



# Cargenbridge ELC Newsletter

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**Mrs Mackenzie says:** *It has been a busy start to the term and the children have been learning about farming and food. We are also learning about baby animals. In June, I am hoping to run another world of work theme alongside visits from Dupont staff to the Nursery setting. I would be grateful if you would consider coming along to tell the children about your job in June. If you would consider doing this, please register your interest with Mrs Mackenzie or a member of the Nursery team and we will get back in touch with you as soon as possible to arrange a date.*

*Please remember we are always happy to talk to parents about any concerns or questions. We pride ourselves on having a friendly and welcoming setting. We always aim to work in a transparent and open way that demonstrates mutual respect and understanding. 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.*

## **Partnership School Information**

About five years ago the Education Department introduced a Policy where schools below a role of 150 would be partnered with one other or another two schools, with one Head Teacher. This meant that there were plans to partner Cargenbridge with Shawhead and Holywood. Following recent discussions I can confirm that it has been decided to take Cargenbridge out of this partnership agreement, therefore, Cargenbridge will remain as it is and will not be part of a partnership. If anyone wishes to discuss this further please contact Mrs Watson.

## **Dates for your Diary:**

**Monday 7th May: May Day Holiday– Nursery Closed**

**Wednesday 6th June: Morning Sports Day 10:45am**

**Thursday 7th June: Afternoon Sports Day 1:45pm**

**Thursday 7th June: Open Evening and Appointments 5:30-6:30pm**

**Monday 18th June: PM Graduation and Short Songs Production 1:45pm**

**Tuesday 19th June: AM Graduation and Short Songs Production 10:30am**

**Saturday 23rd June: Cargenbridge Summer Fete– 12-3pm (The Nursery will have a games stall!)**

**Tuesday 26th June: Teddy Bears Picnic during session (Children who do not usually attend are invited to join us with an adult–weather permitting– from 9.45-10.45 or 1.15-2.15)**

**Friday 29th June: Last day of term**

## **Kilnford Visits**

I am hoping to take groups of children to Kilnford Farm Shop as part of our topic about farming. See letter.

## **Reports: Year 2 children**

I hope that you enjoyed reading your child's report and that you found the information regarding next steps in learning useful. You are welcome to get in touch at any time if you wish to discuss your child's learning and progress further. We would be grateful if you could complete and return the feedback sheet by Friday 4th May.





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## Term 4 Days

Please keep a copy of this for reference.

### 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.

Occasionally, we are not able to send books home on weeks where we have no CAPER helper.

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

#### Most days: Sports Practice Outside

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



**We will also be practising for sports outside on most days. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately for this.**

### Tuesdays: Outdoor Messy Play Day



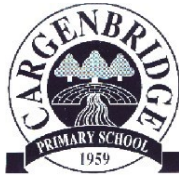
Please send children in clothes suitable for getting messy outside. Please make sure they have their wellies at Nursery. They will be taken in small groups to play in the Messy Play garden for part of the session.

### 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.

**We have taken the decision to only use helmets on balance bikes and bikes due to issues with fitting generic helmets for each child. We no longer use helmets on trikes. If you have any concerns about this or wish to provide a helmet for your child to keep at Nursery to use on trikes, please speak to Mrs Mackenzie.**





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## **Sun Safety:**

It will soon be sunny and warm (I hope!). Please apply a long acting sun cream at home. It is advisable to send children in long sleeved tops to prevent sun burn. We would be grateful if you could send your child with the following items.

**Please put these items in their TRAY with their names written on all the items where possible:**

\*Additional sun cream that they can apply themselves.

\*Sun hat

\*Sun glasses



## **Spare Clothing:**

We are now very short of clothing supplies for when children have accidents and all our recently purchased pants, etc. have been used up and not returned. Please return any clothing that is supplied by the Nursery.



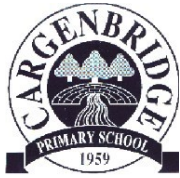
## **Yellow Bags:**

We would be grateful if you could regularly check your children's yellow bags to ensure that they have at least one full change of clothes, including pants. This is a good idea even if your child is toilet trained as they can become wet or dirty in the play areas. Ideally, it is nicer for your child to be given familiar clothes if they need to be changed. Thank you for your help with this.

## **Fundraiser: Sponsored Athletics/ Daily Run 11th-15th June**

On this week, we will be running a sponsored daily physical activity/ challenge, i.e. jumping jacks, small obstacle race, etc. for the children as part of their daily run time. We would be grateful if you would consider sponsoring your child to take part in these activities. A certificate of achievement will be provided for all those involved. Half of the funds raised will go towards the payment of the enlargement of the fenced area that recently took place and the other half of the funds raised will be used to purchase more bikes and outdoor equipment. We are sure that this will be a fun event to take part in. Letters will be sent out soon to parents regarding this.





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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 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 was **£29**. If you have still to arrange to put in this suggested donation, please hand this in to the office as soon as possible.

We appreciate your help with this.



The cost for Term 4 is **£26.50**.

**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 £1.85. School lunch menus are available in Nursery.

## Transition to Primary 1 Activities

I have been in touch with all the relevant Primary 1 settings that the children are moving on to and have invited Primary 1 staff to contact me regarding planning your child's transition into Primary 1.

Mrs Gallacher has been visiting the Nursery to get to know the children moving to Cargenbridge and we have planned a range of shared play events over different days and sessions. We will involve all pre-school children in some of the shared play events. Cargenbridge staff will get in touch with parents soon regarding P7 buddies and induction visits. What an exciting time for the children!

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## 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.

