

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that your child or children are enjoying the Summer term, as a staff we always look forward to this part of the year as the children are so confident and independent within the environment. This half term, among other things, we have enjoyed the Tea Party we held in honour of the King's coronation, watching the caterpillars grow, Eco week and of course the class core stories. You will soon be receiving your knowledge organiser for the second half term of the summer, as always this includes key vocabulary, songs/ rhymes and stories that your child will be learning, you will also be able to find these on our school website, in the curriculum section.

In July you will be receiving an individual written end of year report, but please feel free to ask your child's teacher or key person about anything related to your child's progress at any time.

I hope you have an enjoyable half term break.

Debbie

### 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 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.





## Buzzy Bees

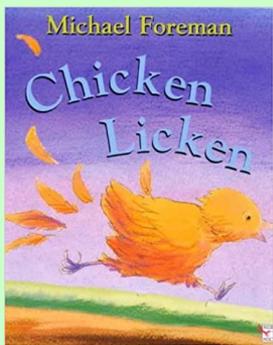
This half term the children have embraced the theme of 'Pirates' and very quickly became familiar with our core story "The pirates are coming!" being able to recall phrases and retell parts of the story to others. The children have really enjoyed role-playing Pirates, particularly using the outdoor pirate ship, where the children have revisited their play each day and encouraged children from the Butterflies to join in too. The children have been engaged in making various props such as telescopes, patches and cutlasses to support their play. The children have been on treasure hunts, created their own treasure maps and used metal detectors to find treasure. We have had a wide range of pirate and boat themed books available for the children, which they have been keen to look at both independently and with adults, commenting on the pictures and asking their own questions.

This half term we have seen a real increase in children making 3D models from the junk modelling and having a real purpose when doing so. We've had everything from an (almost) usable chair, to boats to wrist watches being made (and far more!) All of which they have been very proud to bring home and share with you all.

We have recently had the caterpillars arrive at nursery, which the children have been interested in watching grow, and eagerly anticipating their changing from caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly. We have introduced stories and factual books related to this, which the children have enjoyed looking at too.

During our Woodland days the children have been busy as always. They have been enjoying bug hunting and have helping out a lot with looking after the garden, helping remove plants, turn the soil and plant new seeds. We have celebrated Earth Day in many ways including making seed bombs, which the children thoroughly enjoyed mixing and creating.

We have also celebrated the coronation of King Charles with a tea party which the children embraced, and really got into the party spirit, having made their own crowns to wear on the day. We looked at several books and photos about the King and coronation.



Next half term we will start to talk more with those moving on to school about their schools and what to expect. We are also looking forward to having eggs delivered which we will watch hatch and turn into chicks. We have chosen a core story of Chicken Licken, which will support the children's knowledge of rhyme, as well link with the arrival of the chicks.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Butterflies

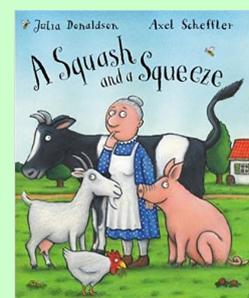
Our core story for Butterfly class this half term has been 'Jack and the Beanstalk' which is a traditional tale. The children have been listening to this story, talking about the pictures and the characters so they are becoming really familiar with it. We have a tuff tray with the characters and small world props so the children can use them to retell the story. We have made a beanstalk in the classroom using different ways to make the leaves including printing and collage. Also we planted some bean plants outside in our Butterfly raised bed in the Woodland garden.

We celebrated King Charles 111 coronation by making crowns and having a tea party in the garden. Lots of the children dressed in red, white and blue for the day. We had some music for the children to listen and dance to if they wanted. The children enjoyed listening stories about the Kings Coronation and some were looking forward to watching it on television.

We have been really lucky as some very tiny caterpillars have arrived and they are growing very quickly. The children have been interested in watching them and listening to the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle.

Woodland Julie has been busy supporting us and the children with playing in the Woodland garden on Fridays this term. We have played in the mud, planted some vegetables in our raised bed, played with some mud play dough, made seed bombs wild flower seeds, hunted for mini beasts and worms in the mud to name a few activities.

Our core story for next half term is 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson. Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely break.



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## Ladybirds

Our core story for Ladybird class this half term has been "The Three Little Pigs.

The children have really enjoyed this story and its supporting stories. They have been very enthusiastic when joining in with the huffing and puffing!

The children have enjoyed taking part in lots of story themed activities. They have made pig masks, junk model houses, and explored printing with bricks and sticks. They have had the story read to them, acted it out with puppets and used story spoons to retell the story.

This term we have also celebrated the Kings coronation. The children enjoyed the tea party and we also made crowns, learnt about the king and had a party throughout the whole week leading up to the event.

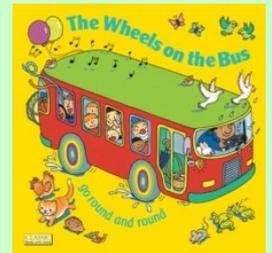
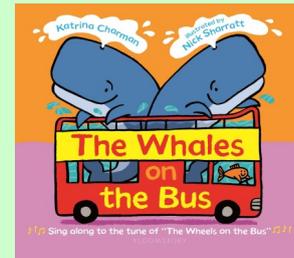
Our class has also had caterpillars, and the children have enjoyed watching them grow. They are now cocooning and there has been lots of language around the caterpillar life cycle.

After the half term holiday our new core stories shall be "The Wheels on the Bus" and "The Whales on the Bus". These stories are brilliant for language development and listening skills around rhyme and rhythm.

Our woodland days will continue to be Monday after half term and can I please remind parents/carers to provide suitable clothes for your child, that you don't mind getting dirty, and a sun hat, as we love to use our whole bodies to explore in the Ladybird class.

We hope you have a lovely half term.

Thank you from the Ladybird Team.



## Fostering

### Thinking about making a change

*Have you ever thought about being a Foster Carer to children who can't live with their families? Ever thought to yourself 'I'd love to care for a child' but then wondered how this would fit with your work commitments? Are you held back by thoughts of doubt that you could be a Foster Carer? If so, you could be denying a child or young person the opportunity to have a wonderful home with you.*

*There are children and young people who need a loving home, and you could be just what they need. If you would like more information about becoming a Foster Carer or know someone who could offer a safe, secure and loving home then please get in touch on: 0800 052 0078 or*

*email [fosteringmarketing@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:fosteringmarketing@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering)*

## 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 driveways or on the grass verges.

**You must apply for the 30 hour funding before 31st August if this is to be accessed anytime from 1st September to 31st December 2023. 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 2023, 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.



## Term Dates 2022 - 2023

Classes close; Friday 26th May  
**Half Term; 29th May - 2nd June 2023 - Nursery Closed**  
Classes start; Monday 5th June  
Classes close; Wednesday 19th July

Term dates for next year are now on our website.

[www.caverstede.peterborough.sch.uk](http://www.caverstede.peterborough.sch.uk)

## 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.



## 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 May Half term holiday.

**As we are approaching the last term of the school year, please do look for any books that you may have borrowed over the year and still have at home. Please return these as soon as possible so that they can become available for borrowing next year!**

**Caverstede Summer Fayre**  
**13th June 3:30-6:00pm**

**Raffle • Tombolas**  
**Refreshments • Games**  
**New to me & other stalls**

**Competitions:**

**Fancy dress, Cake decorating, Box Garden**

Please see our website for more details

