

Message from Head of Centre



Ofsted say we are: **‘OUTSTANDING’**

As I am sure you are all aware we had a visit from Ofsted before half term!

I received a telephone call from Ofsted at mid-day on Monday 13th February to inform us that an inspection was to take place on Tuesday 14th February. We would all like to thank you for the support you offered us, for example; through joining us on the visit to the church, completing Parent View and talking to the Inspector on the day.

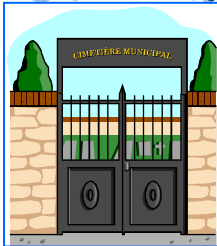
We have received the grading of OUTSTANDING on the following five occasions: 13th March 2007, 24th - 25th November 2010, 26th - 27th September 2013, 5th February 2015 and now 14th February 2017 (Valentines day will never be the same again!) Look out for this being celebrated in the Peterborough Telegraph.

Thank you to those parents who responded to our call for a Parent Governor, we had four people put themselves forward and Ben Hemp and Andrew Dean gained the most votes in the election. They have already attended their first Governing Board meeting.

Attendance at Caverstede is improving, thank you for sending your children regularly, currently our overall attendance is 92%. You may be interested to know that we have 12 pupils who have 100% attendance this year—well done.

Debbie

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.

Please ensure your child/ren do not go on any of the Nursery equipment before or after the Nursery session. This includes children who do not attend Caverstede.

For your child's safety and the safety of others, please make sure that you **close the gate**.

Thank you.

Regular Attendance is Important

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 reports throughout 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.

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.

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**Ladybirds:**

We hope you had a lovely half term. In Ladybirds, the children have really been enjoying our Woodland days, particularly digging for worms and splashing in the puddles. These continue to be on a Tuesday and this half term, we will be planting some seeds, such as carrots and peas. We will also make some bird food and explore the signs of spring. The children have been cooking banana smoothies and exploring oranges and lemons related to Pancake day. We will continue with some more cooking opportunities this half term. There will also be chance for children to learn about Easter later on in the half term.

Butterfly class:

This half term, our core story is 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We shall be exploring the concepts of size, weight, measure, growing and right and wrong through this. We shall also be celebrating Mother's Day and Easter and learning about these celebrations.

Buzzy Bees:

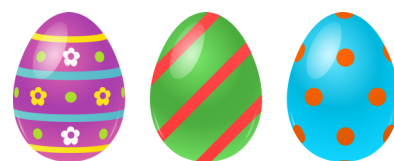
In the Buzzy Bees we are starting the half term looking at the story 'Little Red Riding Hood'. The children have really embraced the traditional tales, and enjoy sharing them with the adults, and with each other, really phrases from the stories. We are busy creating mothers day cards, and will soon be on to doing some Easter crafts too. The children have been showing a great interest in using the paints, and collage materials. We have been supporting and teaching them how to colour mix and many of them are now confident in mixing paints to create new colours.

During the wet weather the children have enjoyed some wonderful puddle play within the nursery and woodland gardens. This has meant that some of the children have needed to get changed as even with wearing our wetsuits and wellies some of their clothing has got wet, can I take this moment to ask you to provide a spare named change of clothes for your child on their peg. Thank you

Lucky Easter Egg Squares

Our Easter fundraiser is out in reception. Pick a square, write your name in it and you could win a treat! Squares cost 40p each or 3 for £1. All funds raised goes to the Friends of Caverstede charity. Donations of Easter Eggs always appreciated.

We will be picking the winning squares on Wednesday 5th April



Save the Date!

Family Disco on Friday 30th June at the Limetree Pub, Walton.
Watch this space for more information and tickets!



Library Explorers

Our new Library Explorer scheme has now started. Don't forget to collect your reward card and start collecting stamps each time you borrow a book from the library. We have lots of books to borrow and enjoy so if you've not yet used our library, why not see what there is! The theme on the Library Explorer card this term is 'Recycling'.

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.

Diary Dates

Classes close for Easter **Friday 7th April 2017**

The school is closed for an Inset day on **Monday 24th April**.

Classes start again **Tuesday 25th April**.

Summer Term

Classes start	Tuesday 25 th April 2017
May Day	Monday 1 st May 2017
Half Term	29 th May – 2 nd June 2017
Classes close	Thursday 20 th July 2017

24th March; Red Nose Day/Comic Relief

26th March; Mothering Sunday

28th March; Bertie visits!

Thursday 6th April; Visit to Paston Church

Thursday 4th May; Maypole dancing here at Caverstede

Wednesday 24th May; African Drummers

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.



Mobile phone numbers;

Please make sure that we have your up to date mobile number on contact details held in the classroom and on your ParentMail account. This is important so that we can contact you regarding your child immediately and also advise you of any urgent message by ParentMail.

Change of contact detail forms are available at reception.

Messy Play

A fun, creative sensory session.

Children from birth to 3 years can explore -
using their senses.

Be prepared to get messy
and wear old clothes!

£2 per family

At Caverstede on the following Tuesdays;

14th February	14th March
25th April	9th May
13th June	11th July

1.15 - 2.15 pm



Sainsbury's Vouchers

we are collecting the Active Kids vouchers again this year and would appreciate any that you get when you go shopping.

This helps us to update and get new equipment, particularly outdoor resources.

The collection box is in the reception.



Red Nose Day - Comic Relief

We will be supporting this charity on 24th March. We are selling noses in reception, £1 each and these are available now. Look out for more details around the centre letting you know what we will be doing on the day - it could be dressing up, doing something funny, having your face painted or a cake sale!

Keeping safe and considerate parking

You may have noticed the yellow 'no parking' cones on the grass verges opposite the centre. These have been placed there by Peterborough City Council in response to concerns raised by ourselves and local residents. Parking opposite the centre is not permitted during certain times and the notices displayed indicate this and are accompanied by single yellow lines. In addition, parking on the grass verges has caused them to become muddy and unsightly which is understandably annoying to the residents of Caverstede Road. We hope that the new cones help parents park safely and considerately along the road and we appreciate your help with this ongoing problem.

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.

Next dates are;
25th March
8th April



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