



# Caldecote Day Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to all those who have logged onto ParentZone and are successfully able to view your child's progress and their observations at nursery.



**ParentZone**  
Partnership in your Pocket

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.

**World Book Day - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**  
We will be celebrating World Book Day again this year and next month you will receive a book token be used to redeem a free special edition World Book Day book or can be used to get £1 off a book of your choice.



To celebrate in Nursery, we are asking staff and children to bring their favourite book to share.

**If you are not logged on yet, it is important that you do as this is where most evidence about your child's progress is now stored.** As many of you are interacting with the app we would like to take it a step further and ask you to post an observation of your child learning at home. Our current learning theme at nursery is 'Tastes of The World' so we would like you to add a photo and comment of you and / or your child taking part in a cooking activity, trying some usual food or having a meal out somewhere. These experiences at home will help to build a picture of your child's interests and help develop our home / nursery partnership. We look forward to seeing some great photos of learning at home! A user guide is attached to this newsletter to help you with the app.

### Sainsbury's Active Kids!

We are collecting Active Kids vouchers again. Please hand any vouchers to staff or deposit in the box by the Explorer / Pre School entrance.



### **Rubina Khan Retires**

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January is Rubina's last day at nursery as she retires after nine years of service. We wish her well for the future and hope that she has enjoyed her time with us at Caldecote.



### **Key Worker Drop In**

Sign-up sheets will be available from late February so please make an appointment to see your child's Key Worker and discuss their progress and development.

### **Comic Relief - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

To support Comic Relief this year, children may come to nursery dressed in something red, any day during the week. We ask parents to make a minimum donation of £1 to do this. This could be something as simple as red socks or totally red from head to toe! We will be having lots of 'red themed' activities during the week to celebrate!



Please remember that fees are paid in advance and should be received by us no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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### **Dates for your diary...**

Singalong / Story time:  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**  
11.30am & 3.30pm

Half Term:  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February**  
(No funding during this week)

World Book Day  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Key Worker Drop In  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Red Nose Celebrations  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**School Readiness** – The deadline for Reception place applications has now closed and by April, you will know which primary school your child is going to. Between now and then, we will be supporting your child to be 'school ready'. But what does this mean? As well as helping your child achieve academic goals such as recognising and writing their name or counting and manipulating numbers to ten, we will also be helping them to develop their independence. These skills include using the toilet independently, fastening coats or putting on shoes and being able to use a knife and fork successfully. Make time for your child to be able to practise these skills by allowing extra time when going out so they can fasten their own coat and shoes. Sitting down to a meal together and modelling the correct way to hold and use cutlery. In the coming months, it is also important to practise other skills such as sharing, turn-taking and being able to concentrate on something for short periods of time. Playing simple games with your child will help to develop their listening and understanding as well as improving social skills and confidence.

The Road to School poster displayed in the nursery entrance offers lots of advice on how to help your child and all Pre-School children will receive a copy with this newsletter.



Yours faithfully, Mariana Dixon (Proprietor)



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