



Caldecote Day Nursery



Newsletter November 2021

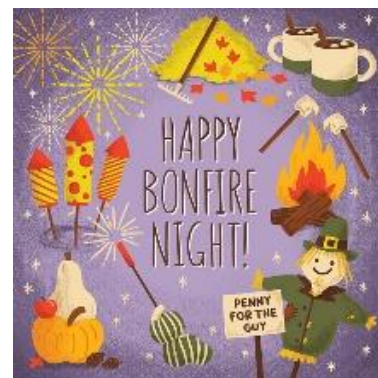
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Safeguarding

Safeguarding children's wellbeing is paramount for us at nursery. Here are some important safety messages for those of you having firework displays at home this year...

- Have a bucket of water, or an appropriate fire extinguisher, close by
- Keep children a sensible distance away from the display – ear defenders are also a good idea
- Never hold more than one sparkler at a time
- Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable
- Keep fireworks in a closed box away from the display area and use them one at a time
- Read and follow the instructions on each firework, using a torch if necessary
- Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back
- Keep naked flames and burning materials away from fireworks
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit
- Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them
- Ensure fireworks are directed away from people watching the display
- Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.



CONCEPT PHOTOGRAPHY



We are delighted to welcome **CONCEPT PHOTOGRAPHY** to nursery on **Thursday 4th November** to take individual and sibling photographs **from 9am - 2:30pm** with a festive theme! These photographs will then be available for you to purchase. Concept are a Covid secure company and all photographs will be taken in a separate room, in a socially distanced manner with our own staff posing the children where needed. The photographer will be wearing PPE as necessary, and all equipment will be sanitised between sessions. These professional photographs always make lovely gifts for family and friends at Christmas. If your child does not usually attend nursery on this day but you would like them to have their photo taken, please contact the office to make an appointment. Siblings who do not attend nursery are also able to come and have their photograph taken, but we are only allowing **one adult** per family. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Learning Reflection

This month we are asking families about their experience at nursery. We would like to hear from you about, how you feel your child has settled; if you are pleased with their progress and how we can better support you at home. We would be grateful if you could complete the online questionnaire (link below and also on your fees email for November) to provide us with some feedback.

Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/r/pyyh7kmPUh>



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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.

Home Learning Ideas

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

As the weather turns colder, talk about clothes that you might wear in the winter. Match hats to scarves and pairs of gloves.

Talk about fireworks and bonfire night. Use instruments to bang and crash like real fireworks!

Learn about Diwali, the festival of light and make colourful rangoli pictures using a range of colours.

Sing your favourite nursery rhymes and make up some actions to go with them. How many can you remember?

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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Autumn Term 2021 Dates for your diary...

Term Time Only children return on Monday 1st November

Baby Parent Meetings – 9th November (By telephone appointment)

Toddler Parent Meetings – 10th November (By telephone appointment)

Pre-School Parent Meetings – 11th November (By telephone appointment)

World Nursery Rhyme Week - 15th – 19th November

Pudsey Pyjama Party – Friday 19th November

Christmas Stay & Play – 4th December; 10am-11am **or 11am-12pm***

Pre-School Christmas Concert – 7th December; 2pm*

Pre-School Christmas Concert – 8th December; 10am*

Nursery Christmas Parties – 10th December (Times TBC)

Christmas Jumper Day (For Save The Children) – 10th December

Term Time Only Children - Term ends Friday 17th December

Christmas Closure – Thursday 23rd December; 6pm

We re-open at 8am – Tuesday 4th January 2022

Some of these events may be subject to change.

*We really hope that we can offer these events this year, but that is very dependent on the COVID situation as we move towards the end of the year. We will keep you as updated as possible, so please check the newsletter, emails and ParentZone.



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Parent / Nursery Meetings

Parent / Nursery Meetings are a great way to have some time chatting about your child with our staff. We will be holding these appointments via a telephone call again this term, where we will call you to discuss your child.

Tuesday 9th November – Baby Room Appointments
9:30-11:00am; 1:30-3:00pm; 4:00-5:30pm

Wednesday 10th November – Toddler Room Appointments
9:30-11:00am; 1:30-3:00pm; 4:00-5:30pm

Thursday 11th November – Pre-School Room Appointments
9:30-11:00am; 1:30-3:00pm; 4:00-5:30pm

To offer these times and days, appointments may be with a Room Leader rather than your child's key person. Please see staff from your room at either drop off or pick up time to arrange an appointment.

Pudsey Pyjama Party! – Friday 19th November

We will be raising funds for Children In Need on Friday 19th November by asking children and staff to dress up in their pyjamas for the day and take part in some fun activities for Pudsey! We will also be collecting donations throughout the week so please give what you can.



Stay & Play – Saturday 4th December; 10am-11am or 11am-12pm

We hope to hold our Christmas 'Stay & Play' session on Saturday 4th December. To minimise risk, we are asking families to book a slot to attend, either between 10am-11am or 11am-12pm. Currently, we are happy to have two adults per child and any siblings who may wish to come along, but that may change if the Covid situation worsens. Staff will be on hand to have a chat with, and we hope it will be a fun way to see what goes on at nursery while engaging with your child in some festive themed invitations to learning.

Pre-School Christmas Concert – 7th & 8th December

This is scheduled to go ahead this year and nearer the time we will let you know which performance your child will be in. Two adults per child will be able to attend (subject to the Covid situation) where you will be able to see your child take part in our Christmas singing!



50 Things to do before you are five!

Warwickshire have recently launched this wonderful app with ideas of things to do with your children before the age of five. Once the app has launched, you can select the Warwickshire region and as well as providing links to activities to do at home, it will also give you information about books to share linked to the activity, key words and phrases to use, local events and much more! To download the app visit your app store or use the link below:

<https://warwickshire.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!50thingstodobefore5/welcome>

Share your adventures through ParentZone! We look forward to seeing what you get up to...



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

Cauliflower Cheese Soup



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:

- knob of butter
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 1 large cauliflower (about 900g/2lb), leaves trimmed and cut into florets
- 1 potato, peeled and cut into chunks
- 700ml vegetable stock (from a cube is fine)
- 400ml milk
- 100g mature cheddar, diced
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Method

1. Heat the butter in a large saucepan. Tip in the onion and cook until softened, about 5 mins, stirring often.
2. Add the cauliflower, potato, stock, milk and seasoning. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat and leave to simmer for about 30 mins until the cauliflower is soft and the potato almost collapsing.
3. Whizz in a food processor or crush with a potato masher until you get a creamy, thick soup.
4. Top up with more milk to thin a little if serving in mugs.
5. You can make ahead up to 2 days in advance, cool, cover and leave in the fridge until needed, or freeze for up to 1 month.
6. When ready to serve, warm through, ladle into mugs or bowls, top with the cheese pieces, then stir through before eating.



Christmas at Club Caldecote

Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd December 2021



	Monday 20 th December	Tuesday 21 st December	Wednesday 22 nd December	Thursday 23 rd December
Craft	Christmas card making 	Christmas crafts 	Log slice tree decorations 	Christmas placemats 
Cooking	Banana snowmen 	Christmas pudding biscuits 	Snowman smoothies 	Prepare Christmas party food 
Group	Hot Chocolate at Treacles 	Christmas movie 	McDonald's lunch 	Christmas Karaoke 
Physical	Town visit to see decorations 	Caldecott Park 	Tag Rugby 	Christmas Party & Disco 

Book your space, now for four days of festive fun!



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September 2022 school applications

You can apply for a place from September in the year before your child turns 4 years of age. If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, you must apply for their Reception place by 15 January 2022 (5pm).

Applications made after this date will be classed as late and not considered until the first allocation of school places has finished on 19 April 2022. Many schools are likely to have filled all their available places by then.

Before you make your selection, find out which catchment area you are in and also contact schools to see when they are having an open day. This can be a great way to get a feel for the school.

All applications must be made via Warwickshire County Council and you can find out more information by following the link on this page.

Stage of process	Date
Reception application period starts	6 September 2021
Closing date for applications	15 January 2022
Extended closing date for families moving into, or within, Warwickshire *	31 January 2022
National Offer Day	19 April 2022
Deadline for accepting the offer	3 May 2022
Deadline for submitting appeals	23 May 2022
Appeal hearings for appeals submitted on time	June and July 2022
Autumn term starts	1 September 2022

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-school-place-reception>



The new EYFS launched in September and the government have now provided guidance for parents, detailing what to look for and how they can support their children to achieve the best outcomes. Although it is quite a long document, only certain sections will apply to you, based on the age of your child.

It is well worth a read, so please take a look by following the link below or logging onto our website where you can find more information.

<https://foundationyears.org.uk/2021/09/amendme nt-to-what-to-expect-in-the-eyfs-document/>



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Congratulations Toddler Room!

You are the 'Room of the Month' for your lovely invitations to learning, following the interests of the children.



Can you help? We are looking for the following to boost our resources:

- Unwanted rolls of wallpaper
- Any other off cuts of paper for art
- Old China tea sets / plates / mugs
- Any unwanted musical instruments
- Fabric, wool and ribbon scraps
- Any other curious items for our children to explore!



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