



Caterpillar News



We hope you all had a pleasant half term and managed to enjoy some of that lovely sunshine ☺

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 until 'parent-key person meetings' (which will begin next week) 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 suggest 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

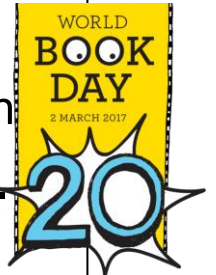
Can we ask all children to bring in **a pair of named wellies** to keep at Caterpillars. ☺ If children wear their own Wellies into school can they please change before coming into Caterpillars as Wellies are not suitable to be worn in class.

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.

Bedtime story day

To celebrate **world book day** we are having a 'Bedtime Story Day'! This will take place next **Friday 3rd March**.



We would like to ask the children to come dressed in their pyjamas, dressing gown (optional) and slippers. We would also like them to bring their favourite bedtime story from home (all named please). We will have a cosy day spent reading stories and we will have hot chocolate and biscuits for our snack (so no need to send in any snack that day).

We would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £1+ to allow us to purchase new books for our class. We will ask the children what books they would like and order them together as a class.

Many thanks in advance and any questions please don't hesitate to ask Mrs. Larkin 😊

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 keep 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! 😊

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 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.

Important dates

- Monday March 13th – Caterpillars and Millbrook school closed for teacher training day.
- Last day of spring term – Friday April 7th
- Return to school – Monday 24th April