



Caldecote Day Nursery



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Safeguarding

With the temperatures set to rise again in the coming weeks, here is some advice from Public Health England on how to stay cool this summer.



Beat the Heat

Stay connected

- Look after yourself, check on others especially the elderly
- Listen to the weather forecast and the news
- Plan ahead to avoid the heat

Keep well

- Drink plenty of water, avoid alcohol and caffeinated drinks
- Dress appropriately for the weather
- Slow down and avoid heavy activity

Find somewhere cool

- Know how to keep your home cool
- Go indoors or outdoors, whichever feels cooler
- Cars get hot, avoid closed spaces

Watch out

- Be on the lookout for signs of heat related illness
- If you're too hot, cool your skin with water, slow down and rehydrate
- Get help. Call NHS 111 or in an emergency 999

For more information go to www.nhs.uk/heatwave

PHS publications gateway number: 221021

Leaving to start school?

If you are leaving to start school in September, **please remember you need to give one month's notice.**

Children who only access funded hours, this ends on Friday 16th July.



Class of 2021

Goodbye and good luck to all our children leaving for 'Big School'. You have been fabulous here and you will be fabulous at school too. Don't forget to pop in and visit us in your new uniform! We will miss you all!

You are capable of
AMAZING
things.

You're off to
Great places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain
is waiting, so...
Get on your way!

- Dr Seuss -

Funding for 3 and 4 year olds

If your child will be 3 or 4 on 31st August, you may be able to apply for 30 hours of funded childcare. All 3 and 4 year olds receive 15 hours which is called 'Universal Funding'. If you wish to increase this to 30 hours which is known as 'Extended Funding', you need to check that you are eligible. Please log onto www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to apply for a code before **16th July**. Once you have received this code you will need to share that information with us and let us know about any changes to sessions.

Apply for a 30 hours code in good time. Do it before the summer holidays.
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COVID – 19: Please read this information about tests and getting tested...

Lateral Flow Tests	PCR Tests
These are for people with no symptoms. They can be taken at home or at the Edward Street Centre, on a weekly or twice weekly basis.	These are for people who have any one of the three main symptoms: a new, continuous cough; a high temperature; loss of taste or smell.
These tests can be done at your home and can be ordered from: https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests	If we have sent your child home with one of these symptoms, you must book a PCR test or have a kit sent to your home: https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test
After completing your test, you should report the result here: https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result	Once the test is complete, you will be sent the results via text or email. This document needs to be forwarded to us as a matter of urgency.
If the result is negative, then you may attend nursery. If the result is positive, you must stay at home and organise a PCR test.	If the test is negative, you will be able to return to nursery. If the test is positive , you will need to follow the 'Stay at Home' guidelines issued by the Government and PHE

While we understand that taking these tests can be very unpleasant for both children and adults, it is really important to safeguard each other and our wider families by getting tested when asked.

Covid Reminders

Masks: Can we kindly ask that parents continue to wear a mask when dropping off and picking up, until further notice.



Foreign Travel: To help keep the Nursery Covid Secure, we ask that if you or a member of your household are travelling abroad, please let us know where you are going and when you will return. If you are having visitors to stay, who have come from abroad, please also let us know so we can keep a record of this.



Summer Term 2021 Dates for your diary...

Toddler Parent Meetings – Thursday 1st July (By appointment)

Sport's Day – Tuesday 6th July; 10am & 2pm

Pre-School Graduation – Thursday 8th July;

Ceremonies at 9:30-10:15am / 10:30-11:15am / 1:30-2:15pm

Pre-School Farewell Party – Thursday 15th July; 1pm – 3pm

Term Time Only Children - Term ends Friday 16th July

Term Time Only children return on Monday 6th September.

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



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Summer Events

Sport's Day

- Sports Sport's Day is booked for Tuesday 6th July (weather permitting) and will take place in Caldecott Park, near the tennis court at 10am and 2pm.
- If your child does not attend that day, you are welcome to bring them along to join in the fun.
- We hope that as it is an outdoor activity, families will socially distance where required.
- Children will take part in a series of races and then enjoy a drink and snack to cool down.
- If the weather is not on our side, we will rearrange for another day and send photos via ParentZone.
- If Sport's Day does not go ahead, we will let you know via the app on the day.

Pre-School Graduation

- Pre-School Graduation is due to take place on Thursday 8th July and we will be holding three ceremonies so we can socially distance our children and invited guests.
- Families have received an invitation detailing the time that they are invited to and are allocated two seats per child.
- Please ensure we remain COVID safe by wearing a mask at all times, sanitising your hands on arrival and socially distancing from other families.
- As we were not able to invite parents last year, we really hope that we can come together (in three groups!) and celebrate the children's successes!
- Families will be able to take photos of their own children in their caps and gowns.
- Please bring your own tissues...you will need them!

These activities are subject to change. They are dependent on covid restrictions and any Government or Local Authority procedures that we are asked to follow.

Nursery Funding Entitlement for 2, 3 & 4 year olds

2021/2022

Autumn Term - 2021	Spring Term - 2022	Summer Term - 2022
Monday 6 th September – Friday 22 nd October 7 weeks	Tuesday 4 th January – Friday 18 th February 7 weeks	Monday 25 th April – Friday 27 th June 4 weeks
Half Term: Monday 25 th October – Friday 29 th October (no funding in this period)	Half Term: Monday 21 st February – Friday 25 th February (no funding in this period)	Half Term: Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June (no funding in this period)
Monday 1 st November – Friday 17 th December 7 weeks	Monday 28 th February – Friday 8 th April 6 weeks	Monday 6 th June – Friday 22 nd July 7 weeks
Total weeks: 14	Total weeks: 13	Total weeks: 11

Please note: Funding entitlement is for 38 weeks whereas school terms run for 39 weeks.

Reminder

Please ensure that your child has a **named** sunhat and **named** sun cream in nursery at all times, as we will try and make the most of the sunshine.



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

Summer Cup Mocktail



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

- 1cm thick slice of cucumber
- 1 sprig mint
- few frozen red berries
- 120ml clear, sparkling lemonade or sparkling water
- Ice

To garnish

- more frozen berries, chopped fruits, cucumber slice, mint, citrus – all optional

Method

1. Chop the cucumber and mint sprig into small pieces.
2. Bring 200ml water to the boil in a small pan and then add the mint and cucumber.
3. Turn off the heat and leave for 2 mins.
4. Add the frozen berries, let them defrost for a minute, then crush them lightly with the back of a spoon.
5. Strain the mixture. This will keep in the fridge for up to 24 hours and will be enough to make four drinks.
6. Pour 40ml of your strained mixture into a tall glass.
7. Add a handful of ice and top up with 120ml lemonade.
8. Garnish with whatever chopped fruit you like or some more frozen berries and mint leaves if you have them.
9. Stir gently to combine and enjoy on a hot summer's day!



Home Learning Ideas

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

Talk about sport and keeping healthy by exercising. Ask your child about ways they can move their body – jumping, running, walking, hopping etc. Have a go together.

Ask your child to help with recycling. Talk about the different materials and try to sort them – cardboard, plastic, metal etc. Show them where they go in the recycling bin and say that they will be made into new items.

Try making our seasonal recipe of the month and let us know how it tastes!

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



ParentZone



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Show your support for your favourite team by wearing your football kit or the colours of their flag when you come to nursery!





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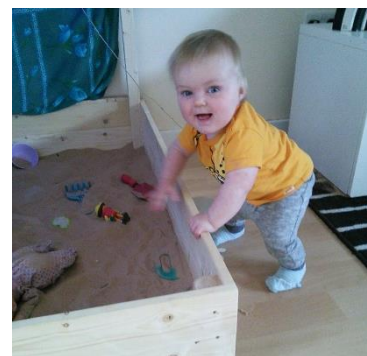


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Our June Learning!



**Don't forget that Club Caldecote runs from Monday 19th July – Friday 27th August!
Full details on our website and Facebook page.**



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