



Caldecote Day Nursery



Newsletter September 2020

This month's Learning Focus: **Children's Interest & Autumn**

This month's Value: **Belonging**

Welcome to the Autumn Term 2020

What a year it has been!

We would like to welcome you to a new term and hopefully a return to some normality for many of you.

We said a fond farewell to many of our Pre-School children in recent weeks and although we didn't have our usual summer celebrations, we hope that it was a special time. We would also like to extend a huge welcome to families who are just starting with us. We are so pleased that you have chosen Caldecote Day Nursery and hope that you and your child enjoy your time here.

Despite the interruption of covid-19, we are doing our best to continue with our redevelopment and have only a few key areas to refurbish now. As 2020 draws to a close, we hope that work will be completed in the remaining bathrooms and kitchen, which are next on the list.

We are very close to submitting all our evidence to **The Curiosity Approach** to hopefully earn our accreditation. We are massively proud of the staff team and all their efforts in the last year to fully embrace the ethos of TCA and transform each room into a calm, welcoming, engaging and curious space to learn. We are continually improving our practise and following TCA has had an enormous impact on both the children and staff. We are also looking for new and exciting curious items so please have a look at the donations list on the website if you have anything that you feel would support our journey.

We have pencilled in a 'Stay & Play' session for December this year and hope that guidelines will allow this to happen. We all had such a wonderful time last year, welcoming families to take part in Christmas activities; we hope that we can do the same this December. Further details of this event will appear in subsequent newsletters and we will keep you updated with any changes.

Lockdown was a time for reflection for many and for some that has meant a change of career. We have sadly said goodbye to Justina in Pre-School as she embarks on training to become a nurse and Amelia in Toddlers will be leaving this month with a view to becoming a veterinary assistant. However, since we reopened in June, we have appointed Jade who is based in Babies and Lauren who is based in Toddlers. Cheryl is moving from Toddlers to Pre-School to join their team and so that completes our staffing changes. Our staffing structure is as follows:

Baby Room – Katie, Amy, Parker, Leanne & Jade

Toddler Room – Alice, Poonam, Rachael, Lauren & Emma

Pre-School – Lilly, Terri, Tiffany, Carola, Ellie & Cheryl

Club Caldecote – Carley, Carola, (Terri, Tiffany & Lilly – when required)

The most exciting news for this term is that we are celebrating our **25th birthday on Thursday 1st October!** We had hoped to have a celebration with all our families but due to social distancing guidelines, this will now take place with just the children. However, there will still be a great party atmosphere and we will make the day as exciting and memorable as possible. It will be good to have something exciting to look forward to in a few weeks! Further details of how we will be celebrating this are in this newsletter.



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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.

Further information can be found in our Covid-19 operational plan.

Safeguarding: Coats in Car Seats

Please consider the danger you may be putting your child in when travelling in the car this Autumn / Winter.

The temperature is beginning to drop outside, and children are being bundled up in thicker winter coats and to keep them snug and warm in the colder weather. But did you know that you are supposed to remove your child's coat before you strap them into their car seat, and not doing so may put them in danger?

Leaving your child's coat on in the car is a problem because it creates a gap between your child and their safety harness. In a collision, the harness isn't as close to your child's body as it needs to be to allow it to properly restrain them. To keep your children safe in the car, remove their coats and jackets and pull the harness tight enough that you can just get two fingers between your child and the straps.

Children will still feel a chill when they first get in the car so to keep them warm, remove children's coats and jackets, and strap them into their car seat properly - then tuck a blanket around them. Your child will be able to remove the blanket if they get too hot, which they cannot do when they have their coat on, this can lead to them overheating.

ParentZone

ParentZone is updating and is no longer supporting the old version of the app (orange logo). To ensure that you are up to date, please go to your app store and download the new version. Full details are attached to this newsletter on a separate document.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.

A new version of ParentZone is available and soon, **the old app will be removed.**

I hope you're still enjoying the updates you get from us through ParentZone and don't want you to miss anything in the future.

So if you're still using the app with this logo:



Apple iOS app

You need to go to your app store, search for ParentZone and look for this app:



Google Android App

Get the Web Version



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Home Learning Ideas

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

Put on a pair of wellies and splash in some puddles together.

Take a walk and look at how the season is changing. What do you notice?

Collect some leaves and make holes in them with a hole punch. Use a lace or ribbon to thread through them.

Use chalks to draw pictures outside and talk about what happens when the rain washes them away.

Try making a Blackberry and Apple Loaf. The recipe is on this newsletter. Let us know how it tastes!

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



ParentZone

Autumn Term 2020 Dates for your diary...

Term Time Only children return on Monday 7th September

Nursery's 25th Birthday – Thursday 1st October

Harvest Celebrations – Monday 5th – Friday 9th October

NSPCC Pantosaurus Week – Monday 12th – Friday 16th October

Term Time Only Children - Term ends Friday 23rd October

Term Time Only children return on Monday 2nd November

Baby Parent Meetings – 17th November (By appointment)

Toddler Parent Meetings – 18th November (By appointment)

Pre-School Parent Meetings – 19th November (By appointment)

Christmas Stay & Play – 5th December; 10am-12pm

Pre-School Christmas Concert – 8th December; 2pm

Pre-School Christmas Concert – 9th December; 10am

Nursery Christmas Parties – 11th December (Times TBC)

Christmas Jumper Day – 11th December

Term Time Only Children - Term ends Friday 18th December

Christmas Closure – Thursday 24th December; 4pm

We re-open at 8am – Monday 4th January 2021

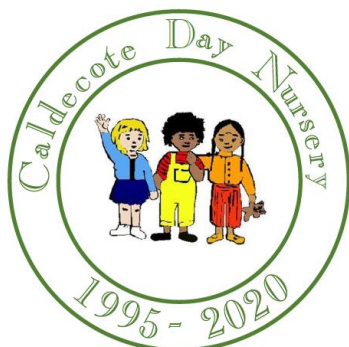
Some of these events may be subject to change.

We are 25!

To celebrate our 25th birthday, we will be having a special birthday party on **Thursday 1st October**. Children who attend that day are invited to come in party clothes and take part in our celebrations. We will be having party games, party food and lots of other celebratory activities.

If your child does not attend that day but would like to wear party clothes at another time in the week, that is fine.

To mark the occasion, there will be a special 25th anniversary gift for each child, so look out for that too!



Celebrating 25 Years



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

Blackberry & Apple Loaf



Ingredients:

250g self-raising flour
175g butter
175g light muscovado sugar
½ tsp cinnamon
2 rounded tbsp demerara sugar
1 small eating apple, such as Cox's, quartered (not cored or peeled)
2 large eggs
beaten
1 orange
finely grated zest
1 tsp baking powder
225g blackberries



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C / gas 4 / fan 160C. Butter and line the bottom of a 1.7 litre loaf tin.
2. In a large bowl, rub the flour, butter and muscovado sugar together with your fingers to make fine crumbs. Measure out 5 level tbsp of this mixture into a small bowl for the topping and mix in the cinnamon and demerara sugar. Set aside.
3. Coarsely grate the apple down to the core and mix in with the eggs and the zest. Stir the baking powder into the rubbed-in mixture in the large bowl, then quickly and lightly stir in the egg mixture until it drops lightly from the spoon. Don't overmix.
4. Gently fold in three quarters of the berries with a metal spoon, trying not to break them up. Spoon into the tin and level. Scatter the rest of the berries on top. Sprinkle over the topping and bake for 1 hour 15 minutes - 1 hour 20 minutes. Check after 50 minutes and cover loosely with foil if it is browning too much. When done the cake will feel firm, but test with a skewer.
5. Leave in the tin for 30 minutes before turning out, then cool on a wire rack. Peel off the paper before cutting. Will keep wrapped in foil or in a tin for up to 2 days.



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