



# Cargenbridge ELC Newsletter

w.c. 28th August 2017



**Mrs Mackenzie says:** *It has been a great start to the new term. It has been lovely to welcome new children to the Nursery too. We look forward to a busy and fun term ahead! I'm pleased to see how well all the children have settled back in to the Nursery routines. After a settling in period, we are planning to learn about baby animals and safari animals, e.g. elephants, tigers, giraffes. We will be talking to the children to find out what they would like to learn about when we start this theme using our 'talking tubs'. Please remember that all our Nursery staff are always happy to talk with parents and we operate an open door policy. If you ever have any questions, concerns or comments, please speak to Mrs Mackenzie at any time.*

## **Dates for your Diary:**

**Monday 18th September:** Family Learning Event— Home Learning/ Achievements

**Come along at 11.15, 12.15 or 5.30. The sessions will last approximately 40 minutes.**

Please come along to our family learning event. Mrs Townsend and Mrs Mackenzie will be leading this event and we are keen to build our partnerships with parents to ensure a fluid experience for children in their learning between home and Nursery. Please pop along to the community room for a cuppa and a chat and find out how we can use information about children's experiences and learning at home to make their experiences richer and more relevant at Nursery. We hope you can make it along.

**Monday 2nd October 5.30-6.30pm:** Open Evening in Nursery. Appointments will also be available for any parents who would like to speak to their key worker or Mrs Mackenzie, our Nursery Teacher.

**Thursday 7th September, 14th September, 28th September AM SESSION:** Active Dance sessions with Active Schools—Please wear appropriate clothing for the gym hall.

**Thursday 7th September, 14th September, 21st September PM SESSION:** Active Dance sessions with Active Schools—Please wear appropriate clothing for the gym hall.

**Friday 13th October:** Last day of term

**Monday 30th October:** First day of term 2

**Snack and Activity/Resources Fund:** The suggested donation for the snack/activity/resources fund is **50p** per session (£1 per back to back day) or **£2.50** per week. The cost for Term 1 is **£20** 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 and resources in Nursery such as parties, birthday treats/books, special crafts, family learning events such as Christmas/Easter crafts sessions, small toys and resources, baking/cooking activities as part of snack and any other special activities in the Nursery. Please write your child's name on an envelope and place their snack money inside. This should be left in the basket above the tray unit in the playroom. Thank you for your assistance with this.



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**Lunch Money:** If your child attends all day and has school lunches, please put the money for this in a separate envelope to the snack money as the school lunch money is sent to the kitchen. School lunches now cost £1.80. School lunch menus are available in Nursery.

**New Snack Menu!** : We have been busy revising our snack menu and have launched a new seasonal menu for 2017/18. We have used the Setting the Table nutritional guidelines to formulate this menu. We are keen to build on our already great opportunities for children to participate in cooking and baking within the Nursery. We have also established a system to enable children to vote for snack choices each week too. Please see the menu attached with a feedback sheet. We would be interested to hear your feedback and ideas for the snack menu. We plan to launch this new menu on w.c. 11th September.

**Term 1 and Term 2 Days (Starting w.c. 4th September):**

(As some children miss activities due to their attendance patterns, the days will change in Term 3 to enable all children to experience all the opportunities available over the academic year.)

**Messy Play in the Nursery grassy garden area: Monday AM and Tuesday PM**

**Starting Monday 4th AM and Tuesday 5th PM**

**Please remember wellies and a waterproof coat. Extra layers on colder days are always useful too.**

**Gloves and Scarves should be left in children's trays as we do not check every bag.**

Children can be out for up to an hour; therefore, please ensure that their clothing is suitable for the weather and temperature. We have a range of light and thermal outdoor suits but please still send a waterproof coat (warm, preferably waterproof coat in winter).

**PE in Gym Hall: Wednesday AM and Thursday PM**

**Starting Wednesday 6th AM and Thursday 7th PM**

Children are involved in outdoor play every day and we sometimes have opportunities to use the hall at short notice 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. If wearing skirts or dresses to Nursery, we would suggest that you pop spare leggings in your child's bag in case we go to the hall.



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## **CAPER : First day of your child's week from 4th September**

CAPER is our Children and Parents Enjoy Reading book lending scheme. Each week you return your folder, you will be sent home a new book and a new rhyme to enjoy with your child.

Send your child's folder on the **first day of their week** at Nursery, e.g. if your child attends Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, please send their book on a Tuesday; If they attend Monday and Wednesday, send it on Monday. If you forget, you can still send it in later but please ensure you let a member of staff know that it has been returned for our systems to work. As we use the rhymes and books in Nursery, we would appreciate if you could try to send it at the start of the week. Parents and relatives wishing to help with CAPER can help on a Wednesday. CAPER books are usually sent home mid-week onwards.

**Student Teacher:** Joanna Ross, a Student Primary Teacher, at University of the West of Scotland, will be completing a placement in our Nursery from Monday 11th September for two weeks. We look forward to welcoming her to the Nursery.

**Supply Staff:** From time to time, supply staff work in the Nursery when staff are absent. At times, supply staff may also cover staff to attend courses, meetings or to complete necessary paperwork or management tasks.

**Parent Helpers:** Mrs Mackenzie has prepared a calendar with free days (Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings) that parents/grandparents/relatives can come to help in Nursery. You can come along to help on a weekly or monthly basis or even once a term or once a year! It is up to you how little or how often you feel able to come in and help. If you would like to help, please write your name in the box. Please speak to Mrs Mackenzie if there is a particular activity you would like to help with or avoid! If you would like to help on a date not listed, please just say to Mrs Mackenzie and we will pop you in the diary!

**CAPER Parent Helpers:** Wednesday is the day that parents can come along to help with CAPER activities. If you would like to help with CAPER, we would be very grateful. If you could even help with CAPER once a term, it would be a great help! Please sign up on our rota. Thank you!

**Handbook:** We have created a lovely new glossy handbook and we have sent it to the printers. We will distribute these when they arrive!

Thank you. We hope you found this newsletter helpful.