



Caldecote Day Nursery



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This month's Value: **Teamwork**

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 21st July.

Class of 2023

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 **14th 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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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: Leanne, Sophie, Tiffany (Mat Leave) & Poonam

At Caldecote, Leanne, Sophie and Tiffany are our current Time to Talk Champions. Poonam (our SENDCO) 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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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.

Think about the change in season and the warmer weather. Ask your child if they know how to stay safe in the sun?

If you are on holiday, talk about all the new sights, sounds and smells. Collect something natural like a pebble or shell as a keepsake for your trip.

Enjoy lots of waterplay in the garden. Use a large storage box or washing up bowl with some simple bowls and spoons to learn about filling and emptying. Add some bubbles and some toys that need a wash and let your child help with the cleaning!

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.

'Be Proud Of Who You Are' Week!

We had a great week celebrating and feeling proud of our friends, family, ourselves, our community and our culture. You can find out more about how we celebrated on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/caldecotedaynursery>

Summer Term 2023 Dates for your diary...

Pre-School Graduation – Thursday 6th July

(Pre-School Families, by invitation only.)

Summer Stay & Play – Saturday 8th July; 10am-12pm

Nursery Sports Day – Wednesday 12th July; 10am & 2pm

Pre-School Farewell Party – Thursday 20th July 1:30-3:00pm

Term Time Only Children - Term ends Friday 21st July

Bank Holiday Closure – Monday 28th August

Term Time Only Children - Term begins Monday 11th September



27th Caldecote Games

Wednesday 12th July 2023

Please come along and join our Sports Day Events in Caldecott Park; just next to the tennis courts.

**10am: Babies & Toddlers
2pm: Pre-School**

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing and footwear for the occasion, has a sun hat and is wearing sun cream.

If your child does not usually attend on this day, please feel free to bring them along to join in at their allocated session, while you stay to watch the action.

If the event cannot go ahead due to extreme weather, we will inform you via the ParentZone app.



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

Stripy Hummus Salad Jars – makes 6 jars



Try this easy recipe with your child to get them involved and interested in food! Cooking together is a good way to connect.

Ingredients:

- 140g frozen soya beans or peas
- 200g tub hummus (reserve 2 tbsp for the dressing)
- 2 red peppers (or a mixture of colours) finely chopped
- Half cucumber, finely chopped
- 200g cherry tomatoes, quartered
- 2 large carrots
- small pack basil
- 2 large carrots, peeled and grated
- 4 tbsp pumpkin seeds (optional)

For the dressing:

- zest and juice 1 lemon
- 1 tbsp clear honey
- 2 tbsp hummus (from the tub, above)

Method:

1. First make the dressing. Put the ingredients in a jam jar with 1 tbsp water. Screw on the lid and shake well. Set aside.
2. Bring a small pan of water to the boil, add the beans or peas and cook for 1 min until tender. Drain and run under cold water until cool.
3. Divide the remaining hummus between 6 large jam jars.
4. Top with the drained soya beans or peas, peppers, cucumber, tomatoes, basil leaves, carrots and pumpkin seeds, if using.
5. Screw on the lids and chill until needed. Will keep in the fridge for 24 hrs.
6. When ready to serve, pass around the jars and let everyone pour over a little dressing.
7. Perfect for a summer picnic!



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Our June Learning...



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Nursery Funding Entitlement for 2, 3 & 4 year olds

2023/2024

Autumn Term - 2023	Spring Term - 2024	Summer Term - 2024
Monday 11 th September – Friday 27 th October 7 weeks	Monday 8 th January – Friday 9 th February 5 weeks	Monday 8 th April – Friday 24 th May 7 weeks
Half Term: Monday 30 th October – Friday 3 rd November (no funding in this period)	Half Term: Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February (no funding in this period)	Half Term: Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st June (no funding in this period)
Monday 6 th November – Friday 22 nd December 7 weeks	Monday 19 th February – Friday 22 nd March 5 weeks	Monday 3 rd June – Friday 19 th July 7 weeks
Total weeks: 14	Total weeks: 10	Total weeks: 14

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

Please note that our term (and funding) ends on Friday 21st July.

For term-time only families, we will see you again on Monday 11th September.

The table above shows when our funding entitlement runs throughout 2023 / 2024.



Have a great summer!



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W.Inc.K.S Award! – Congratulations to the SEND Team and all who work in nursery as we have been awarded a W.Inc.K.S (Warwickshire Inclusion Kite-Marking Scheme) award for the second year in a row. This Silver award recognises all that the staff do to support children and their families with additional needs. The award was presented to Alice & Poonam (our SENDCO's) at a special ceremony in Warwick last month. All our staff work closely with our SEND children, so this award was a real team effort! Well done!



LEAVING TO HAVE
A LITTLE ONE

Across the summer and into September we will see some changes to our staff team as we say farewell to Alice (Pre-School) and Leanne (Toddlers) as they begin their maternity leave. We wish you both well and know that you will be fantastic parents!

We are delighted that Tiffany and Lily M will be rejoining us in early September as they return from maternity leave.



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