

Dear Parents/carers

Welcome to our latest newsletter, I cannot believe how quickly this half term has gone!

Thank you all for continuing to comment and add to your child's tapestry account. It is so lovely to see what the children get up to when they are out of school. If you have not yet accessed your child's account please ask at reception and we will support you.

If any of you have, or know of families with younger children we will soon be looking at admissions for the next academic year, please register children through reception.

We are running our Library Explorers scheme again during the half term between Easter and half term, please do take part if you can. We would like to increase the number of children at Caverstede who borrow books from our Library. For those of you who have not yet borrowed any books please do take a look at the books that are available to borrow, there is a board outside each classroom with a selection for you and your child/ren to choose from, please ask classroom staff for help if you require any further information.

We do hope you are finding the Knowledge Organisers a useful resource, they are there to advise you of the key themes your child/ren are focussing on in their class. I know some parents find it useful to know what their child is covering for example which core story, rhymes and key vocabulary. If you want to know more about our Knowledge Organisers please look on our website: Caverstede Nursery School; Curriculum; Knowledge Organisers.

For those of you who have children joining reception classes in September you should find out which school they have been accepted to on the 17th April. Could you please let your class teacher or key person know which school it is, as we complete transition meetings/ discussions with them in the summer term.

I hope you all have a lovely holiday, see you next term.

Debbie

### Term Dates 2022 - 2023

Classes close; Friday 31st March

#### Summer Term

INSET/Staff Training - **Monday 17th April - NURSERY CLOSED**

Classes start; Tuesday 18th April

May Day; Monday 1st May—NURSERY CLOSED

#### Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation:

**Monday 8th May - NURSERY CLOSED**

Classes close; Friday 26th May

Half Term; 29th May - 2nd June 2023—Nursery Closed

Classes start; Monday 5th June

Classes close; Wednesday 19th July

### Security & Safeguarding;

Mobile phones and personal cameras are only permitted to be used at in the school reception and parent café and NOT in the Nursery garden. 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.



**Nursery places:** We are in the process of allocating spaces for September.

If you know of anyone looking for a nursery place for their 2, 3 or 4 year old please ask them to get in touch with us to check availability.

**Ladybirds**

Our core story for Ladybird class this half term has been “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” by Eric Carle.

The children have really enjoyed this story and its supporting stories, and we have explored the story using all of our senses.

The children have enjoyed taking part in lots of caterpillar themed activities. They have made collage caterpillars, colourful butterflies and have enjoyed using fruit to print pictures with.

The children have really enjoyed the experiments we carried out for science week. We created “whooshing” volcanoes using coke and mentos, explored fruits textures during printing activities, and investigated what happened when the colours from skittles mixed with water. The experiments created much excitement and it was lovely to see lots of curious little scientists in the making!

After the Easter holiday our new core story shall be the traditional tale of the “Three Little Pigs”. We shall be doing lots of pig and building themed activities both in class and outdoors. We shall also be celebrating the Kings coronation!

As the weather changes and gets warmer we shall be playing with water more often. Can I please remind parents/carers to provide suitable clothes for your child, that you don't mind getting dirty, as we love to use our whole bodies to explore in the Ladybird class.

We hope you have a lovely Easter holiday.

Thank you from the Ladybird Team.

**Buzzy Bee class**

The Buzzy Bees have had a great term exploring lots of different experiences related to our core story of Shark in the Park. Experiences have included creating telescopes, going on shark hunts, looking at different types of sharks, and making small and large models of sharks.

The children embraced our visit from Ellie Sandall during World Book week, and have talked about it a lot afterwards, recalling the story Balancing Bernie, and talk about it regularly when looking at the display of balancing dogs in the window. Thank you to all the families who joined in with the World book day event by sending in favourite books, or dressing up. We enjoyed sharing all the favourite stories and books with one another, and listened to some of the stories outside whilst having our snack.

We also had a ‘Caverstede Cinema experience’ where the children used their ticket to visit the Caverstede cinema. The staff replicate a cinema experience as close as possible in our Caverstede room, with the lights off, and viewing “The Gruffalo” on a big screen, along with the Butterfly children. The children had a cinema snack whilst watching the film too.

We have celebrated our science week by exploring and experimenting with all types of science theories and experiments from floating and sinking, melting ice, dissolving salt, creating sweet rainbows to exploding volcanoes and creating rockets! The children have really embraced all the different experiences and been recreating some of their own within their play.

Next half term we will be focusing on the book The Pirates are coming by John Condon.



## Butterflies

Our core story for Butterfly class this half term has been 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy which is about a character called Baby Bear who goes to the moon. The children have been listening to this story, talking about the pictures and the characters so they are becoming really familiar with it. We have a tuff tray with the characters and small world props so the children can use them to retell the story. Also we have had a space ship outside in the main garden so the children can pretend to fly to the moon and this has been very popular with all the children.

The children have created a display of their art work to do with the story in the classroom as they have painted Baby Bear and printed moons, stars and planets on black paper.

We have learnt about the 'Shrove Tuesday' or 'Pancake Day'. We watched Amanda make a batter mix and cook us all fresh pancakes that we enjoyed for snack. The children had a go at making pancakes using the play dough and then flipping them in the mini frying pans.

The children have dressed up as their favourite book characters and we have read lots of great story books as part of 'World Book Day'. Ellie Sandall came to visit and she read us one of her stories 'Balancing Bernie' and the children enjoyed doing some balancing activities with her as a follow up from her story.

During 'Science Week' we did some different experiments including Dancing Raisins where we put raisins into lemonade, we played with gloop, made little rockets, froze water and then melted the ice with salt. We have revisited hand washing with the children and talked about germs we cannot see.

We have been learning about the celebration of Easter as we have read books about Easter and eggs. The children have been playing with plastic eggs and coloured rice in a tuff tray. We have been drawing patterns on paper egg shapes and using chalks outside to create different sized eggs. We made an egg decoration by winding different coloured pieces of wool around a cardboard shaped egg. The children enjoyed a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny as he left them all a chocolate egg to find around the Woodland Garden.

The children also enjoyed a visit from Bertie the dog who belongs to Katy and they enjoy giving him lots of strokes.

Woodland Julie has been busy supporting us and the children with playing in the Woodland garden on Thursdays this term. We have played in the mud, planted some vegetables our raised bed, made a rocket using the long sticks, hunted for mini beasts and worms in the mud to name a few activities.

Our core story for next half is 'Jack and the Beanstalk' which is a traditional tale.



## 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 or park in a way that blocks access to it.

Please also consider our neighbours along Caverstede Road and avoid parking across drive-ways or on the grass verges.



## School photographs

We are having the class group photographs taken on Tuesday 16th May. This will be taken during the session times. If you do not usually attend on Tuesday but would like to be in the photograph, you can bring your child in at a specific time to take part in this. Times are still to be arranged so please ask nearer the date.

There will also be an opportunity to have an individual photograph taken in the woodland garden. We will be asking parents if they would like their child to have their photo taken on their own (which will be on the same day as the group photograph) and photographs will only be taken of those children whose parents have requested this. More details and how to request this will be sent out after the Easter holidays.



### Lucky Easter Squares

Thank you for supporting our Easter fundraising. The lucky squares for the Easter treats have been drawn and winning eggs/treats can be collected from reception. The draw has also taken place for naming the Easter rabbit - the winning name is Snow

**We have raised £65!**

Thank you for your continuing support.

We will be arranging a Summer Fayre for June so please keep looking out for more details which will be available soon.

### 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.



### Borrowing library books from the Caverstede library

If you have been a Library Explorer this term, you will receive your new book to keep when we return after the Easter holidays.

We will then start a new Library Explorer period, running from 18th April until 26th May - so you will still have time to get to love borrowing books from our library! A new selection will be ready for you to choose from after Easter.

**Just a reminder that if you have borrowed books this school year, ideally the winter and Christmas books, and have yet to return them, please could you do so as soon as possible so that these can be put away and new books put out to be borrowed. Thank you.**

### Parentmail

Just a reminder that if you change your contact details, can you please update this on your Parentmail account. This is especially important for mobile phone numbers as we send texts out for more urgent messages or to let you know that we have sent an email that needs reading

### Snack;

Thank you to those parents who have made a voluntary contribution towards the cost of providing a daily, healthy snack to the children. Due to the rising costs of food, as well as everything else, we have asked if parents could consider a voluntary contribution of up to £5 per term to support this. If you would like to make a contribution, you can make a cash payment at reception or you can ask for our bank details to pay into. As always, your support is very much appreciated. We would like to highlight that this is a voluntary contribution and no child will be denied this snack.

### Tapestry

Don't forget to add to and read your child's Tapestry online learning journal. We look forward to seeing what you have been doing at home!