



Newsletter

Thursday 24th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are at the end of a very long, 8 week half term! There has been an awful lot of sickness in the school; children, staff and parents. There is no doubt that a week's rest for everyone and a break from swapping germs will do everyone the world of good. Term 2 is always a busy and exciting one as we run up to the winter/Christmas break. I'm hoping that we have got the lurgies out the way this term so that we all have lots of energy for all the exciting learning planned for next term.

We have managed to pack a lot into this term, despite all the illness. As always the staff have put 110% into planning wonderful learning opportunities for the children to engage with. It was particularly lovely to see parents staying for 'Stay and Play' on Monday. The children are always so excited to have you in the setting for the morning and it's a great opportunity for you to get some insight into your child's day at school. If you were unable to stay for this one, the next one is **Tuesday 17th December 9am –10am**.

Finally, thank you for all your generous donations to The Porch Day Centre. We will be deliver the goods to them tomorrow. Click here to find out more about the work of [The Porch Day Centre](#).

Stay and Play and some snapshots of the term





Governors



We are delighted to let you know that Grace Featherstone, mother of Jonah in Butterflies, has joined the governing body as a parent governor. We are very much looking forward to working together with her. Thank you ,Grace, for giving up your time to join us.



A big 'Thank You' to all of you for your snack donations this term. We have not had to top up the basket once in 8 weeks. We are grateful for the variety of fruit and vegetables that we are receiving and it is great to have cheese and crackers too! It makes a big difference to our shopping bill, which means a little more money to save for important learning resources and paying the heating bill!

Lateness - there are a lot of children arriving late to school in the morning and some late pick ups at the end of the day and at After School Club. This is unsettling for the children. Arriving late in the morning unsettles the learning of children that have already started, as the classroom door has to be repeatedly opened and late children need greeting and supporting to integrate into the group times with their peers. It also interrupts the work of the office staff who have particular jobs that must be done by a certain time in the morning. In the afternoon, children can get quite upset when everyone else has already left and importantly our support staff have a very precious 20 minutes before they leave, to work together on tidying up the classrooms, planning and resourcing ready for the next day. We would be grateful for your support on a push for punctuality in term 2 please.



We are very excited to let you know that we secured government match funding for the defibrillator and therefore could reduce our fundraising target to £750. With a generous donation from The Fishbowl and some other generous community donations we reached the reduced target and can now move forward with purchasing the AED for Magdalen Road. Caper Book Shop will kindly be attaching the AED to their outside wall and supplying the electricity needed. Thank you to Xander at Caper Book Shop for agreeing to support this cause and to all of you who donated and helped make this happen.



Do you have concerns about your child's access to screen time and what they might be able to access on a tablet or mobile phone? Or, do you want support managing

their digital world? If you would like to join a growing national movement of like minded parents who are keen to be informed about the digital choices they make for their children, then use the QR code here to join the group. You will get information about parent meetings, discussions, publications and developments in new technology that will allow children to benefit from all the positive elements of mobile phones and access to the internet while staying safe and free from the harmful stuff!

To find out more follow this link: [Smartphone Free Childhood](#)

For support on how to help families thrive in the digital age visit: [Papaya](#)



Comper Nursery School
WhatsApp group



Scan or upload this QR code using the WhatsApp camera to join this group



Decoration and Buildings Work Update

You will have noticed that our outside windows now look beautifully repaired and painted. The roof has also been repaired and the scaffolding is finally down today. This means that from after half term, please can you park children's scooters, buggies and bikes back around the side of the building. You may lock adult bikes and trailers at the front again. Caterpillar classroom has been freshly decorated too! The Caterpillars will be moving back to their old classroom as of the first week back after half term. For some Caterpillar children, this will be a totally new space, so it may take a bit of readjustment, but it looks lovely and is a much bigger space for the children to use. Everyone will continue to access the outside area in the same way that they always have.

Now Caterpillars are in their old room again and all the works are completed, we will return to dropping off and picking up by going through the side garden round to the back entrances of the classrooms. There will be an adult on the gate to guide you if you have never done this before.

SAVE THE DATE

You should have received an overview of dates for the year, but please see below some important dates for your diary for terms 2.

Friday 25th October break up for half term holiday.

Wednesday 6th November – Morning Caterpillar children visit to Caper Book Shop on Magdalen Road

Week beginning the 11th November - Parent Consultations all week after school.

Friday 15th November - Children in Need. Bring a £1 and wear spots.

Tuesday 19th November - Afternoon Caterpillar children visit to Caper Book Shop on Magdalen Road

Tuesday 26th November 4.30pm-6.00pm Stories by Candlelight. Bring your child back to a magically lit Comper for stories, biscuit decorating and wildlife hunts in the garden. Mince pies and Mulled wine for parents....and a Christmas Raffle!

Tuesday 10th December 10.30am - older Butterfly children walk to the Isis Care Home to sing Christmas songs to the residents.

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Jumper day and Christmas lunch.

Tuesday 17th December - 9.00am - 10.00am Stay and Play (Caterpillar & Butterfly) followed by (10.00—10.30am) the children performing Christmas songs to parents.

Thursday 19th December - 10.30am Butterfly trip to Pegasus Theatre for their Christmas show.

Friday 20th December - Class Christmas Parties. Break up for the Christmas Holidays.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy half term break.

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