



Message from Head of Centre

'The quality of teaching and care is outstanding'

I am both thrilled and extremely proud to announce that following our recent **Ofsted Inspection** we were again graded **Outstanding** in all areas.

As we take children from the age of two we are inspected by Ofsted under the Early Years Register as well as under Section 5 of the Education Act 2005 for schools. This means that we have one day unannounced inspections and two day school inspections where you are notified the afternoon before the inspection.

On the 5th February we had an **unannounced visit from Ofsted**. The Inspector spent the day observing Caverstede, she spent time in all the three classrooms, our outdoor learning environment, observing and talking to staff and children; looking through paperwork; talking to myself and the leadership team and talking to parents and carers.

Thank you to all those parents/carers who took the time to talk to the inspector and for your ongoing support.

We are very proud of the results of this inspection and all the hard work by every member of the school: staff, pupils, governors and parents.

A copy of the report is available for every family to see first and then Ofsted will publish our report on their website.

£1000

Thank you!

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I received an amazing telephone call on the 4th February from Andy Petrie, who is the Event Coordinator for Werrington Clodhoppers. He was phoning to let me know that Caverstede Early Years Centre were being given a **one thousand pound** donation. This money was collected by the '**Clodhoppers Carol Waggon**' and '**The Christmas Tree on the Green**' events in Werrington. As you can imagine I was thrilled and gratefully accepted the very kind and generous donation.

This is a good time to explain how fund raising is organised here at Caverstede. We are fortunate to have a Board of Trustees, these are a group of people who meet termly. The Trustees are people from a range of backgrounds and include people who have had an interest in the Centre for many years. They include a previous Chair of the Governing Body and the very first Head teacher of the school. It is the Trustees who agree how money that has been fund raised is allocated. Examples of previous allocations include 30 waterproof suits for the children to wear on 'Woodland' days, three special cycles, a platform swing.

We are currently saving to update the 'Woodland Garden' to make it an even better environment for the children to experience. Once plans are finalised I will let you know what we are aiming to do. *Debbie*

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Classrooms



Buzzy Bees We are starting the half term with celebrating Pancake Day, as well as Chinese New Year – including the children taking part in a Chinese Dragon Dance in the nursery garden.

Our Woodland days continue to be on a Wednesday until the Easter holidays. The children have been thoroughly enjoying a range of activities, including kite making, hammering, creating and decorating 'totem poles' as well as splashing in puddles, exploring the ice in the garden and creating footprints in the snow.

We will be doing various other activities over the next few weeks up until Easter including making something special for our Mums for Mothers Day, creating something for Easter and focusing on waste week during March.



Butterflies Welcome back and we hope you had a relaxing half term from everyone in Butterfly room! After the success of recycling week our core story now is 'The Boxtrolls'. The children are turning into keen recyclers and we now have an invention lab in our art studio where we can turn junk into new things. Last half term we were lucky enough to catch a 'Boxtroll' in the woodland garden and the children were really interested to learn about it. We are also currently experimenting with our physical skills and we are using the climbing pod to support this.

Ladybirds Welcome back from Half Term! The children are really enjoying woodland days at the moment. They have been decorating totum poles and making 'shower curtains' - you can see them as you walk past the woodland garden on your way to nursery. This half term, we hope to do some large scale painting and explore the clay. The children will be learning about Chinese New Year and pancake day. We will also take part in Red Nose Day and celebrate our Mummies with Mothers Day. The children will also learn about Spring whilst spending time in the woodland garden, Please remember to bring gloves, hats, scarves and a warm coat for your child as well as wellies if they have them.



Thank you to everyone who donated the **Morrisons Let's Grow** vouchers to us. We were able to buy a lot of gardening goodies - such as on the picture - plus lots of seeds. So we will have some lovely fruit and vegetables later in the year.

We are now collecting the **Sainsburys Active Kids** vouchers. The box is in reception if you have any of these that you would like to donate. Thank you.

IMPORTANT!

We realise that the 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 main gate after you**.

And whilst we know the garden and equipment is very tempting, PLEASE do not allow your child and siblings play on them when you collect after the sessions.



Parent consultations

This is time to come in and share your child's learning journal with your child's key person, and discuss their progress. This is a perfect time to discuss changes you are noticing at home in your child's development, as well as the things they enjoy playing with at home. Your key person will have written a progress report/check on your child, which we encourage you to write your own comments on too. If you haven't managed to book an appointment yet with your key person – don't hesitate to talk to them and arrange a convenient time to meet.

Eco - Schools

Waste Week -2-6th March

We will be taking part in Waste week – where we will look at recycling food waste, including leftovers from snack and lunch times, as well as food packaging – this will link with the 'Boxtrolls' that some of the children have been making from recycled boxes.



Diary Dates

Chinese Dragon dance; Friday 27th February
World Book day ; Thursday 5th March
Red Nose day for Comic Relief; Friday 13th March
Mothers Day; Sunday 15th March
Easter Bunny visit & Egg Hunt; 27th March
End of Spring term; Friday 27th March
Children Return; Wednesday 15th April

Easter Egg Lucky Squares

We will be selling our lucky Easter squares again soon! This is one of our popular fundraising events and for the next few weeks, you will be able to write your name into one of the squares and you may win an Easter treat. Squares will cost 40p each or three squares for £1. Donations of Easter eggs or treats are also very much appreciated! We will be drawing this in the last week of term before we finish for the Easter break.

World Book Day:

We will be giving out the Scholastic Book leaflets with a World Book day token. These can be used either with your book order or at a participating book shop. For more details, please visit www.worldbookday.com.

Scholastic orders can also be placed online. Please visit; <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/caverstede>
Please look out for information on how to support your child at home with books.

ParentMail; Don't forget to register your account on ParentMail and ensure you have a mobile number listed too as this will be the quickest way of sending urgent messages to you about the nursery. Thank you.

Keeping safe and considerate parking

We encourage all children to walk to nursery if this is possible. This keeps the children fit and strong and prevents them from feeling cold when they arrive.

If you do drive to the centre, 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.

We work closely with the local PCSO and Peterborough City Council road safety team to keep Caverstede Road safe for all so please do help us in this aim.

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.

We also use a **whiteboard outside each classroom** to let you know about things that are going on in the nursery and your child's room.

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.

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'. These are available at reception so please ask.

Caverstede SEN and Family Services

You may notice some changes in the Caverstede Room and outside in the Family Services garden as we have recently undergone some changes, including a new surface in our outdoor environment, new flooring, redecoration and new resources in the Caverstede Room! This will help to provide a relaxing and stimulating environment for the groups that we run.

Our Universal groups - Groups for pre school children and their parents/carers.

Come along and enjoy learning through play together. For more information on what is available, please speak to Caroline, our Family Services Manager.

Dad's Group; This is a friendly and relaxed group for Dad's or other male role models to spend time with your children and enjoy all of the resources available here at Caverstede Early Years Centre. The group runs on a Saturday morning - 10.00 - 11.30am and costs £2 per family. The next dates for the group are;

28th February, 14th and 28th March.

This takes us up to the Easter break. The date when the group starts again after this will be arranged soon.

MONDAY
Sensory Explorers
1.30 - 2.30pm
for children aged 6 months to walking
£1.50 per family

TUESDAY
Baby Zone
12.00 - 1.30pm - 0 - 6 months
Coming soon - please check for more details and dates!
£1.50 per family

WEDNESDAY
Jump and Jiggle (story & sing-a-long)
9.30 - 10.30am
for children aged 1 to 3 years old
£1.50 per family

THURSDAY
Creative Explorers
9.45 - 11am
For children who are walking up to 3 years old
£1.50 per family

Regular attendance; 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.

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 continued co-operation in this matter.

Can you help please?

Any donations of spare clothes that can be used in the classrooms would be very much appreciated.

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

