

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 certainly a busy term as well as our Core stories, we have already had a focus on all things Eco during Eco week, celebrated Eid, had Artist Ellie Sandall work with the children for two days, and this week are practising Maypole dancing. Next week we are celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. After half term Ellie Sandall will be returning to work with each class on some more exciting projects. We will be having a focus on dental health during National Smile week, We are also having caterpillars and chicks for the children to experience! Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Debbie

May Half Term - 27th May - 3rd June 2022.

Please note that classes finish for the half term break on Thursday 26th May.

Enjoy the break and the Queens Jubilee bank holiday 2nd & 3rd June! We are back on Monday 6th June.

Classes close for the summer on Friday 22nd July 2022

Classroom group photographs will be taken on Thursday 26th May. This will be during the session times in the nursery garden. If you do not usually attend on a Thursday but would like to be in the class photo, please speak to your child's key person or class teacher as they will be shortly working out what times each class will be in the garden for their photo. Proofs will be available shortly after this date and links to the proof and how to order to order these will be sent out on Parentmail.



Child Protection and Safeguarding for Schools: We take child protection issues extremely seriously; at all times we consider the protection and safety of the child in our care. Child protection issues are always dealt with in the appropriate ways. All staff have attended child protection training and are familiar with the correct procedures.

At Caverstede Nursery School we follow the Child Protection procedures for the Peterborough Safeguarding Board.

We have named people for child protection they are Debbie Hayes, Katy Coles, Hannah Haigh and Emily Wiseman.

If you have concerns regarding children's safety and protection, it is essential that you contact your child's key person, class teacher or the Headteacher.

**Buzzy Bee class:**

The children have embraced our core story of Supertato, enjoying the various superheroes, and the Evil Pea villain. The children have used props to retell the story, explored lots of pea play, including melting frozen peas, have potatoes in various parts of their play such as in the tactile tray and water tray.

We have enjoyed another super visit from Ellie Sandall, where the children explored different painting techniques to create textures, and used lino printing to create shapes. All very exciting, and the children all eager to have a go.

For Eid the children enjoyed a celebration snack, listened and danced to music, built mosques from our special Islamic blocks, looked at various artefacts, stories and videos about how people celebrate Ramadan and Eid, and Afrida came to talk to us about how she celebrates Eid with her family, showing us her beautiful Henna patterns on her hands, this prompted some of the children in the class to talk about their own Eid celebrations too.

During our Eco week we have had a big focus on recycling, reusing and reducing our waste, the children are much more conscious to use both sides of the paper- in fact they pointed this out to Ellie Sandall that she wasn't using both sides of the paper!

We are promoting lots of activities ready for their journey onto school in September, including recognising their names, making purposeful marks, in some cases writing their names, promoting independence skills such as dressing and undressing themselves- especially their coats, shoes and socks.

We are looking forward to using the sandpit and water feature very soon in the coming weeks, so please don't forget to bring in named sunhats, spare clothes and sunscreen for hopefully some sunny weather!

Ladybird class:

This term our core story has been the Very Hungry Caterpillar. The children have enjoyed listening to the story and learning about bugs. We have made a giant painted caterpillar and made caterpillar posting tubes to use for various activities. We have also begun to explore new fruits such as plums at snack time which has caused lots of lovely talk around the words of sweet, sour and juicy!

For Art week the children enjoyed creating textures in different shades of green paint and it was lovely to see them excited to see Ellie our artist from her previous visit! They also had a go at printing and enjoyed using the rollers and ink. We also explored mosaic patterns using doilies and did observational drawings on woodland day. We have quite a set of young artists in our class!

The Ladybird children enjoyed Eco week and listening to stories about how to look after the world around us. They were very interested in junk modelling and making new items out of old.

Currently the children are getting excited about our Jubilee celebrations next week. We are reading stories about the queen and the children have enjoyed doing drawings of her. We have also set up a street party role play corner and the children are having fun serving afternoon tea and dressing up. The children have been practising their dance moves ready for the party!

We are looking forward to using the water feature and having some sprinkler play in our garden in the coming weeks, so please don't forget to bring in named sunhats, spare clothes and sunscreen for hopefully some sunny weather!

Finally, a big thank you to all our parents who are sharing what their children have been doing via Tapestry. It is lovely to see what they get up to outside of nursery and the children have enjoyed talking about their photos with their key person. If you are having problems accessing Tapestry then please speak to a member of the Ladybird Team.

**Plant Sale**

Thank you to everyone who bought plants in our recent sale - it is all very much appreciated. We still have some plants available to buy if you are interested, both for outdoors and indoors so please ask if you would like to see what we have. As soon as we have the total of how much has been raised we will let you know. Thank you for your continued support with our fundraising events.



Butterfly class:

We are reading 'Billy's Beetle' by Mick Inkpen and 'Mad about Minibeasts' by Giles Andreae for this half term. The children are really enjoying hearing and joining in with these books. The children are exploring some new words associated with these books including names of the different insects and bugs. We have been looking at different information books to learn more about mini beasts. We have pictures, plastic bugs and small world figures so the children can use these for retelling.

We have been doing lots of bug hunts in the main and woodland gardens. Also I have been showing the children my African Land Snail which the children think is amazing! We have been drawing mini beasts and having a go at creating snails after looking at Matisse's snail as a famous piece of art work.

Our Woodland Day this term is Tuesday. Last term the children really enjoyed working with Woodland Julie and exploring the Woodland garden as well as learning new skills. This term we have been looking at signs of Spring/Summer, using magnifying glasses to look for bugs, digging for worms in the digging pod and finding leaves, sticks to make some natural art mini beasts.

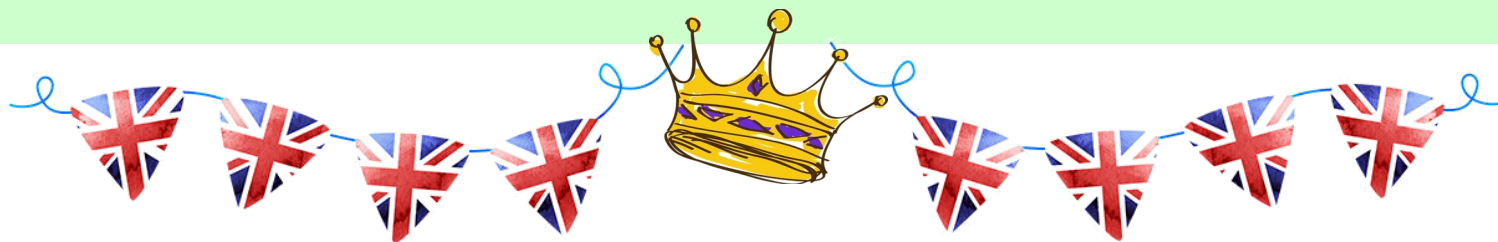
We have been continuing singing lots of songs and rhymes some which are familiar to the children as well as some new ones 'There's a worm at the Bottom of my Garden' and 'There's a Tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf'. The children love singing, joining in with some of the actions and playing musical instruments to accompany their singing.

The children have been enjoying accessing the whole of the main garden as they have been playing with the children from Buzzy Bees and exploring different resources including the swings.

We have had Eco week where we have been continuing to talk about recycling and looking after our world. We introduced composting to the children and we learnt about what happens to our food waste. We are trying to use the lights, water and other resources less including paper towels.

We have had Art week when we were lucky enough to have Ellie Sandall come back to help us create some houses for an art installation in main reception. We have looked at some different artists including Matisse and Van Gogh.

Thank you for your support and help as the summer term continues.



We will be celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee next week in a number of ways!

We will be carrying out a tree planting ceremony on Tuesday 24th May which will be performed by our previous Chair of Governors, Dr Janet Clarke. Children have also been learning a song written especially for the ceremony too! We will also be holding the official opening of our brand new outdoor classroom that we are very excited to be able to start using soon.

Children will be enjoying a street party during the session times on Wednesday. They can come dressed for the occasion if they wish but please, nothing that you would not mind getting a little dirty as this can often not be avoided!

And everyone will be enjoying lots of Jubilee and royal activities in the classrooms. We will put photographs on Tapestry and our Facebook page so that you can see what has been going on.

To help with fundraising for the school, there will also be bunting craft packs available to buy at each classroom. These will contain 6 triangles, string, 3 small pots of red, white & blue paint and a brush. These will cost £1.50.



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



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 factor for their child - which should be of factor 15 or above for UVB protection and minimum 4**** or European UVA sign, for UVA protection.
- sign a label giving staff permission to apply sunscreen to their child and this will be fixed to the bottle/container. (Please apply sunscreen at home before coming to nursery. We will ask to confirm that sunscreen has been applied and if not, ask that that you do so before leaving. 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 £1 each.

On occasions where sunscreen has been unable to be provided, to ensure that children are still able to enjoy the outdoor environment, permission will be obtained from parents for staff to apply/reapply sunscreen that has been provided by Caverstede. This will be sunscreen factor 30 for UVB protection and meets the standards for UVA protection

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 or permission given for staff to apply sunscreen provided by Caverstede.

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

Nursery Places

We are currently allocating nursery spaces ready for the new school year starting in September. We do still have some spaces available so if you know anyone who is looking for nursery provision for their child, please ask them to register as soon as possible. We accommodate 2, 3 and 4 year olds, either funded or paying for sessions.

Information and a registration form are available on our website:-

www.caverstede.peterborough.sch.uk



You must apply for the 30 hour funding before 31st August if this is to be accessed anytime from 1st September to 31st December 2022. This is for both new applications and to renew your existing entitlement. If you have not received your code or renewed your code before 31st August 2022, you will **NOT** be able to access this additional funding for the whole of the Autumn Term (September-December).

Please visit the Peterborough City Council site at <https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/residents/nurseries-and-childcare/30-hours-free-childcare-for-working-families> which will give all the details of who and when you are eligible and how to apply.