



It has been a busy term and we are very proud of all the children's achievements this term. We have learned about celebrations including Divali, Hanukkah and Christmas. Well done to all the children in their performances of our nativity play "Come to the

Manger." We hope you enjoyed this special event. We have also enjoyed our popular annual Christmas crafts family learning event. We would like to thank all parents for their support over the term and for helping out with all our costumes for the events! Please remember that we are always happy to talk if you have any comments, questions, or concerns.

Mrs Catherine Mackenzie
(Primary Teacher: Nursery)



Nursery Staff in Term 3:

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

PM Nursery Nurse Practitioner- to be confirmed
AM Learning Assistant- to be confirmed

PM Nursery Nurse Practitioner

As our afternoon session will be increasing in size in January, a temporary PM Nursery Nurse Practitioner will be joining our team and interviews will be held for this next week. If you have any ideas for questions that you feel we should ask as part of the recruitment process, please pop your ideas on our flipchart.

Goodbye Mrs Ostroznik... We will miss you!

Mrs Ostroznik, Learning Assistant, will be leaving Cargenbridge School at the end of term. We have very much enjoyed working with her and we would like to wish her all the best for the future.



Staffing

Mrs Watson, Head Teacher, will continue to teach in the Nursery most weeks and will usually be in Nursery on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. From time to time, supply staff also work in the Nursery when Mrs Watson is not available or to cover staff to attend meetings and complete other administration duties.

Snack and Activity Fund

From January, Snack will be 50p per session (£1 for the day if attending back to back sessions) or £2.50 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 3 is £29.50. Thank you.

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. We provide a range of healthy snacks with milk or water. Fruit or vegetables are always available and we encourage children to try new foods. Children love being snack helpers too! Snacks for the week are displayed next to the interior Nursery door with a list of allergens.



Days for Activities in Nursery

As children attend a wide range of session patterns over the week, with some children only attending at the start of the week or end of the week due to full day attendance and split placements with other providers, we will move the days for PE, Messy Play, etc. from term to term to try to ensure that all children get the opportunity to participate in the breadth of activities over the school year. PE and Messy Play will start w.c. Monday 9th January 2016, pending the arrival of our outdoor suit order.

Term 3 Days:

Main PE:

Monday AM
Wednesday PM

We may sometimes go to the hall for PE or other group activities on Fridays (AM and PM).

Children usually go to the hall in small groups of 10 to 14 children.

Messy Play Days:

Monday PM
Thursday AM

CAPER:

Wednesday AM and PM

Dates for your Diary



Wear a Christmas Jumper Day: Thursday 15th December

(£1 donations on this day can be made to wear their Christmas jumper with money raised on this day going to Save the Children and Cash for Kids.)

Christmas Party- Tuesday 20th December (Normal Session Times AM/PM)

Please speak to Mrs Mackenzie if your child does not usually attend on this day if you wish to make arrangements for them to attend the party. We look forward to seeing all the children's party outfits!

Last day of term: Wednesday 21st December

Christmas Holiday: Thursday 22nd December to Wednesday 4th January

Nursery re-opens for Term 3: Thursday 5th January

Visit from Smoking Matters to Nursery: Tuesday 17th January

Visit from Fire Service to Nursery: Thursday 26th January in AM/PM sessions

February holiday/staff training (Nursery closed): Monday 13th to Wednesday 15th February

Nursery re-opens: Thursday 16th February

Last day of Term 3: Friday 31st March

Spring Holiday: Monday 3rd April to Monday 17th April

Back to Back Sessions

If you are in work or training, you are eligible to apply for back to back sessions. These enable your child to attend from 8.45-3.05 or 9.05-3.25 and your child stays at Nursery for lunch. We have some spaces left for back to back sessions but these are limited. If you are interested in your child attending back to back sessions, please speak to Mrs Mackenzie.



Parent Helpers

Wednesday CAPER

We would be grateful if you could help with CAPER on Wednesdays. Please sign up on the clipboard if you are free to help once or twice a term. We cannot guarantee that your child will get a new book every week if we do not have a parent helper that week due to the other requirements of the Nursery session.

Parent Helper Activities

To enable more parents to take part, we will be putting up a monthly calendar next term with free boxes for parents or grandparents to sign up to pop along to help with an activity during the session. If you would like to help, please sign up on the clipboard.

Deferred Entry to School

Most children start school when they're between 4 years 6 months and 5 years old but it's possible to start children later depending on the circumstances. This is called **deferred entry**. You can choose for your child to start primary school later if they were born on or between the first day of September and the last day of February.

*Children with a birthday between the first day of March and the last day of August don't have an automatic right to defer entry to school but parents can still apply.

*Children born in January and February are **automatically entitled** to an extra year of free early learning and childcare when their entry to school is deferred.

Children born before January don't have an automatic right to free childcare when deferring entry to school but you can ask for special consideration.

Application forms have now arrived in Nursery for deferred entry to school and need to be returned by the start of January. If you think deferred entry would be helpful for your child, it is important to speak to a member of staff about your child's development and learning at Nursery. If you would like to discuss this further, please arrange to speak to Mrs Mackenzie.