

Dear Parents/carers

I hope your child/ren have settled into Caverstede and are enjoying their sessions. We realise that for new parents to Caverstede there is a great deal to learn about! If you are not sure about anything please do not hesitate to ask a member of the team or you may like to look at our website. We try to have everything that you may need to know about us on there and it is regularly updated.

We would all like to thank you for your amazing support with Children in Need, this year we raised a grand total of £337.52.

I wanted to remind those of you who have children transferring into Reception in September, you need to have made your decision and applied for a school place by January 15th 2023. Once you have made your decision apply online at www.peterborough.gov.uk/admissions The website is open and is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week. **It will close on 15th January 2023.** On this website there is a booklet entitled 'Primary School Admission' which gives the admission criteria of all the schools in Peterborough. You will be asked to put down three schools in your order of choice. You will be informed which school you have been allocated on Primary National Offer day which is 17th April 2023. If you would like any help with completing the online application please do not hesitate to ask at reception.

Looking forward to the festive season you will find within the newsletter dates and times for different events that are taking place. It is so lovely that we can welcome you all safely back into school to celebrate.

I wish you all a very happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Debbie



Our Christmas Fayre - will be held on Thursday 8th December, 3.45 - 5.30pm. Free entry, all welcome. Lots to do including Santa's Grotto, fun & games, refreshments & more!

We also have a raffle with prizes including Mattoni vouchers, Safari play voucher, bowling games for 4, case of Lindor chocolate and much more! Tickets are 50p each. There will also be a chance to win an amazing Christmas Hamper, full of festive goodies. Tickets for this will be £1 each.

Book your time slot to visit Santa at reception, £3 per person. Spaces will be limited so don't delay!

Amazon Smile

We have signed up with Amazon Smile so when you shop on Amazon, a donation of 0.5% will be made to the school as a registered charity at no extra cost to you.

Please follow the following link to set this up on your account and use each time you shop on AmazonSmile

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/272813-0>

Easyfundraising

We've registered Caverstede Nursery School with #easyfundraising, which means over 4,000 shops and sites will now donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them.

These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long. Thank you!

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/caverstededenursery/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=fb2&fbclid=IwAR1R0haexYo4TV7jZHwXVtGKArst7LCtDcJSuPci3wQdTtZkI3YaymP4fns



Butterfly class: Our core story for Butterfly class this half term is 'It was a Cold Dark Night' by Tim Hopgood. 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 journey of Ned the hedgehog as he looks for a home.

The children have been exploring the characters in the story through different art and craft activities including drawing, painting, clay, play dough, winding wool and pegging pegs onto cardboard hedgehogs.

We have learnt about Diwali - the festival of Light as the children made Rangoli patterns using rice and chalk as well as trying some food for snack like rice, shukaar paarah, mango chutney and naan bread. We watched how a family celebrated Diwali on CBeebies and learnt a song about a Diva lamp burning bright. We watched some fireworks on our Interactive White Board and made some different firework pictures from paint to learn about Bonfire Night. We sang a couple of songs about fireworks including 'On Bonfire Night'. Then we made red and purple poppies to add to our nursery Remembrance wall and tried really hard to keep quiet for two minutes on Friday 11th November at 11 o'clock. The children went on a Pudsey Ramble for Children in Need and looked around nursery for the characters – Pudsey and Blush. We made bear biscuits and a bear face for snack from a half of a pancake, banana slices for ears and raisins for its eyes and nose.

The children have been enjoying playing outside in all weathers and especially in the rain lately so thank you for sending in spare clothes, coats and wellies. Jumping and playing in puddles has been particularly enjoyable for all of them!

Woodland Julie has been busy supporting us and the children with playing in the Woodland garden as we have cooked soup and heated water over a fire to make hot chocolate. We have learnt how to keep safe around a fire, used hammers to crush chalk to make paint, hammered nails into pieces of wood, collected sticks, played in the mud kitchen, dug for worms and used the wheelbarrows to name just a few exciting activities the children have experienced.

Our Butterfly class sing-a-long is Tuesday 13th December at 9.30am or 2.15pm. Our Christmas party is on Tuesday 20th December so remember to dress up.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ladybird class: Our core story for Ladybird class this half term is 'Old MacDonald'.

The children have been enjoying listening to the story and using the small world tuff tray to explore the animals and their sounds. They have also enjoyed singing the song and dressing up as farm animals in the outdoor area.

We also began the half term learning about Bonfire night. We have made our own fireworks pictures, using the salad spinner and paints, practising our fine motor skills to turn the handle. We have also been making fireworks noises in our play, playing with sounds and exploring words! We also celebrated Diwali and drew Rangoli patterns in our mark making and read a story about the festival. The children also enjoyed our Pudsey Ramble for children in Need, and excitedly drew Pudsey's to bring home.

As the weather has changed we have begun to explore the season in our garden. We will begin visiting the woodland garden before the end of this term in preparation for woodland days next half term. Could we please remind parents to pack plenty of spare warm clothes, a warm coat, hat and gloves.

As we move into December we shall be learning about Christmas and getting ready for our Sing-a-longs by practising our songs. Each child shall receive a song book and we shall post the songs to Tapestry. Could we please ask that these are shared at home ready for us all to sing together!

Our Ladybird class sing-a-long is Monday 19th December at 9.30am or 2.15pm. Our Christmas party is on Tuesday 20th December so remember to dress up.

Thank you from the Ladybird Team.



You must apply for the 30 hour funding now if this is to be accessed anytime from 1st January to 31st March 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 December 2022, you will **NOT** be able to access this additional funding for the whole of the Spring term (January - March).

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.



Buzzy Bee class:

Our core story for the Buzzy Bees this half term is 'The Three Little Pigs', and it's been going down a storm! The children have been thoroughly enjoying listening to this story, talking about the characters so they are becoming really familiar with it, being able to retell parts of the story using storyboards, props and role play outfits. We have turned our role play corner into the third little pigs house, which the children are using to re-enact the story too. The children have been exploring the characters in the story through different art and craft activities including drawing, painting, clay, play dough, and more.

We have learnt about Diwali - the festival of Light, the children made Rangoli patterns using rice and chalk as well as trying some food for snack like chapati, mango chutney and some traditional sweets. We watched how a family celebrated Diwali on CBeebies and learnt a song about a Diva lamp burning bright. We watched some fireworks on our Interactive White Board and made some different firework pictures from paint to learn about Bonfire Night. We sang a couple of songs about fireworks including 'On Bonfire Night'. For Remembrance Day we joined together with the Butterflies and made red and purple poppies to add to our nursery Remembrance wall and tried really hard to keep quiet for two minutes on Friday 11th November at 11 o'clock. The children went on a Pudsey Ramble for Children in Need and looked around nursery for the characters – Pudsey and Blush. Some of the children made bear biscuits, we had lots of spotty pictures being made using painter doobers, and had yellow playdough to make our own Pudsey bears.

The children have been enjoying playing outside in all weathers and especially in the rain lately so thank you for sending in spare clothes, coats and wellies. Jumping and playing in puddles has been particularly enjoyable for all of them!

Woodland Julie has led some amazing Woodland day experiences in our Woodland Garden. To name just a few of the things we have been up to; making mini firework inspired explosions using vinegar and baking soda in the mud kitchen, learning how to keep safe using tools, such as using hammers hit golf tees into pumpkins, we've collected sticks, played in the mud kitchen, dug for worms, used the wheelbarrows and become really muddy in the digging pit!!

Our Buzzy Bee class sing-a-long is Thursday 15th December at 9.30am or 2.15pm.

Our Christmas party is on Tuesday 20th December so remember to dress up.

Thank you for your continued support.



Please remember to send your child with named, warm clothes please - hat, gloves and scarves so that they can

continue to enjoy playing outside during the winter months.

You may also find this interesting as it shows how difficult it is to see children in dark coats. *(Photo credit: Christian Thomas)*



KEEP YOUR CHILD VISIBLE

Term Dates 2022 - 2023

Classes close; Wednesday 21st December

Spring Term

INSET/Staff Training - Weds 4th Jan 2023 - **NURSERY**

CLOSED

Classes start; Thursday 5th January

Classes close; Friday 10th February

Half Term; 13th - 17th February 2023

Classes start; Monday 20th February

Classes close; Friday 31st March

Summer Term

INSET/Staff Training - Monday 17th April - **NURSERY CLOSED**

Classes start; Tuesday 18th April

May Day; Monday 1st May

Classes close; Friday 26th May

Half Term; 29th May - 2nd June 2023

Classes start; Monday 5th June

Classes close; Wednesday 19th July

Knowledge Organisers

The Knowledge Organisers are created by the class teams to support children, practitioners and families. They display our key words, stories, suggested texts, songs and rhymes that every child will have some experience of over the course of a half term. They reflect the age and stage of the children within each room with aspirational outcomes in mind for all children. They are visual to encourage children's engagement. Key vocabulary is displayed in the classrooms, at the children's height with pictures to aid children's interaction.

We have selected key vocabulary linked with the core story and theme which we would like the children to know and understand. We also carefully select nursery rhymes to support children's language, number, fine and gross motor skills. The nursery rhymes may also link with the core story, theme or season of the year.

In support of the core story/theme/season we name a collection of suggested texts within our Knowledge Organisers. Suggested texts may include traditional tales, non-fiction, fiction, diversity, comics/magazines, atlas, maps, fliers, touchy feely, music/sound books, sensory stories, finger/hand puppet books, popular culture. These will be available for children and practitioners to access within the classroom/library.

The Knowledge Organisers will be sent home for you to share with your children in support of learning happening in school. Core Stories and nursery rhymes will be shared on Tapestry for you to share together at home.

Please take a look at our website for curriculum information including details of Core Stories and the Knowledge Organisers.

Click this link to go to the website [Caverstede curriculum](http://CaverstedeCurriculum.com)

Core Story:
The Three Little Pigs

Key vocabulary:

Pig	Little
Wolf	Huff/Puff
Straw	Stick
Chin	Brick
Chimney	First
Hot	Second
Climb	Third
Roof	House

Autumn 2: N2
Buzzy Bees
The Three Little Pigs

Theme: Christmas
Key vocabulary:

Decoration	Manger
Christmas	Nativity
Father Christmas/Santa Claus	Baby Jesus
Advent Calendar	Star
Sleigh	Shepherds
Snowmen	Kings
Angel	Reindeer

Our nursery rhymes this half term are:

Hickory Dickory Dock 

Bonfire Song 

Open Shut Them 

Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes 

Supporting Texts:

Shhh!  Father Christmas needs a wee!  Stick Man  Little Robin Red Vest  Suddenly! 

Significant events:

Bonfire Night/Fireworks  Children in Need 

Remembrance Day  Christmas 

Seasonal Vocabulary:

Bonfire Night	Bonfire	Pop	Rocket	Hot	Fireworks	Crackle	Whizz
Glove	Sparkle	Bang	Whoosh	Night	Dark		
Remembrance	Poppy	Silence	Remembrance Day	Remember	Soldier		

Autumn 2: N2; Butterflies
Theme: Autumn – changing into Winter
Key Vocabulary:

Transition, change	
Pumpkin	
Being seen and safe	
Autumn	
Winter	
Bedtime	

Core Story:
Old Mac Donald

Key vocabulary:

Farm	Tractor
Old MacDonald	Farmer
Dog	Horse
Cow	Sheep
Pig	Hen
Duck	Field
Pond	Barn

Autumn 2: N1
Ladybirds
Old Mac Donald

Theme: Nighttime
Key vocabulary:

Night	Dark
Moon	Stars
Fireworks	Sparkle
Bed	Sleep
Pjamas	Storytime
Sky	Twinkle

Our nursery rhymes this half term are:

Old Mac Donald 

Farmers in the Den 

5 Little Ducks 

Baa Baa Black Sheep 

10 in the Bed 

Core Story:
It was a Cold, Dark Night

Key vocabulary:

Hedgehog	Little
Rabbit	Big
Fox	Hole
Owl	Moon, stars
Bat	Nighttime
Home	Nocturnal
Wind	Hibernates
Down	Winter
Up	Barn
Blowing	Forest
Leaves	Map
Trees	

Autumn 2 : N2
Butterflies
It was a Cold Dark Night

Theme: Autumn - changing into winter
Key vocabulary:

Transition, change	Pumpkin
Autumn	Being seen and safe
Winter	Bedtime

Our songs/rhymes this half term are:

I'm a little hedgehog 

On Bonfire Night 

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star 

Angel Band 

Supporting Texts:

Farm 123  That's not my Tractor 

Noisy Farm  Old Mac Donald book and hand puppet 

That's not my Reindeer, Santa, Snowman  Dear Santa 

Seasonal Vocabulary:

Bonfire	Fog
Santa/Father Christmas	Tree
Frost	Season
Autumn	Christmas
Lights	Decorations

Significant events:

Bonfire Night 

Children in Need 

Christmas 

Seasonal Vocabulary:

Temperature	Weather	Fire	Soup	Fireworks	
Poppy	Pudsey/Blush	Walk	Coat	Hat	Gloves
Boots/wellies	Christmas	Singing	Decoration	Tree	Party
Presents	Reindeer	Church	Jesus	Mary	Joseph
Santa/Father Christmas					

Significant events:

Bonfire Night/Fireworks  Children in Need 

Remembrance Day  Christmas 

Supporting Texts:

Night Time Animals - As Large as Life  Good night Goo  Ten in the Bed  Lullabyhullabaloo!  Father Christmas needs a Wee!  Let's look at Weather 

Tapestry

Don't forget to add to and read your child's Tapestry online learning journal. We look forward to seeing what you have been doing at home!