



Caldecote Day Nursery Newsletter

**January
2017**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break. Thank you to all the children and families who brought Christmas presents for the staff at Nursery. It was very kind of you and much appreciated.



Forthcoming Learning Themes

Next term our learning themes will be 'Tastes of The World' (before half term) and 'Mad About Mini-Beasts' (after half term).

Nursery Grant Hours

If your child accesses hours at nursery that are grant hours only (entirely funded through the government) it is vitally important that they attend for the whole session.

During a Warwickshire County Council audit in 2016, it was noted that some of our families were dropping children off after the allocated start time or picked up before the session ended. This meant that families were claiming the full allocation of hours but not using them.

Unfortunately, this is happening again and if we were to be audited again (which could happen at any time) it may result in funding being withdrawn. While we appreciate that sometimes it is necessary to collect children early, in the main, they should attend for the full duration of the session. Thank you for your continued support.

Staffing News - It is with great sadness that we announce Rubina Khan, Deputy Manager, will be retiring from nursery after 11 years of service. Rubina will leave at the end of this month and we wish her well as she starts an exciting new chapter in her life.

As we continue to improve our practise as a setting, we hope that you have all found the new 'ParentZone' app helpful.



Log in details were emailed in mid-December so if you did not receive yours, please check your junk inbox or contact Pamela to resend.

ParentZone
Partnership in your Pocket

As part of the app, you will be able to look at the day-to-day observations of your child, see their progress and understand their next steps in learning. As well as information from us, we hope that you will also make comments and add observations. We hope that you will see ParentZone as we do- an easy access communication tool which will allow our nursery practitioners and yourselves to enhance the experience of your child while they are with us. In the coming months, we hope to use all the features of the app and therefore improve communication even further. Please do not hesitate to talk to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Payment of Fees

In recent months, there have been several families who have fallen behind with their fees. While we understand that there may be issues in making the full payment on time and we have shown a degree of leniency, all outstanding payments must be made as soon as possible. Failing to do this may result in your child losing their place at nursery and we may need to pass your details on to a debt recovery team. This will then incur additional costs to yourself. If you wish to discuss this matter with someone at nursery, please contact us and make an appointment to speak to either Pamela or Mariana.

Car Seat Laws - Stricter rules for children's booster seats were due to come into force in December 2016 but have now been delayed until March 2017, limiting the use of backless booster seats to older children.

Under the new rules, backless booster seats will only be approved for children taller than 125cm and weighing more than 22kg. Current UK law states children weighing as little as 15kg (around three years old) can travel in backless booster seats. The delay in the law change will enable all parents to ensure they have the right car seat for the safety of their children.

Dates for your diary...

Singalong / Story time:
**Wednesday 4th January
11.30am & 3.30pm**

Grant only children return:
Monday 9th January

Half Term:
**Monday 20th – Friday 24th
February**

Yours faithfully

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