



Cargenbridge ELC Newsletter



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Information for Parents

Mrs Mackenzie says: *We have enjoyed learning about plants and it has been wonderful to see the beanstalks growing. We hope you enjoy looking after your beanstalks at home. Please let Nursery staff know if you have not had a beanstalk home as some of our labels were washed off when we were watering the plants! We are now busy learning how to take part in group relay activities for our Nursery Sports Day. We are sure you will enjoy watching our Sports Day in June!*

Toothbrushing:

As part of the national Childsmile programme, we take part in daily toothbrushing.

We have received some positive and some mixed feedback regarding the implementation of toothbrushing at the start of the AM and PM sessions. Back to back children only brush in the AM session. I have attached the letter from Childsmile that was sent out in Term 1 (Term 3 for new children) regarding toothbrushing for your information. We have been asked by NHS Childsmile to implement daily toothbrushing. We have tried this at different times of the session but it was interrupting the children's learning; therefore, we have looked at approaches taken by other schools to this daily toothbrushing in Nursery. As a result of observing practice in other settings, we have decided to brush at the start of the session and Pam Bird, our representative from the Childsmile Team, has approved this approach. If you don't feel your child needs to brush their teeth when they arrive on a particular day, please just say to a member of staff. Otherwise, if you do not wish your child to take part in the programme at all, please send a letter addressed to Mrs Mackenzie detailing that you do not give permission. It has been nice to see the children having fun and developing independence through the toothbrushing time.

New Name Board:

We have started to use magnetic names for self registration in the Nursery. This is a change from the interactive whiteboard names. We have implemented this for a range of reasons but primarily for a logistical reason as it is situated in the same area as the daily toothbrushing. In addition to this, the board often times out over the soft start (8.45-9.15) which can be frustrating for the children. Due to the attendance patterns of children, there are different children in on each day and this is an easier system to manage. This allows children to find their name quickly and efficiently and to then move on with ease to the toothbrushing. It also allows us to set up and use the board for different activities which the children can access and play with on arrival as we are hoping to widen the games and programmes children use on the board. It also allows us to quickly look at the board to identify how many children have arrived during the soft start time, adding an additional method to quickly check the number of children that have arrived before the formal register is taken at the end of the soft start. We will continue to use this over the term and evaluate the impact of this as we plan for the next academic year.



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Days for Activities for Term 4

May– full month until w.c. 5.6.17

Children may be outside on any days during the week where the weather is suitable to practise Sports. Due to this, sports practice sessions will replace messy play. During these weeks, please send children with clothes suitable for outdoor sports activities, trainers and make sure they have sun cream on and extra sun cream in their tray if you wish them to re-apply this.

PE:

Thursday Morning (AM)

Wednesday Afternoon (PM)

w.c. 12.6.17 until the end of term

Messy Play:

Monday Afternoon (PM)

Tuesday Morning (AM)

PE:

Thursday Morning (AM)

Wednesday Afternoon (PM)

There will be no messy play or PE in the final week of term due to the Nursery parties and graduation/ performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

Children are involved in outdoor play every day and we sometimes have opportunities to use the hall on other days than our listed PE days. Therefore, we would suggest that children attend Nursery in clothing suitable for taking part in physical and outdoor play activities. Strappy sandals and large dresses are not appropriate for Nursery due to the range of play that the children take part in.



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Other Important Information

Snack/Activity Fund: The suggested donation for the snack and activity fund is **50p** per session (£1 per back to back day) or **£2.50** per week. The suggested donation for Term 4 is **£25.50** if you prefer to pay it all at the same time. In addition to our daily snack, our snack and activity fund also helps to pay for a variety of activities in Nursery such as parties, birthday treats/books, special crafts, family learning events such as Christmas/Easter crafts sessions, small toys and resources, baking activities and any other special activities in the Nursery.

Sunshine/ Hot days: We are hoping that it will soon be warm and sunny; however, we do need to be careful in these warmer days with sun protection as children play outside every day. If your child is particularly sensitive to sunburn, please speak to Mrs Mackenzie about this. As we move into this summer weather, we suggest:

*Apply a long lasting sun cream.

*Send your child in long sleeved light tops. Do not send children in strappy vests or strappy dresses.

*If you wish sun cream to be re-applied **by your child** (as local policies do not allow us to apply sun cream), please put this in their **tray**. It is essential that this is not left in their bag as other children sometimes try to share their cream or staff are unaware that it is in the bag. Please let Mrs Mackenzie or a member of staff know that your child has sun cream in their tray.

*Children attending all day provision must bring a sun cream to keep in their **tray**. The member of staff responsible for these children's lunches will supervise children applying their sun cream again before the afternoons session.

Parent Feedback Sheets: Thank you to the parents that have returned these sheets. We do appreciate your feedback and we do consider this carefully. If you have not returned your sheets, please complete them and return them as soon as possible as we are keen to hear your thoughts.

Open Door Policy: We are keen to talk to you and find out about your views as all our staff want our Nursery to be the best it can be. We do operate an open door policy and you are always welcome to talk to a member of staff about your children's learning and care at Nursery. **If you have any feedback on aspects of provision or routines within Nursery, please speak to Mrs Mackenzie in the first instance who will be happy to discuss any areas of provision with you.** Sometimes we are able to carry out your suggestions and there are other times when a particular area of feedback may not be implemented due to the specific reasons for an aspect of provision or service being in place. Please look out for how we have used your feedback on our "You said- We did" board. Thank you! Please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Mackenzie at any time about the Nursery service.