



Caldecote Day Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Carers,



To dummy or not to dummy...?

We are noticing that more and more of our older children are still using a dummy. It is our policy at nursery to discourage children to use a dummy unless they really need one and only offer them at sleep time, for comfort if they are distressed or when they are going home. Here is a reminder of why dummies can be useful but how they can also limit development.

Pros:

- Helping babies pacify themselves.
- It satisfies the suck reflex as some babies have a need to suck that exceeds the time they get on the bottle or breast.
- Easier weaning. When you're ready for a child to stop, it's much easier to wean them from a dummy than off their thumb.

Cons:

- Research has suggested that there may be a link between use of a dummy and recurrent ear infections in young children. Researchers aren't sure why this happens, but suspect it may be due to a change in pressure between the middle ear and upper throat.
- If a dummy is introduced too early, there's the risk of nipple confusion for a baby who's just learning to suckle.
- Parents can mistakenly offer a dummy when the baby really needs nutrition-based sucking, such as a breast or bottle.
- Babies who are overzealous suckers, or who use a dummy for long periods, may have problems as their teeth grow and develop.
- Overuse of a dummy can also hinder speech development, which is why it's recommended that you try to limit the times your baby uses a dummy, and to wean your baby off the dummy completely by the age of one.

From September, we will be extending our holiday club to include before and after school care for children in Reception, Year One and Year Two who attend Northlands Primary School. Children can attend in the morning, have breakfast and are then walked to school. They will be collected after school and brought back to nursery where they will receive tea and be able to relax, play games and have fun.

- Breakfast fees will be £3 (8.00-9.00am, including breakfast and being walked to school)
- After-School fees will be £9 (3.15 – 6.00pm, including being walked from school and tea)

If you are interested in this and would like to book a place for you child, please see either Mariana or Pamela for details.

30 hours is coming...

From September, we will be offering a limited number of 30 hours funded places for our 3 and 4 year olds. We are still waiting for more information from Warwickshire County Council on how best to deliver this service so we are unable to publish any details of this at present. We hope to get more information to those eligible families as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you would like more information on eligibility, please look at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Yours faithfully, Mariana Dixon (Proprietor)

School Leavers

As the summer term begins, we start to think about children who will soon be leaving us to start school. If your child is due to start school in September or will be attending a school nursery in September, please let us know. We require one month's notice in writing before your child leaves.



Sainsbury's Active Kids!

Last chance to donate any vouchers please!



Many of you will be planning your summer holidays. Don't forget to pick up a holiday form and give us one month's notice to receive a 50% discount from your fees for that period.

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

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Dates for your diary...

Nursery will be closed on:
Monday 1st May
Monday 29th May
(Bank Holidays)7777

Singalong / Story time:
Wednesday 3rd May
11.30am & 3.30pm

NSPCC 'PANTS' week:
Monday 15th – Friday 19th May
(Please see attached information)

Ryton Pools Trip:
Wednesday 24th May
(Pre-School & Explorers only)

Further details about the events below will follow in due course.

Parents Evening:
Wednesday 5th July

Pre-School Graduation:
Wednesday 12th July

Sports Day:
Wednesday 19th July
(Weather Permitting)



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