



The children have been settling in well to Nursery and it has been lovely to see all our returning children helping our new children to

learn the Nursery rules and routines. We will be starting a small topic "All about me and my family" next week.



We have also had lots of children interested in tractors and transport and we will providing a range of activities to develop this interest too through the play areas. Please remember that we are always happy to talk if you have any comments, questions, or concerns.

Mrs Catherine Mackenzie
(Primary Teacher: Nursery Class)

All About Me: My Family Display
Please send in 1 family photograph and 1 baby photograph for our displays.

We are planning to make an 'All about me and my family' display as part of our topic in Nursery. The children will be drawing themselves and their families.

We would also like to display photos of our families in Nursery.

Please write your child's name on the back of the photographs and hand these to a member of staff. Please send these in by Monday 5th September. Thank you!



Letters

With this newsletter, please also look out for:

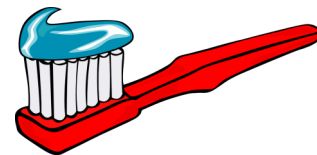


- *toothbrushing letter
- *sun safety letter (new starts only)
- *my activities at Nursery letter

You will also have received letters to update your details. Returning children have been sent Year 2 medical forms and new children have been sent photograph permission forms. Please ensure these forms are returned as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and help with this.

Toothbrushing

The NHS Childsmile toothbrushing programme now runs on an opt-out permission. A separate letter with more information has been sent out with this newsletter. At Cargenbridge, we usually brush teeth with the children once a week. The day will change to enable children who attend on different days to take part. 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. Toothbrushing will start in Nursery from w.c. 19th September.



Active Schools: Streetdance!

Active Schools will be running streetdance sessions in our AM sessions and 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.)

AM session: Thursday 22nd September- From this date for 4 Thursdays (4 week block)

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



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.

If you would like to help but you are not available on these days, please speak to Mrs Mackenzie.



CAPER: Mondays

Our CAPER ('Children and Parents Enjoy Reading' book lending scheme) day this year is Monday.



Please return your child's book folder on a Monday. If your child does not return their folder, a new book will not be issued.

Don't worry if your child does not attend on a Monday, please check your activity letter for your child's CAPER day. We now have a mobile unit in Nursery for CAPER and we can quickly change your child's book if you forget to bring it back on your CAPER day.

We are looking to involve parents more in the CAPER book lending scheme by developing a rota of parent helpers to assist with this on Monday mornings and afternoons. If you would like to help with this once or twice a term, please ask Mrs Mackenzie to be added to the rota. All help with this would be gratefully appreciated!

Learning Folders will be available to sign out from Friday.



Folders can be accessed in children's trays during soft start/soft finish. From **Friday 2nd September**, we will also be operating 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 this term is **£16.80**.

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.



Nursery Staff:

Mrs Mackenzie: Nursery Teacher

Mrs Porter: Nursery Nurse Practitioner

Miss Milroy: Nursery Nurse Practitioner (AM)

Mrs Townsend: Early Years Support Worker

Mrs Watson covers Mrs Mackenzie's non contact time. This term it will be Wednesday mornings or Wednesday afternoons.

Open door policy

We are always happy to help or talk to you about your child's learning and care. If you have any ideas, concerns or suggestions, please speak to any member of Nursery staff. Mrs Mackenzie is also happy to make appointments at any time if you would like to have a longer discussion about an aspect of your child's learning or care. Please just ask!

Health and Wellbeing

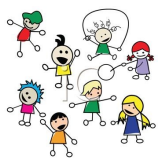
PE Days and Suitable Clothing for PE

Our main PE days this term are Thursday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.

We may sometimes use the hall on Mondays to take small groups too for PE activities.

We use the gym hall for our PE sessions.

We usually go the PE hall in small groups. Where possible, we will try to take a group of children on another day to the hall if they miss the main PE session.



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 this term will be Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. We will start messy play outdoor learning days from Tue 13th September/ Wednesday 14th September. A further detailed letter will follow soon regarding what children should wear on these days.