

Cargenbridge ELC Newsletter

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Mrs Mackenzie says: *We have enjoyed welcoming new children to our setting in January. We have had our new fence extended to include the bikes area and I can truly say the children have been having a fantastic time outside using our new space. We hope to develop this area to include more provision. We would love to hear your ideas for our outdoor space. We will be putting up some photographs and ideas soon and we would appreciate your thoughts on these. Our next theme is polar areas and we are looking forward to learning about animals that live in the Arctic and Antarctica. We will also be learning about the properties of materials, e.g. waterproof clothing.*



Please remember we are always happy to talk to parents about any concerns or questions. Please do not hesitate to talk to Mrs Mackenzie or a member of the Nursery team if you would like more information about your child's learning, care or the day to day practice of the Nursery.

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 12th February: Mid-term holiday

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

Thursday 29th March: Last day of Term 3

Family Learning Dates

The following dates have been allocated for Family Learning events.

Science Fun Family Learning Event— Wednesday 14th March: 10.45am and 2pm



Please let Mrs Mackenzie know if you plan to come along to our Science event. The children can take part in science experiments and fun activities with a parent, family member or family friend. Please let Mrs Mackenzie know by **Friday 23rd February** if you plan to attend to enable the family learning coordinator to purchase the relevant materials needed.

Messy Play Tuesdays: Mud and Messy Play in the Garden Area

Now that the weather is less slippy, we are regularly using our messy play garden area on a Tuesday. It is really essential that on this day children bring wellies, as we are finding that it takes a long time to find children spare wellies that fit. We would be grateful if you could complete the following tasks on Tuesdays to help us to get children to the Messy Play Area quickly and efficiently:

Wellies: *Put your child's wellies in front of their shoe box.*

Hats and Gloves: *Put these in your child's tray.*

Scarf and Coat *that you are happy for your child to wear in the muddy area on their peg.*

We really appreciate your assistance with this as it will help us to maximise the quality play time for the children.



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Term 3 Days

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.

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.



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.

Everyday : Bike Play

We can now facilitate bike play everyday as part of our free flow play which is a fantastic improvement to our outdoor provision.



NEW INFORMATION ON HELMETS– IMPORTANT

Helmets:

We have a box of helmets but I'm sure you will be aware that these are not always the best fit if it is not your child's own helmet. ***If you can provide a helmet, please put it in the clear boxes in the main foyer on arrival at Nursery. We are happy to keep these in Nursery but they will be available in the boxes to take away at the end of the session if you need it.***

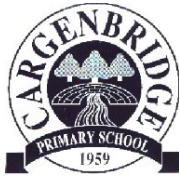
PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON THE HELMET.



Everyday, we enjoy all-weather outdoor play.

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





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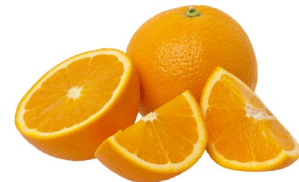
Snack/Activity Fund:

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 3 will be **£29**.

The cost for Term 4 will be **£26.50**.

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.

Nursery (ELC) Enrolment:

The enrolment dates for nursery children will be **Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th April**. It will be necessary for Mrs Mackenzie or the office staff to check all birth certificates and proof of address paperwork for your child's enrolment. We will provide further information nearer the time.

Feedback Slip

Wish: Have you got an idea or something you would like the Nursery to improve. Please pop your comment on this slip and put it in the suggestions box next to the sign in sheet.

