



# Cargenbridge ELC Newsletter

9th March 2017



**Mrs Mackenzie says:** *It has been a busy few weeks and the children have been engaged in developing their numeracy skills through our RSPB birdwatch theme and they have also enjoyed further exploring their interest in dinosaurs. We have enjoyed working with Laura Coles, Quality and Technical Service Engineer, and Janice Graves, Data Management Specialist, from DuPont. We set up science lab and office role play areas and the staff from DuPont worked in the role play areas with the children to model the skills they use in the jobs. The visits from the staff were very successful and the children enjoyed learning about the jobs in this interactive and fun way!*

**Format of newsletter:** We are trying out a new simplified format for our newsletter to make it clearer and quicker for parents to read. Let us know if you feel this is helpful.

**Family Learning:** We have several Family learning events planned for the end of term. Please see dates below for further details. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by the short notice of these events.

## Dates for your Diary:

**Monday 20th March 11:00-11:45am:** Family Learning Book Bug Literacy Session in hall (AM session)

**Monday 20th March 5:30-6:30pm:** Parent appointments/Open evening for Pre school children who will be moving to Primary 1 in August 2017.

**Wednesday 22nd March:** CPA Easter Bunny Drive– See details and times in separate letter.

**Friday 24th March 1:45-3:00 pm:** Family Learning Easter Crafts session in hall (PM session)

**Monday 27th March 10:15-11:45am:** Family Learning Easter Crafts session in hall (AM session)

**Wednesday 29th March 2:00-2.45pm:** Family Learning Book Bug Literacy Session in hall (PM session)

**Thursday 30th March:** Dinosaur Disco in usual session times– no Messy Play on this day.

**Friday 31st March:** Last day of term!

**Tuesday 18th April:** First day of Term 4

**Thursday 20th April:** Easter egg hunt during normal session times

**Wednesday 26th April, 3rd May and 10th May:** PM balance bikes sessions with Active Schools

(AM dates and times to be confirmed.)

**Thursday 4th May:** This will be an election day and we will not be able to use the school building on this day. We will be going on a 'Parent and Child' trip. Details to be confirmed soon!



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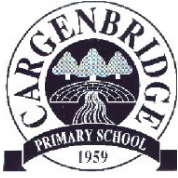
**World of Work Week w.c. 13.3.17:** If you are free to come into Nursery to talk to the children about your job this week, please speak to Mrs Mackenzie.

**Lunch Money:** If your child has school lunches, please put the money for this in a separate envelope to the snack money as the money goes to different places. School lunches cost £1.75. School lunch menus are available in Nursery.

**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, baking activities and any other special activities in the Nursery.

**Transition activities with P1/2:** Mrs Mackenzie has met with Miss Mawer from P1/2 to plan a range of transition activities in which Nursery children and P1/2 children work together which will be starting next week. These transition events will take place in both morning and afternoon sessions over a range of days to ensure all children have opportunities to be involved. These activities will include visiting P1/2 for a story, to take part in play activities, to take part in small group activities such as making flags and planting seeds and to take part in joint PE experiences in the hall or outside. All children moving on to Primary 1, whether at Cargenbridge or our other catchment schools, will have opportunities to take part in these activities. We involve all children as it provides structured learning opportunities to work with older children and develops confidence in children to adapt to new situations. However, if you would prefer that your child does not take part or if you have any questions about these activities, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Mackenzie. Mrs Mackenzie will also be contacting all the schools that children have enrolled at to identify their transition arrangements/dates and to invite the Primary 1 teachers to visit the children at Nursery and discuss their learning with Mrs Mackenzie and the children's key workers.

**Cargenbridge Transition:** In Term 4, there will be specific days and events planned for children to visit their Class Teacher, enjoy a school lunch, visit the playground and take part in a moving up session. Further information about the specific dates and times for these events will be issued in a separate letter in due course. Information about Primary 6 buddies for the new Primary 1 children will also be issued in Term 4. For more information about the school transition procedures, please contact Mrs Mackenzie or Mrs Watson.



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**CAPER:** To enable us to structure our CAPER programme to meet the varied attendance patterns in the Nursery, we need to make a change to our system of collecting in folders. Please send your child's folder on the first day of *their* week at Nursery, e.g. if your child attends Monday, Thursday and Friday, please send their book on a Monday. It will be sent home during that week, although it may not be on the same day.

### **Term 3 Days:**

CAPER: Send your child's folder on the first day of *their* week at Nursery, e.g. if your child attends Monday, Thursday and Friday, please send their book on a 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.

CAPER Parent Helper day: Wednesday (Parents wishing to help with CAPER can help on a Wednesday).

Messy Play: Monday PM and Thursday AM

PE: Friday AM and Wednesday PM

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**Parent Helpers:** Mrs Mackenzie has prepared a calendar with free days 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!

**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. At present, we do not have any parent helpers to help with CAPER in the afternoon and this affects how often we can send out CAPER books. If you could even help with CAPER once a term, it would be a great help! Thank you!



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**Parking/Door:** It has come to our attention that there are significant parking issues, especially during Nursery drop off times in the morning and collection times in the afternoon. Nursery parents should not park in the drop off zones as these spaces are only for parents who are staying in their car and dropping their children off. Please do not park on the single yellow lines on Waterside Road or in the drop off zone. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. Please ensure children are supervised at all times when walking over the zig-zag area from the car park to nursery and back as cars, taxis and delivery vans frequently drive through this area to the main school entrance. Please use the Nursery entrance only and not the main school entrance when dropping off and collecting children. Parents who have pre-arranged to collect their children early can use the main door as required. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**Consultation on our Nursery Improvement Plan:** As part of our process of reviewing our progress and considering our priorities for development, we will soon be asking you to complete a short evaluation. It would be helpful if you could complete the slip below to indicate the areas that you think we should be consulting parents about. This will help to guide our consultation with you over the next few weeks. Please return this by Monday 20th March.

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### Consultation with Parents

I think the following areas should be included in any upcoming consultations with parents/evaluation surveys:

Outdoor Learning

Literacy, Numeracy and HWB provision in the Nursery

Parental involvement in learning folders/setting next steps in learning

Children's involvement in learning

Transition to Primary 1

Family Learning events/ Involvement of parents in Nursery

Other, Please specify \_\_\_\_\_