and your child's room.

Lunches

Please let us know if your child will be absent from nursery and therefore not be in for lunch by 9.15am as this helps to prevent waste.

You will be charged for the lunch if we do not receive notice in time.

If you walk to nursery and bring a pushchair or perhaps your child likes to ride their bike or scooter, we do have locks available. You can then securely leave items at the front of the nursery in the 'buggy park'. These are available at reception so please ask.

Caverstede SEN and Family Services

Our Universal groups - Groups for pre school children and their parents/carers.

Come along and enjoy learning through play together. For more information on what is available, please speak to Caroline, our Family Services Manager.



MONDAY
Sensory Explorers
1.30 - 2.30pm

for children aged 6 months to walking
£1.50 per family



WEDNESDAY

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

9.30 - 10.30am

for children aged 1 to 3 years old

£1.50 per family

THURSDAY

Creative Explorers

9.45 - 11am

For children who are walking up to 3 years old

£1.50 per family

Dad's Group; This is a friendly and relaxed group for Dad's or other male role models to spend time with your children and enjoy all of the resources available here at Caverstede Early Years Centre. The group runs on a Saturday morning - 10.00 - 11.30am and costs £2 per family. The next dates for the group are;

25th April; 9th & 23rd May;
6th & 20th June; 4th & 18th July

Security & Safeguarding; Mobile phones and personal cameras are not permitted to be used at Caverstede Early Years Centre. It is important that you do not use your phone whilst settling your child into nursery. If you need to take a call please step outside the centre gate. We thank you for your continued co-operation in this matter.

Can you help please?

Any donations of spare clothes that can be used in the classrooms would be very much appreciated.

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

