



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

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 22nd July.



Class of 2022

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 **15th 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.
childcarechoices.gov.uk



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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!

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...when it arrives!



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

Summer Term 2022 Dates for your diary...

Be Proud of Who You Are Week – 27th June – 1st July

Pre-School Graduation – Thursday 7th July

Ceremonies at 10:00-10:45am / 2:00-2:45pm

Summer Stay & Play – Saturday 16th July; 10am-12pm

Nursery Sports Day – Tuesday 19th July; 10am & 2pm

Pre-School Farewell Party – Thursday 21st July 10:30am-12:00pm

(Please note the change of time to the Pre-School Farewell Party from the afternoon to the morning. This is so we can take the children to the park on the afternoon of the 21st, to see the Queen's Commonwealth Baton travel through Caldecott Park.)

Term Time Only Children - Term ends Friday 22nd July

Term Time Only Children - Term begins Monday 5th

September

'Be Proud Of Who You Are' Week!



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Summer Events - 2022

Graduation; Pre-School Families

- Pre-School Graduation is due to take place on Thursday 7th July and we will be holding two ceremonies so we can ensure that everyone has a good view of events!
- Families have received an invitation detailing the time that they are invited to and will be allocated two seats per child.
- We really hope that we can come together 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!

Sport's Day; All families

- Sport's Day is booked for Tuesday 19th 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 and remain at the park to watch the action.
- 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.

Please note our term dates and funding entitlement for the next academic year; 2022 - 2023

Autumn Term - 2022	Spring Term - 2023	Summer Term - 2023
Monday 5 th September – Friday 21 st October 7 weeks	Monday 9 th January – Friday 17 th February 6 weeks	Monday 17 th April – Friday 26 th May 6 weeks
Half Term: Monday 24 th October – Friday 28 th October (no funding in this period)	Half Term: Monday 20 th February – Friday 24 th February (no funding in this period)	Half Term: Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June (no funding in this period)
Monday 31 st October – Friday 16 th December 7 weeks	Monday 27 th February – Friday 31 st March 5 weeks	Monday 5 th June – Friday 21 st July 7 weeks
Total weeks: 14	Total weeks: 11	Total weeks: 13

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



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Leadership Focus

At nursery, we have several staff who take a leadership role. To raise their profile with parents and celebrate the good work that they do, each month we are going to highlight a different role and provide you with some information.

This month it is our Time to Talk Team:

At Caldecote, Leanne and Tiffany have just trained as Time to Talk Champions and Poonam is also trained as a Champion. They take the lead on developing excellent practice in the staff team. They use a screening tool to measure children's speech, language and communication skills, and respond to the needs of children and families by providing support when needed. The Champions also ensure that information about speech and language development is available to families, and, along with the SEND team, they oversee specific interventions for children who are finding it more difficult to learn to talk. The team also has a role in developing the environment at nursery, so that it is 'communication-friendly'. Here is an overview of the stages of progression...

When babies are first born they can already hear well. They can see our faces when we hold them close to us. They show lots of interest in our faces. They make little sounds with their mouths and they let us know when they need something by crying.

As they grow, babies start to respond to us more. They watch us and smile with us. They listen and show interest for a little while when we talk and sing songs. They start to make more funny noises 'uuuh' and 'eeeh' and 'guuuuh'. They start to take turns at making sounds with us.

Once they get a bit older, babies show more interest in objects as well as people. They start to recognise the names of familiar things that they see and hear every day. We notice this because they might look at something we say e.g. 'shoes'. They start to point and use actions like 'bye bye' and 'up'. They start to play with their voices more and might make repetitive babble sounds like 'dadadada'. Over time, these babble sounds start to sound a bit more like real words that we can recognise. They won't sound perfect for a while.



Children learn best from experiences with real things and real people, other children and adults, from playing and talking together. Conversations gradually grow so that they take more and more turns, building longer and more complicated sentences and telling their own stories. They need lots of time to talk!

As their concentration grows, so does their understanding of even more words around them. They start to tell you more, joining words together in new ways, and sometimes in their own ways like, 'I runned outside'. There is a lot to learn and these mistakes are common.

Toddlers are busy learning lots of new things. They start to concentrate on playing for longer and they can get frustrated when they find things tricky. They gradually understand more and more words around them and can follow simple instructions like 'get your nappy'. As their words and gestures grow, they can tell you a bit more, typically starting to join two words together like 'more milk' or 'bye teddy' by the time they are two years old.



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

Watermelon Lemonade



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:

- 1 large or 2 small watermelons
- 250ml lemon juice (from a bottle or squeeze your own)
- 100g golden caster sugar (or less if you wish to be healthier!)
- 1litre bottle soda water
- 1 lime , cut into slices
- small handful mint
- crushed ice



Method:

1. Cut the top off the watermelon and hollow it out using a large spoon, fishing out any pips along the way.
2. Mash the flesh through a sieve into a bowl.
3. Put the flesh in a blender (or use a tall jug and hand blender) with the lemon juice and sugar.
4. Whizz to a purée, then stir in the soda water
5. Heap some ice into the hollowed-out watermelon and fill it with the lemonade mixture.
6. Serve the rest in a jug with the lime slices and mint.
7. Have a bowl of extra crushed ice on the side so people can help themselves.



A huge thank you to Hannah Parsons for helping us to make our garden look so amazing in the last few weeks. Thanks also for all the added touches in preparation for the judging of our Jubilee Garden as part of the Rugby in Bloom competition.

The judges were really impressed with the garden, the flowers and veggies that we are growing and also the way we made so much of a small space.

Fingers crossed we win a prize again this year!



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Our June Learning...



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