



# Cargenbridge ELC Newsletter

## w.c. 27th November 2017



**Mrs Mackenzie says:** *The children have really enjoyed our balance bikes block this term and we have greatly benefitted from being able to borrow a set of balance bikes from the Active Schools Team. We decided to extend this learning opportunity to consider how we can be safe when we are using bikes. We have been learning all about road safety and being safe when we are out about by using reflective and bright clothing. We have also started to practise our songs for our Christmas show too! We look forward to performing this for parents and friends on the 12th December.*



### Dates for your Diary:

**Thursday 7th December:** Christmas crafts Family Learning session: 10.15am and 1.45pm

**Tuesday 12th December:** Christmas Show 11am and 2pm in hall.

\*Children should come dressed in a Christmas jumper/t-shirt on this day or a Christmas jumper/t-shirt in a bag with their name on it. Please contact Mrs Mackenzie if you do not yet have tickets as we require these to enable us to be prepared for numbers on the day. Programmes will be available for 50p each on the day.

**Monday 18th December:** PM Christmas Party

**Tuesday 19th December:** AM Christmas Party

\*There are limited spaces for children who do not on these sessions to attend the Christmas party; however, we are unable to have more than 28 children in the session. Please speak to Mrs Mackenzie as soon as possible if you wish your child to attend the party if this is not their usual day at Nursery.

**Thursday 21st December:** Last day of Term 2

**Thursday 4th January:** First day of Term 3

**Monday 12th February:** Mid-term holiday

**Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th February:** Nursery closed for staff training days

### New Family Learning Dates

The following dates have been allocated for Family Learning events. Further info to follow.

**Wednesday 17th January:** 10.45am and 2pm

**Wednesday 14th March:** 10.45am and 2pm

**Thursday 17th May:** 10.45am and 2pm



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## Term 2 and Term 3 Days

**These days replace previous arrangements. Please keep a copy of this for reference.**

(As some children miss activities due to their attendance patterns, we will review the days in Term 4 to check that all children have had opportunities to experience a range of the activities available over the year.)

### **First day of your child's week: CAPER**



Please send in your child's folder on their first day at Nursery each week and it will be sent out with a new book and rhyme by the end of the week.

### **Mondays: Active Schools**

(22nd Jan, 29th Jan, 5th February)

Active Schools Football: 3 Wk Block



Please send children in clothing suitable to take part in active sports either inside or outside.

### **Tuesdays: Outdoor Messy Play Day**



Please send children in clothes suitable for getting messy outside. Please make sure they have their wellies at Nursery. They will be taken in small groups to play in the Messy Play garden for part of the session.

### **Thursdays AM and PM: Hall (PE)**



We may sometimes use the hall on other days too if it is free.

Leggings or trousers are recommended for the hall. Please send children in comfortable and safe clothing for physical activity.

**Everyday, we enjoy all-weather outdoor play.**

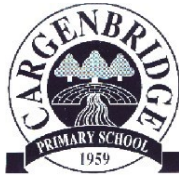
Your child needs a coat and warm layers (extras can be left in yellow bag). Please leave scarves, gloves and a hat in their tray.



### **Everyday: Bike Play**

Our fence will soon be extended which means we will be able to facilitate bike play everyday as part of our free flow play which will be a fantastic improvement to our outdoor provision. We have a box of helmets. ***If you would prefer your child to wear their own helmet, please give this to a member of staff and ensure that it has your child's name on it.***





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### **Important information about bags, e.g. rucksacks:**

Congestion is increasing in our cloakroom areas. We would be really grateful for your assistance with minimising the bags in this area to enable children to access their coats easily. We would appreciate if you could help with the following guidelines:

**Children should not bring a bag to Nursery unless they are attending other childcare on that day.**

\*Children's spare clothes and toileting items should be kept in their yellow drawstring bag.



*\*If your child has a bag at Nursery due to attending other childcare:*

*-Bags should be as small as possible as we have limited space.*

*-Please store it on the blue rack or on the back of the peg to enable your child and other children to access their coats easily.*

### **Snack/Activity Fund:**

**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. 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. You can also pay snack termly if you prefer.

The cost for Term 2 is **£20**.

The cost for Term 3 will be **£29**.

Thank you for your assistance with this.



**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.



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### Deferred Entry to Primary 1:

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. Application forms are available for deferred entry to school. The Nursery needs to submit these applications by mid-December. Children with January and February birthdays are usually considered for deferred entry automatically by the council if parents submit an application. In some cases, children may need to apply to stay on at school to complete their 6th year at school for their secondary education if their birthday falls outwith the academic year, e.g. March to August. If you think deferred entry would be helpful for your child or you would just like further information about deferred entry, please speak to Mrs Mackenzie as soon as possible.

### Calendars

We still have a few calendars left for sale. The children made a great job of their handprint art– well done! Calendars are being sold for £4 or 3 for £10. They would make a great souvenir or gift. All the school term dates and holidays are printed on the calendar as a handy reminder! Please speak to any member of staff if you wish to purchase a calendar.





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## ***Learning Folders/ Assessment Survey***

Please complete this feedback slip and pop it in the suggestions box  
(shoe box) next to the snack tub by Friday 8th December

<b>Please tick:</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
My child's learning is progressing well.						
The Nursery keeps me well informed about my child's progress.						
I agree that the next steps that have been set for my child are appropriate.						
I can go to the Nursery at any time to speak about any concerns about my child's care or learning.						
I feel staff really know my child as an individual.						
I know what my child is learning about at Nursery.						
I am happy with the amount of assessment observations carried out by staff in the Nursery.						
The Learning Folders show an accurate record of my child's progress in their learning.						

Comments (if relevant):