



**Message from Head of Centre**



I do hope all your children are enjoying their sessions at Caverstede, we are certainly enjoying watching them develop. If there is anything you are not sure about please do not hesitate to ask your child's Key Person, Class teacher or another member of staff, we are all happy to answer any questions you may have.

**Parking Issues**

I have been saddened to have to become involved in issues regarding parking. Please can you all be considerate when parking your cars each day. Please do not park across our neighbours drives or in the disabled parking bay unless you have a 'Blue Badge.'

**Admissions to school**

The Primary Admissions Booklet is available on line at [www.peterborough.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/admissions) and hard copies of the booklet are available from the Council Offices at Bayard Place. This year the Local Authority require all applications to be made on-line. The period for applying is from September 2015 to 15th January 2016 for the September 2016 start. So if your child will be 5 years of age in the academic year 2016/17 (i.e. those children born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012) then you will need to apply. We do have a limited number of Admissions Information Booklets available. If you require any help with this process please enquire at reception.

**Library Explorers**

We are introducing a scheme to encourage the use of our library, reading aloud is widely recognised as the single most important activity leading to language development. Through hearing stories, children are exposed to a rich and wide vocabulary. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they listen, which is vital as they start to read. It's important for them to understand how stories work as well. Even if your child doesn't understand every word, they'll hear new sounds, words and phrases which they can then try out, copying what they have heard. Please look out for our 'Library Explorers' scheme later in this newsletter.

**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 co-operation in this matter.

**Regular Attendance**

Regular attendance is crucial for your child. 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.

At Caverstede we closely monitor each child's attendance. Attendance is reported to yourselves during the year and it will be recorded on your child's report at the end of the academic year. The School's Governing Body are also given attendance data.

The parents of all children who miss a significant amount of time, other than for illness, will be contacted and the issues will be discussed. With this in mind please do consider carefully if your child really does need to be absent from school.

If your child is ill and will not be attending school please telephone the school on each day of absence to inform us. Thank you.

**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 gate**

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### Butterfly class;

This term we shall be celebrating bonfire night with our very own bonfire on Woodland Day. We have collected the sticks to build it and will be learning about what we need to build a fire at Key Group times. As the weather gets colder we will be following the children's interests and Autumn will become our key topic. Through this we will explore seasons, weather, hot and cold, and colours. We shall be reading Autumn stories and looking at non-fiction books as well. We will also celebrate Diwali and Christmas this term too.

### Buzzy Bees

Hello! The Buzzy bees have settled well into nursery and are enjoying a variety of experiences. We have started to explore the Woodland Garden in small groups, during our Friday Woodland Days. The children have been collecting and exploring, within the Woodland environment, as well as conker rolling, and leaf printing both in the classroom and in the Woodland Garden. Over the next half term we will be introducing the clay table, starting first by exploring the clay with our hands, looking at how it feels, how it can be manipulated, and what happens when we add water. The clay will provide lots of opportunities for talking about what they see and feel, developing their fine motor skills (finger and hand development) and exploration of textures and materials.

### Ladybirds

The children in Ladybirds have settled really well now. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have helped with this – all your hard work has paid off! After half term, we will start exploring the Woodland Garden on a Wednesday morning and a Thursday afternoon. Please remember to send warm clothes, a coat, hat, gloves and scarf (if cold) and wellies if you have them. This will help your child to enjoy Woodland Day fully. As it is Bonfire night, we will be having a small fire on our Woodland Day, as well as hot chocolate to keep us warm! It's still not too late to send in any family photographs to [ladybirds@caverstede.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:ladybirds@caverstede.peterborough.sch.uk) as the children really enjoy looking at them and sharing stories about their families. We'd love to see any photographs of celebrations, special days or trips out, too. We are in the process of sending out song books so you can sing the songs we enjoy at nursery at home as well. This really helps with the children's language development. We will be learning about the season of Autumn this half term, collecting leaves, looking at pumpkins and playing with conkers.

### Reminder to all classes;

On Woodland Days please remember to bring wellies if you have them, preferably named. Now the weather is turning, colder and wetter please remember to provide clothing for the weather such as: warm coats, hats, gloves and scarfs on those really chilly days! PLEASE put names in your child's clothes too!

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.



**Harvest Collection;** A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated items to the Harvest Collection. As you can see, we had lots of items brought in and these will all be used by the Peterborough Foodbank to help provide 3 days of emergency food and support to local people in crisis.

**Bonfire Night;** 5th November

**Diwali;** 11th November

**Children in Need;** 13th November

**Christmas Fayre;** TBC

**Weds 4th Nov;** Visit from Rev.Mark - Paston Church

**Individual school photos;** 17th November

**Scholastic Book Fair:** 18th - 25th November

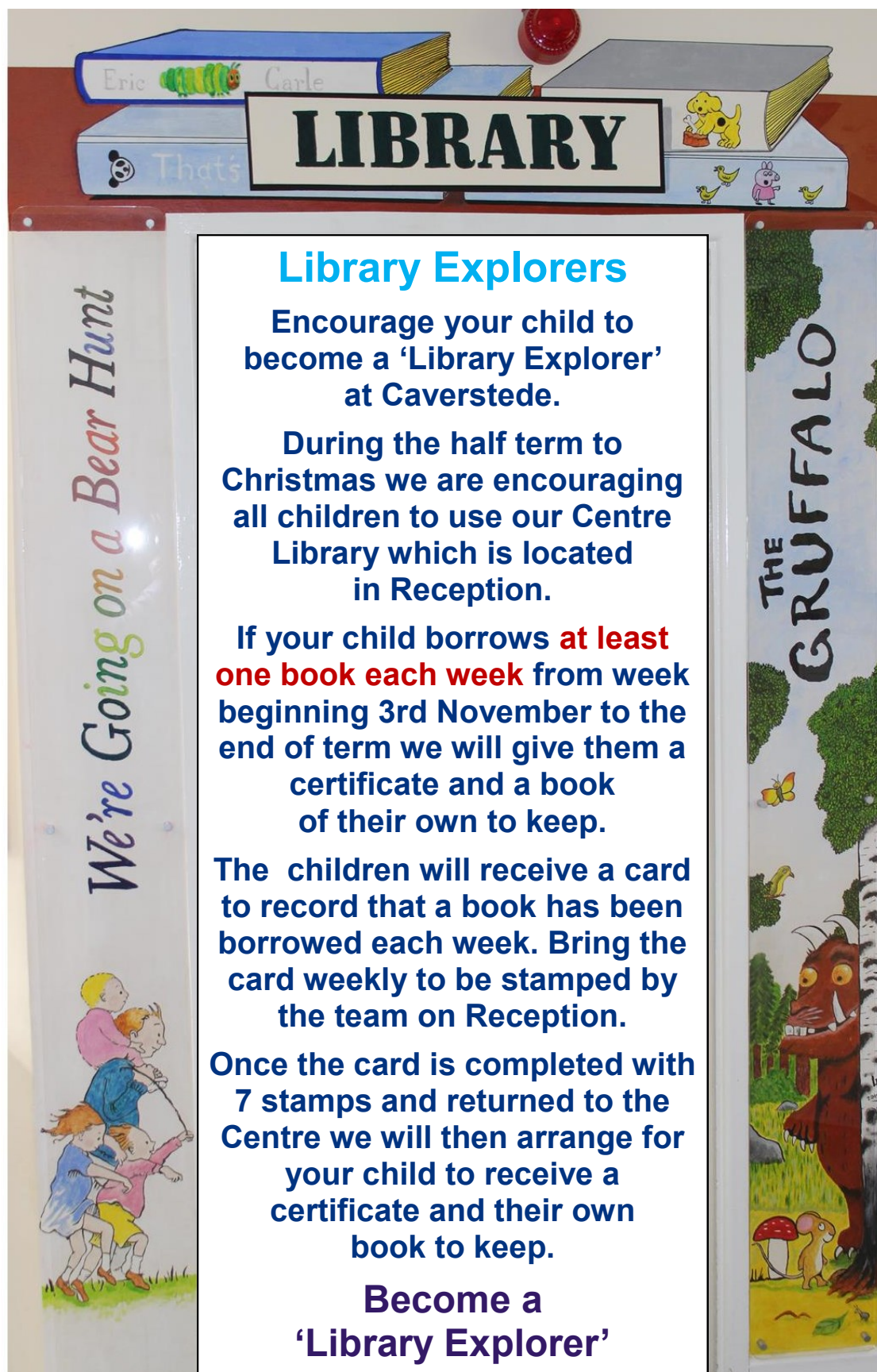
**Class Christmas  
sing-a-longs;**

December

**BF** - 9th

**BB** - 10th

**LB** - 11th



**LIBRARY**

### Library Explorers

Encourage your child to become a 'Library Explorer' at Caverstede.

During the half term to Christmas we are encouraging all children to use our Centre Library which is located in Reception.

If your child borrows **at least one book each week** from week beginning 3rd November to the end of term we will give them a certificate and a book of their own to keep.

The children will receive a card to record that a book has been borrowed each week. Bring the card weekly to be stamped by the team on Reception.

Once the card is completed with 7 stamps and returned to the Centre we will then arrange for your child to receive a certificate and their own book to keep.

**Become a  
'Library Explorer'**



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'. Please ask at reception for these.



**Scholastic books;** You may have seen the Scholastic Book Club leaflets that are given out throughout the year and maybe you have ordered items from the leaflets too. As well as having some lovely books for you and your child/ren to enjoy, the nursery benefits from any sales as well. We are then able to use these rewards to get new books for the nursery and these are often put into the library so that the children can also borrow the new books. If you do use the library, we ask that you bring a separate bag or book bag to keep the books in good condition, especially during the winter months. We do sell book bags at reception if you do not have one available from home to use. These cost £4 each.

**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.

### 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.**

### Caverstede SEN and Family Support Service

**Our Universal groups** - Groups for pre school children and their parents/carers. Come along and enjoy learning through play together.

**Monday;** Sensory Explorers: 1.30 - 2.30pm for children aged 6 months to walking

**Tuesday;** Baby Zone: 12 - 1.30pm for children aged 0 - 6 months

**Wednesday;** Jump & Jiggle: 9.30 - 10.30am for children aged 1 to 3 years old

**Thursday;** Creative Explorers: 9.45 - 11am for children who are walking up to 3 years old

**Dad's Group;** this group runs every other Saturday, 10 - 11.30am. The cost is £2 per family and is for children aged 0 - 7 years old and their dad's, granddad, uncle or other male carer.

Dates up until Christmas are;

**24th Oct; 7th & 21st Nov; 5th & 19th Dec**



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