



Caldecote Day Nursery



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Safeguarding

Safeguarding children's wellbeing is paramount for us at nursery. This month we are highlighting FIS (Family Information Service) in Warwickshire, who can support with many situations.

Family Information Service (FIS)

We are a free information and signposting service for families with children and young people aged 0 – 25 and professionals working with families in Warwickshire.

We cover a wide range of family related topics such as:

- childcare,
- mediation and contact,
- divorce and separation,
- finance,
- health,
- bullying,
- support groups
- parenting support.



If you have an enquiry, contact us by:

Telephone - 01926 742274

Email - FIS@warwickshire.gov.uk

Facebook - @WarwickshireFIS

Twitter - @WarksFIS

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis>

Early Help

Early Help is the support we offer to potentially vulnerable children, young people and their families.

The purpose of Early Help is to put in the right support at the right time so that problems are less likely to escalate to a point where the child becomes vulnerable or in need. Early Help is sustainable so that problems are less likely to re-occur.

Early Help does not always mean early years. While research does show that most impact can be made in those crucial first few years of a child's life, Early Help can be needed and put in place at any time and at any age. All children, young people and families in Warwickshire are entitled to receive Early Help. This means offering information, advice, guidance, and support to families as soon as a concern emerges, or seems likely to emerge.

If you feel that you or your family could benefit from Early Help, please see us at the office and we will be happy to put the right support in place.

Staffing News: Due to continuing ill health, Parker decided that it was in his best interests to leave nursery and focus on his recovery. We wish him well as he continues on his journey. We will also be saying goodbye to Terri this month, who leaves us after five years of service to start a new adventure, away from childcare. Thank you Terri and we wish you lots of luck in your new career.



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COVID – 19

We are continually risk assessing and following the government guidelines relating to covid-19. As we make changes to our operational plan, we will let you know.

Please remember: If your child or someone in your household has:

- a new, continuous cough,
- a high temperature,
- loss of taste or smell,

You must not attend nursery under any circumstance.

You must contact 111, get tested immediately and inform us of the outcome as a matter of urgency. If we suspect that your child has covid-19, you will be asked to collect them immediately, contact 111 and get tested.

If the outcome is negative, you and your child may return to nursery. If the outcome is positive, you will need to follow the 'Stay at Home' guidance as issued by the government.

Home Learning Ideas

Here are some ideas you could try with your child this month...

Share your favourite stories or books, taking time to talk about the pictures and characters.

Do something kind for your mum, grandma or other female relative to show you care.

Go on a walk and look for the signs of spring. What are they? What colours can you see?

Try some basic science investigations at home. Mix baking powder with vinegar and see what happens. Try finding things that are magnetic or non-magnetic. Investigate floating and sinking. Blow bubbles and try to pop them.

Try making our seasonal recipe of the month! Send us a photo of your efforts via ParentZone!

Don't forget to send us a photo of your home learning via ParentZone.



ParentZone



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Spring Term 2021 Dates for your diary...

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March (See below)

Toddler Parent Meetings – Tuesday 16th March (By appointment)

Pre-School Parent Meetings – Wednesday 17th March (By appointment)

Baby Parent Meetings – Thursday 18th March (By appointment)

Red Nose Day – Friday 19th March – Carnival Day!

Easter Stay & Play – Saturday 27th March; 10am-12pm (cancelled)

Term Time Only Children - Term ends Thursday 1st April

Easter Closure – Friday 2nd April

We re-open at 8am – Tuesday 6th April

Term Time Only children return on Monday 19th April

World Book Day - Thursday 4th March - We will be celebrating World Book Day again this month and you will receive a book token which can be used to redeem a free special edition World Book Day book or can be used to get £1 off a book of your choice.

To celebrate, we would like staff and children to come dressed up in some way to represent their favourite book. We will share lots of books on the day, but due to Covid-19 kindly ask that children leave other books at home this time.



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Red Nose Day – Friday 19th March: We will be raising money for Red Nose Day by having a 'Caldecote Carnival' with 'JoJo & GranGran.' Come wearing your brightest, most colourful clothes, your red nose and celebrate with us! There will be carnival activities throughout the day. Suggested donation is £1 but please give whatever you can.

Congratulations to the Pre-School Team who were voted by their colleagues as 'The Room Of The Month' for their dedication and hard work in providing amazing invitations to learning, inspired by The Curiosity Approach. Well done!



Club Caldecote will be open from Tuesday 6th – Friday 16th April, welcoming children from Reception to Year Six.

Keep checking our Facebook page for details of the activities on offer nearer the time.

This month's seasonal recipe to try at home...

Cheesy Chick Crackers



Some families recently have noted that their children are becoming picky eaters. Try making this easy recipe with your child to get them involved with the preparation and then hopefully they will be more willing to tuck in!

Ingredients

- 4 whole-wheat crackers
- 4 slices of cheddar cheese
- 1 small carrot
- 4 black olives or red grapes
- Green salad to dress

Method

- Lay out crackers on a plate or platter.
- Cut cheese into circles using a cookie cutter that will fit in top of crackers. Place cheese on crackers.
- Cut or grate carrots into small sticks to resemble the chicks feathers on top of his head. Cut another carrot into 12 thin rounds. 8 will be used for the feet and 4 will be cut into triangles for the beaks.
- Cut tiny pieces from an olive or red grape to make little eyes for each chick and then place some lettuce, spinach leaves or cucumber sticks under each chick for a cosy spot to rest.



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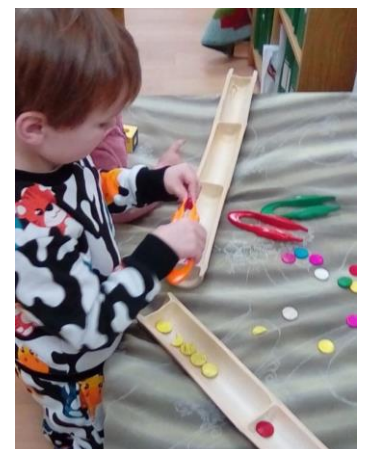


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Our February Learning!



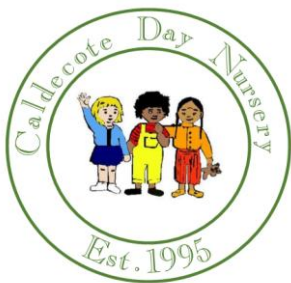
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As we continue with our journey, implementing The Curiosity Approach, we aim to provide your children with authentic resources in their play.

As well as purchasing new items, we try to reuse and repurpose items to give them a new lease of life. We have previously sourced items from charity shops, car boot sales and online local sellers but COVID has prevented us from keeping our supplies stocked up. This month we are asking for your help. Can you donate any of the following to enhance the learning experiences of our children?

- Old, unwanted keys.
- Costume jewellery including bangles and beads.
- Adult Hats (not baseball caps)
- Adult shoes (the fancier the better)
- Wellington boots (baby size)
- Dressing table items, such as hand mirrors, old make up or hair-brushes and jewellery boxes.
- Purses, wallets or handbags.
- Home corner items such as ornaments, vases, cooking utensils, pots, pans, tablemats, cushions, artwork, or telephones.
- Any cultural items such as ornaments, fabrics, clothing, jewellery or artwork.
- Travel guide-books.
- Indoor plants or cuttings to grow our own.

We will of course ensure that all items are thoroughly cleaned and quarantined before using with the children.



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