



Caldecote Day Nursery



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Safeguarding

Safeguarding children's wellbeing is paramount for us at nursery. This month we are highlighting FIS (Family Information Service) in Warwickshire, who can support with many situations.

Family Information Service (FIS)

We are a free information and signposting service for families with children and young people aged 0 – 25 and professionals working with families in Warwickshire.

We cover a wide range of family related topics such as:

- childcare,
- mediation and contact,
- divorce and separation,
- finance,
- health,
- bullying,
- support groups
- parenting support.



If you have an enquiry, contact us by:

Telephone - 01926 742274

Email - FIS@warwickshire.gov.uk

Facebook - @WarwickshireFIS

Twitter - @WarksFIS

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis>

Early Help

Early Help is the support we offer to potentially vulnerable children, young people and their families.

The purpose of Early Help is to put in the right support at the right time so that problems are less likely to escalate to a point where the child becomes vulnerable or in need. Early Help is sustainable so that problems are less likely to re-occur.

Early Help does not always mean early years. While research does show that most impact can be made in those crucial first few years of a child's life, Early Help can be needed and put in place at any time and at any age. All children, young people and families in Warwickshire are entitled to receive Early Help. This means offering information, advice, guidance, and support to families as soon as a concern emerges, or seems likely to emerge.

If you feel that you or your family could benefit from Early Help, please see us at the office and we will be happy to put the right support in place.



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Home Learning Ideas

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

Make a chick or bunny for our Easter competition.

Do something kind for your mum, grandma or other female relative to show you care.

Go on a walk and look for the signs of spring. What are they? What colours can you see?

Try some basic science investigations at home. Mix baking powder with vinegar and see what happens. Try finding things that are magnetic or non-magnetic. Investigate floating and sinking. Blow bubbles and try to pop them.

Try making our Banana Oat Pancakes for your mum. The recipe is on this newsletter. Let us know how they taste!

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



Spring Term 2020 Dates for your diary...

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March (Bedtime story theme)

Chatter Matters Week – Monday 9th – Friday 13th March

British Science Week – Monday 9th – Friday 13th March

Toddler Parent Meetings – Tuesday 17th March (By appointment)

Pre-School Parent Meetings – Wednesday 18th March (By appointment)

Baby Parent Meetings – Thursday 19th March (By appointment)

Easter Stay & Play – Saturday 28th March; 10am-12pm

Term Time Only Children - Term ends Friday 3rd April

Please note: We are open on Good Friday; 10th April

Easter Closure – Monday 13th April

We re-open at 8am – Tuesday 14th April

Term Time Only children return on Monday 20th April

Tempest Photography – Monday 4th May; 9am – 2pm

Bank Holiday Closure – Friday 8th May

Term Time Only Children - Term ends Friday 22nd May

Bank Holiday Closure – Monday 25th May

Term Time Only children return on Monday 1st June

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day again this year and next month you will receive a book token which can 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, we would like staff and children to bring their **favourite bedtime story** to read and share. Please make sure the book is named so we can return it to you. Everyone is also welcome to come in their **pyjamas for the day**. There will be several story time sessions throughout the day, where we will serve warm milk and snacks too!



Garden Update

Due to a manufacturing issue there has been a delay with the completion of the fencing. We hope to get the issue sorted as soon as possible. In the meantime, children have been out in the garden (between showers...) enjoying the new space. New resources to follow soon!



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Easter 'Eggcitement!' - We are holding a special Easter competition again this year. We would like you make an Easter chick or bunny to add to our indoor Easter garden display. This can be made with cardboard, clay, paper plates, wool or anything you fancy...the more 'eggstravagant' the better! You can use paint, felt tips, collage or some other 'eggstraordinary' materials! They could even be edible! The competition is open to all children in Nursery and special Easter themed prizes will be awarded!

All entries should be brought to Nursery no later than Monday 30th March.

Please ensure your entry is named in some way. All entries will be returned before Easter.



We have been learning about...



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

Mother's Day Banana Oat Pancakes



Ingredients

- 125ml oat milk
- 2 eggs, separated
- 1 small banana
- 100g rolled oats
- 2 tsp baking powder
- Few drops vanilla extract
- Oil spray
- Low fat yogurt and fruit to top



Method

1. Put the oat milk, egg yolks, banana, oats, baking powder and vanilla in a blender and process to as smooth a mixture as you can get.
2. Whisk the egg whites until they hold stiff peaks.
3. Whisk 1-2 tbsp of the whites into the batter, then fold in the rest.
4. Heat a non-stick pan over a medium heat and spray with a little oil
5. Pour about 2 tbsp of batter into the pan and cook for 1-2 mins, until the base sets and bubbles appear all over the top.
6. Flip and cook the other side for a minute.
7. Repeat in batches, making sure the top looks dryish before attempting the flip, or the centre will collapse.
8. Serve with fruit and yogurt for a perfect breakfast in bed!

Easter Stay & Play - Saturday 28th March 2020 - 10am-12pm

We would like to invite children, parents, siblings and grandparents to attend our Easter Stay & Play! Drop in anytime between 10am-12pm to take part in some Spring and Easter themed activities, enjoy some refreshments and chat to staff. Let your children show you around their learning space and show you what they can do! We look forward to seeing you!



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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. If you wish to discuss their progress, have concerns about their development or are looking for some advice, please sign up for an appointment. Dates and times for March are as follows...

Tuesday 17th March – Toddler Room Appointments
9:30-11:00am; 1:30-3:00pm; 5:00-6:30pm

Wednesday 18th March – Pre-School Room Appointments
9:30-11:00am; 1:30-3:00pm; 5:00-6:30pm

Thursday 19th March – Baby Room Appointments
9:30-11:00am; 1:30-3:00pm; 5:00-6:30pm

To offer these times and days, appointments may be with a Room Leader rather than your child's keyworker. Please sign up at either entrance to book your appointment. Practitioners will also be on hand for a more informal chat on Saturday 28th March at our 'Stay & Play' session.

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

As we have had so many children join us since Christmas, we have invited Tempest Photography back to take individual and sibling photographs on **Monday 4th May, from 9am - 2pm**. Pre-School children who are leaving to start school this summer will also be photographed in their Graduation cap and gown. Any Pre-School children who would like group photos with friends before they go off to 'big school' need to arrange this as families and then let us know so we can ensure consent is given.

These photographs will then be available for you to purchase (details to follow) and make lovely gifts for family and friends. If your child does not usually attend nursery on this day but you would like them to have their photo taken, please bring them along between **9am - 12.00pm or 1.00pm - 2.00pm**. Siblings who do not attend nursery are welcome to come and have their photo taken too.

Tempest Photography will return in October to take photos in preparation for Christmas!



9th - 13th March

This month we are combining two exciting events. We will be celebrating Chatter Matters week by organising speaking and listening activities linked to their theme of 'bear with me - share with me' and giving them a scientific twist as we also celebrate 'British Science Week'. There will be lots of hands on opportunities for the children to take part in, sparking conversation and developing language! Check our Facebook page during the week for more details...



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