



Message from Headteacher

We hope that your child is enjoying the Summer term, we always look forward to this part of the year as the children are so confident and independent within the environment. This is a busy term we have already had a duck visit the Butterfly class and Buzzy Bee Class. As you are aware we had Maypole dancing – thank you to those parent/carers who were able to attend, we hope you enjoyed it. We are also looking forward to the African Drummers coming to play their drums for us. After half term a local artist is going to be working with each class on some exciting projects and of course our family trip to Burghley Sculpture Park is not long away. Thank you all for your ongoing support.
Debbie



Family Disco

Come along and enjoy our Family Disco on Friday 21st June at the Limetree Pub, Walton; 6 - 8pm. We are lucky to have the services of The Lime Tree Pub and Wright Sounds Mobile Disco for free to help with our fundraising.

Tickets are available to buy at reception, costing £5 per family. This is for 2 adults and 3 children, 50p per extra person.

We will also be fundraising by holding a sweet tombola. If you would like to donate some sweets, treats or chocolates to go on this, please drop them into reception. All help is greatly appreciated as we raise much needed funds for additional resources for the school.



Communication

Please check your child's pigeonhole in the classrooms for letters and information we are sending home.



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.



Buzzy Bees:

We are currently enjoying the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, the children are role playing the different characters within the home corner, which has been turned into the Giant's house. We have sown various seeds in our vegetable patch, including the bean they have taken home. Next half term continuing with the growth theme we shall also be looking at the story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, looking closely at the cycle of the Caterpillar to Butterfly.

We are going to start looking at different pieces of art work and the artists who create them, finding out information on how and what they used to create their art work, as well as information about the artist themselves. We are starting with the painting 'Squares with concentric circles' by Wassily Kandinsky.

Butterflies:

Butterfly class will be looking at and sharing the rhyming story of 'Duck in the Truck' by Jez Alborough as our core story this half term. We have had a real live duck come and visit us so we can learn more about ducks. The children will be matching objects that rhyme including duck and truck, singing songs including 'Old MacDonald' and 'Five Little Ducks' as well as looking at different types of vegetables. We are looking forward to continuing our Woodland days this term so we play with mud just like the duck from our story 'Duck in the Truck'. Our new day is Tuesday so please remember to bring your child's wellington boots and a coat. We will be playing in the mud kitchen, looking at the trees, digging in the digging area, bird watching, looking for signs of Summer, watering the plants, making mud faces and popcorn.

Ladybirds:

Over the next half term we shall be looking at the topics of *Growing and Living Things*. Our Core Stories shall be *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *Jasper's Beanstalk*. The children shall continue to plant and look after our vegetable patch in the Woodland garden and pick the produce to eat at snack times. We shall also be looking at how living things grow and focusing on the life cycle of a caterpillar, hopefully looking after some of our own!

As the weather gets warmer and children bring in their own hats or water play clothes, can we please ask you to name your child's clothing to ensure that we are able to return it to the right person when they have been changed. Thank you.



Updating information for returning children

We will soon be holding our paperwork days for the parents of new children who will be starting with us in September. In addition, we do need our returning families to update their information - contact numbers, dietary needs, medical information, who can collect, permissions etc.

Paperwork will be ready soon and we will let you know when the packs are available to be completed. This is important to ensure that we have up to date, emergency contacts and that nothing has changed since starting.

Please do ensure that, when the packs are ready, that you complete them promptly as this will help us to ensure that everything is ready for the start of the new school year.



Summer's here!

Now the weather is starting to get warmer, we would like to remind parents/carers of how we can enjoy the sun safely.

At Caverstede Nursery School we plan activities to help reduce the impact of heat - such as ice in water play or the use of fans. We also use more shaded areas of the outdoor environment in extreme heat, provide drinking water throughout the day and encourage children to stay hydrated. We are mindful that the sun is particularly damaging between the hours of 11am and 3pm.

We ask that parents;

- provide sunscreen of Factor 15 and above for their child.
- sign a label giving staff permission to apply sunscreen to their child and this will be fixed to the bottle/container. Staff will apply sunscreen or support children to apply their own and will re-apply if children are in nursery all day.
- provide their child with a sun hat - named, to wear in the nursery garden. We do have some Legionnaires hats available to buy at reception. These cost £2 each

To ensure that your child stays safe in the sun whilst at Caverstede, they will unfortunately remain inside if sunscreen is not provided by parents/carers.

If you have any concerns or queries, please speak to your child's class teacher or key person.

Thank you.



Burghley Sculpture Garden Visit

As you already know this year we are planning to take all the children on a whole school educational visit. We will be visiting Burghley Sculpture Park and Garden of Surprises, Stamford. This is an ideal trip for us to make and we are very excited about going. It has lots for us to see and do. There are a wide variety of sculptures to find and

explore. We will be visiting on **Friday 12th July 2019**

Letters have been sent out and need to be completed and returned by **Monday 3rd June and payments need to be made by Friday 28th June please**. Copies of the letter are available at reception if you need one.

We aim to keep the costs as low as possible and whilst we subsidise the trips ourselves to help keep the cost as low as possible, we do ask for a voluntary contribution of **£14.00** towards the cost of entry and coach. However, if we do not get enough contributions towards the cost of the visit we may, unfortunately, have to cancel the trip.

If you have any queries about this, please speak to your child's class teacher or key person.

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor in our school

What does a governor do?

The role of a school governor is to contribute to the work of the governing board in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children in the school by:

- Setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and pupils;
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

You could develop skills in communication; decision making; confidence building; finance and HR matters plus much more.

It's a great addition to your CV and an opportunity to be involved with the strategic management of the school

Training is available in many aspects of the governor role

What do I need to be able to offer;

- Time
- Commitment to the role
- Willingness to learn
- Ability to work as a team
- A listening ear
- Be able to ask questions, make judgements and take decisions

If you are interested, please complete the nomination form sent out recently with the information. If you would like a copy, please ask at reception. If you would like to know a little more about the role, please speak to Debbie Hayes or Jackie Lowe (Clerk)

Payments - all payments must be made by close of nursery Wednesday 17th July. If you have any query about this or would like to check your balance, please speak to Helen Hobbs, our finance administrator.

Term Dates for the rest of the school year

Summer Term

Classes start - Wednesday 24th April 2019
May Day - Monday 6th May 2019
Half Term - 27th – 31st May 2019
Classes close - Wednesday 24th July 2019

Library Explorers



Have you been a Library Explorer yet this year? If you have, we hope that you're enjoying your new books and keep reading them! We will be starting this again after the half term holiday and this will run for 5 weeks.

Collect your reward card from reception and get it stamped each time that you borrow a book. There are lots to choose from in the library. If you've not yet become a Library Explorer, why not give it a go?