



The children have been busy learning about trucks, diggers and lorries this term. We even made a truck and a tractor cake! The children explored forces in using trucks on a ramp outside. We have also enjoyed a short theme about Harvest. The children have enjoyed handling and sniffing the vegetables at the harvest display table and have created a wide range of pictures and paintings related to our topic. They are looking forward to our harvest soup! Thank you for your support and help over the term. Please remember that we are always happy to talk if you have any comments, questions, or concerns.



Mrs Catherine Mackenzie

Nursery Parents Facebook Group

Donna Kirk has set up a facebook group for Nursery parents to share information and chat. If you would like to join this group, you can find it by searching for "Cargenbridge Nursery Parent Forum".



Please note this group is run by parents, not the Nursery. If Mrs Mackenzie shares information on this group, we will try where possible to make sure it is displayed on our board too to keep parents up to date. Please note there is a council social networking use policy; therefore, please ensure that posts or comments are appropriate to the positive aim of the group. Thank you for your help with this.

Active Schools: Streetdance!

Active Schools will be running streetdance sessions in our PM sessions on the following dates:

(We are working hard to try to ensure if your child does not attend on these days that they will be able to access Active Schools provision later in the year.)

PM session: Wednesday 9th November -
From this date for 4 Wednesdays (4 week



Cargenbridge Parents Association Halloween Disco

4-5.15 on Tuesday 1st Nov



Please remember to return your slips if you would like your child to take part in the CPA Halloween Disco. It sounds like it is going to be a fun event! Molly Mixture has been organised for the disco! Please note parents do need to stay with their child for the duration of the disco. Hope to see you there!

Toothbrushing

The NHS Childsmile toothbrushing programme runs on an opt-out permission. At Cargenbridge, we are now going to be brushing teeth daily following advice from Childsmile. If you do not want your child to take part in toothbrushing in the Nursery, please write a letter to the Nursery to indicate this.

Regular Parent Helpers

We have displayed a sign up sheet for CAPER and parent activity days. We would be really grateful if you could sign up to help. Grandparents are welcome too!

CAPER: Mondays

Parent Helper Days: Thursday afternoons and Friday morning

We really need help with CAPER especially in the afternoons. If you are not free on a Monday but would be able to help on another day, please speak to Mrs Mackenzie.

Parent Focus Group: Learning Folders

I am planning to hold a focus group with parents to talk about learning folders and useful information to provide within these folders. We have started to create some information sheets to go inside the folders and would like your feedback on these. The focus groups will be:

Thursday 3rd November at 11-11.40 for AM parents and 12.15-12.50 for PM parents. If you can come along, please speak to Mrs Mackenzie.

Sponsored Outdoor Dance and Sing

The children really enjoyed taking part in our 5 day sponsored dance and sing. Each day we had a dancing or singing activity outside and it was great fun! We will be sending out certificates for the children's participation soon! Thank you to all those who raised sponsor money. We will let you know the total amount raised after the holidays once all the sponsor money has been returned. Please return any sponsor money by Friday. Thank you for your help with this.



The money raised will be used to purchase outdoor suits for our outdoor play to enable all weather play! Thank you!

Nursery Staff:

Mrs Mackenzie: Nursery Teacher
Mrs Porter: Nursery Nurse Practitioner
Miss Milroy: Nursery Nurse Practitioner (AM)
Mrs Townsend: Early Years Support Worker

Mrs Ostroznik, a Learning Assistant, who works in the school sometimes helps in Nursery.

We sometimes need supply staff in Nursery too to cover staff. Mrs White, a supply Nursery Nurse, and Mrs Geddes, a supply Early Years Support Assistant, have been in Nursery this term too.

Mrs Watson, our Head Teacher, usually covers Mrs Mackenzie's non contact time. The day for this can vary due to timetabling reasons in the school.

Learning Folders are available to sign out on an ongoing basis.



Folders can be accessed in children's trays during soft start/soft finish. We operate a flexible sign in/sign out system for the folders. You will be able to take the folders out on any day you wish.

*Say to a member of staff that you would like to borrow the folder (for no more than 3 nights please)

*Sign out in the folder sign out book

*Sign the folder back in on return and let a member of staff know it has been returned. Thank you!

Snack

Snack is 40p per session (80p for the day if attending back to back sessions) or £2 per week. Please leave this suggested donation in an envelope in the basket just inside the Nursery classroom. Snack can be paid termly if you prefer. The termly cost for snack for Term 1 is £16.80. The cost for Term 2 is £15.20.



We are always looking for good ideas for snack. If you have a healthy snack recipe that you think the children would enjoy, please speak to a member of staff.

Health and Wellbeing

PE Days and Suitable Clothing for PE

Our main PE days:

Thursday mornings

Wednesday afternoons

Monday afternoons (small group)

We would appreciate if you could send your child to Nursery in leggings, jeans or trousers on these days to enable them to take part in PE comfortably and safely.

Messy Play Days

Our messy play days are

Tuesday afternoons

Wednesday mornings

Please make sure your child has:

*wellies

*waterproof coat

*old clothes and a second pair of clothes in their bag

Cooking Club Opportunity

There is a cooking club leaflet for a 3 week family learning workshop. Please note places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Important Safety Information

Parking and Road Areas

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/road areas from the car park to nursery and back as cars, taxis and delivery vans frequently drive through this area to the main school entrance.

Door

Please use the Nursery entrance only and not the main school entrance when dropping off and collecting children. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Sign In

Please remember to sign in and sign out your child from Nursery. This information is essential for safety in the Nursery in the event of a fire. It is helpful if you can remind your child to click their name on the Interactive Whiteboard for self registration too. Thanks for your help with this.

Green Buttons

It is very important that children learn that they are **not** to touch the green buttons that open doors to ensure safety at Nursery. Please **do not** let your child use these buttons at any time as if they touch these buttons during Nursery it could enable children to get out of the Nursery. Thank you for your help and cooperation with this.



Email Survey

We will be sending out a survey monkey survey via email. It will direct you to the page on our Nursery blog to access the link. Please do respond as we use all feedback to try to improve the Nursery service. The link is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RVB8LSW> We appreciate your ideas and your comments. If you would prefer a paper copy, please speak to Mrs Mackenzie. The link is also on the facebook forum page.



Feedback Slip: Please leave in the tub next to the snack money basket

I think the Nursery is really good at...

I think the Nursery service could be improved by...