



# Caterpillar News

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A belated Happy New year to you all and a warm welcome to all our 'new Caterpillar families' – please do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have 😊

May we remind all our 'Caterpillar families' that we are always here to talk to, about anything regarding your child, their progress, their time in Caterpillars and their wellbeing. You do not need to wait till 'parent-key person meetings' ( which will recommence after half term) for an in-depth discussion about your child's progress – please just ask their key person or any member of staff. Thank you 😊

**Snack** May we remind all parents to provide a daily/weekly snack for their child. All children share the fruit/vegetables provided and this has worked well in our setting, rather than charging a daily snack fee. If children have special dietary requirements they can bring a non-sharing snack in a named container. We are part of a 'Healthy School' so request children do not bring in any cereal bars, crisps or chocolate. They can however bring in any of the following: fruit, vegetables, crackers, cheese, breadsticks and small amounts of dried fruit or bread. If you have any questions please come and talk to us 😊 Thank you in advance for your continued support. 😊

## **Welly Wednesday Snack**

There is no need to provide snack on a Wednesday. We spend most of this day outdoors and we provide suitable snack to share. We ask that each child pays a voluntary £2.00 per half term to cover this cost. Please hand your child's £2.00 to Mrs.Pirt

Many thanks 😊



Can we ask all children to bring in a **pair of wellies** to keep at Caterpillars. 😊 If children wear their own Wellies into school can they please change before coming into Caterpillars as Wellies are not suitable to be worn in class.

## **Choking Hazards**

Please can we ask that children bringing in either grapes or cherry tomatoes in their packed lunch have them cut in halves or quarters. (lengthways for grapes). Children may bring these items whole for their snack as we will always cut them before serving.

## Interactive Learning Diary

We hope you are all finding your child's Interactive Learning Diary (ILD) informative and interesting. Those families who have just joined Caterpillars you should have been given your unique log-in details, any problems just ask Mrs.Larkin. Thank you to all those families who have added their own observations and photographs from home. If you are not sure how to log on, lost your unique details or would just like some help understanding the ILD –please do not hesitate to ask us! In addition we can make iPads available at the beginning of sessions for you to look at your child's ILD if you are unable to access them at home. 😊

If you would rather handwrite comments about your children , don't forget you have a book of 'wow slips' ...we would love to see more of these on the children's individual boards. If you don't have a 'Wow' book please ask.

## Individual display spaces

We hope you are enjoying looking at and sharing your child's individual display spaces . Please feel free to add things yourselves!

## **Family Picture Request**

It would be great if every child could bring in a **family photograph**.(if they haven't already) We would like to display them on our family tree. If you could possibly send one in as soon as possible – we will copy them and return them to you. Many thanks 😊

PE – We have PE in the hall every Tuesday morning and afternoon. Whilst we do not change into PE kit for this activity, we do remove socks and shoes. Can we please ask that you dress your children on Tuesdays appropriately to take part. 😊 Please keeping in mind, that we are trying to promote independence and therefore shoes and socks that they can put on and take off by themselves would be wonderful! 😊

**Important dates** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – School half term ( School and Caterpillars closed)