

Dear Parents/carers

Welcome to our latest newsletter, I cannot believe how quickly this half term has gone!

Thank you to all of you who supported our Christmas Fayre back in December, thanks to everyone's hard work and generosity we managed to raise an amazing £853.64.

We had many of our parents, families and local businesses donate items for our raffle, tombola and cake stalls - it is all very much appreciated.

Thank you all for continuing to comment and add to your child's tapestry account. It is so lovely to see what the children get up to when they are out of school.

If any of you have, or know of families with younger children we will soon be looking at admissions for the next academic year, please register children through reception.

We are running our Library Explorers scheme again during the half term between February and Easter, please do take part if you can. We would like to increase the number of children at Caverstede who borrow books from our Library. For those of you who have not yet borrowed any books please do take a look at the books that are available to borrow, there is a board outside each classroom with a selection for you and your child/ren to choose from, please ask classroom staff for help if you require any further information.

I do hope you are finding the Knowledge Organisers a useful resource, they are there to advise you of the key themes your child/ren are focussing on in their class. I know some parents find them useful to know what their child is covering for example which core story, rhymes and key vocabulary. If you want to know more about our Knowledge Organisers please look on our website: Caverstede Nursery School; Curriculum; Knowledge Organisers.

After the half term holiday classroom staff will be offering parent/carer consultations. Please speak to your child's Key Person or the Class teacher to arrange a suitable date/time.

Debbie

Term Dates 2022 - 2023

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
Bank Holiday for the	
King's Coronation:	Monday 8th May
Classes close;	Friday 26th May
Half Term;	29th May - 2nd June 2023
Classes start;	Monday 5th June
Classes close;	Wednesday 19th July



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.



Ladybirds

Our core story for Ladybird class this half term has been “Where’s My Teddy” by Jez Alborough.

The children have really enjoyed this story and its supporting stories and have begun to join in enthusiastically with them!

The children have enjoyed taking part in lots of bear themed activities. They have made bear masks and pretended to be bears through music and movement. We have explored different colours and textures through our art work and messy play. The children enjoyed exploring honey and listening to the sounds it made as they got sticky moving it around.

We have also learnt about Chinese New Year. For this, some of our class watched the dragon parade that the older rooms took part in and we all enjoyed tasting Chinese food such as noodles and rice. We also took part in bird watching week and made bird feeders and binoculars to help with the bird spotting we did.

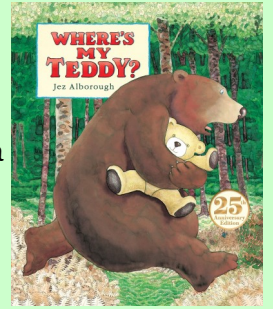
As I write this the children are currently taking part in Safer Internet week and we are learning how to use technology correctly and safely.

After the half term holiday our new core story shall be “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” by Eric Carle. We shall be doing lots of bug themed activities both in class and outdoors. We shall also be exploring food and be practising counting small amounts from the story.

Our woodland days will continue to be Tuesday until Easter and can I please remind parents/carers to provide warm, suitable clothes for your child, that you don’t mind getting dirty, 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.



Buzzy Bee class

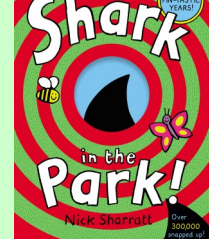
Its been a great start to 2023 this half term. The children have really embraced our core story of the ‘The Gingerbread man’ and are recalling key phrases and refrains such as “Run, run, as fast as you can, you can’t catch me I’m the Gingerbread man”. The children have explored a wide range of activities and experiences linked to this including baking and tasting gingerbread biscuits, creating large paintings and acting out the story with props to name just a few.

For Chinese New Year the children have had opportunities to engage in a wide range of crafts, from making paper lanterns to large scale dragon ready for the Chinese Dragon Dance around the garden. We watched videos about Chinese New Year, had a Chinese banquet for snack and participated in the Chinese Dragon Dance around the nursery garden with the other classes too. The children have explored objects, artefacts and books including clothing and chop sticks for the children to use.

For Bird Watching week we created various bird hides for the children to use to spot the birds in the garden. The children loved using the binoculars to see the birds, and many made their own. The children used the bird identifier sheets to help name and count how many birds they have seen in the garden. They children had a tuff tray of bird seed, nesting materials and cuddly chirping birds to explore.

The children embraced the visit from Bertie the dog, talking about their own experiences of animals and asked questions such as “What does Bertie eat?” “Where does he live”. We discussed staying safe around animals and the children listened carefully, about the instructions on how to approach Bertie and stroke him.

We have also been learning about technology and how to keep ourselves safe when using it. We have used different apps on the iPad, including drawing and animation apps, as well as other forms of technology such as metal detectors and programmable toys such as the Beebot and Constructabot!



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Next half term our core story is going to be ‘Shark in the Park’ by Nick Sharratt. We look forward to doing lots of different activities related to the story.



Butterflies

Our core story for Butterfly class this half term has been 'The Enormous Turnip' 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.

The children have been exploring the characters in the story through different art and craft activities including drawing, painting, play dough and printing.

We have learnt about the celebration of Chinese New Year. We have explored objects, artefacts and books including clothing and chop sticks for the children to use. The children enjoyed watching several short programmes on CBeebies about how a family celebrates Chinese New Year as well as watching a dragon/lion dance. We created a dragon with the children so we could do our own dragon dance around the garden. We had coloured dried rice and noodles in tuff trays to play with and a noodle bar outside in the garden. The children enjoyed trying a vegetable spring roll, plum sauce, prawn crackers and rice for snack. We listened to some Chinese music while they ate their snack and some of us had a dance too!

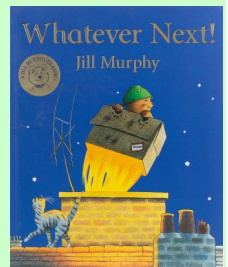
The children have been making telescopes and binoculars during bird watching week to help them spot different types of birds in the main and woodland gardens. We have made pine cone bird feeders and some chocolate nests. Staff set up a bird hide in the classroom with bird spotting sheets and we had a tuff tray with bird seed for the children to explore.

We have also been learning about technology and how to keep ourselves safe when using it. The children have told us they like watching programmes like 'Bluey' and playing games on a mobile telephone or tablet.

The children have been enjoying playing outside in all weathers and especially in the frost/ice lately so thank you for sending in spare clothes, coats, hats, gloves, scarves and wellies. We have been making simple ice sculptures, marking in ice and sliding down the hill in the sledges.

Woodland Julie has been busy supporting us and the children with playing in the Woodland garden on Thursdays this term. We have had green tea after boiling the hot water using the Kelly Kettle, spotting birds using binoculars, playing with ice, making bird seed mud pies, using spades to dig for worms and hunting for mini beasts.

Our core story for next half term is 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy.



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.

Snack

Thank you to those parents who have made a voluntary contribution towards the cost of providing a daily, healthy snack to the children. Due to the rising costs of food, as well as everything else, we have asked if parents could consider a voluntary contribution of up to £5 per term to support this. If you would like to make a contribution, you can make a cash payment at reception or you can ask for our bank details to pay into. As always, your support is very much appreciated. We would like to highlight that this is a voluntary contribution and no child will be denied this snack.



Lucky Easter Squares

Leading up to the Easter holidays, we will be running our Easter fundraiser - Lucky Squares which will give you the chance to win an Easter treat!

If anyone would like to donate anything to help with this - an Easter egg, sweet treats or crafts for example, these would be gratefully received and help us to raise much needed funds for the school.

Please keep an eye out for when we set this up - it will be based in reception. If you would like to know more, please do not hesitate to ask.

MISSING SCHOOL IS MISSING OUT - EVERY DAY COUNTS!!

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.



Borrowing library books from the Caverstede library

Our Library Explorers scheme will start again after the February half term break. Borrow books during the time this is running and at the end of this, you will receive a brand new book to take home, keep and enjoy! If you've not yet borrowed any books, why not take a look at the many we have available. The selection is changed each term but if you have any favourite subjects or stories, please let us know and we can try and look to see if we have any books that you will enjoy. You will need a book bag to borrow books so that they can be kept clean, dry and safe. We have given out plastic bags initially but also have plain book bags available to buy from reception for £4.

Just a reminder that if you have borrowed books this term and have yet to return them, please could you do so as soon as possible as we will be changing the selection available to have a new range of titles ready for after the Easter break. Thank you.

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/caverstedenursery/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=fb2&fbclid=IwAR1R0haexYo4TV7jZHwXVtGKArst7LCtDcJSuPci3wQdTtZkl3YaymP4fns

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!