



# Caldecote Day Nursery



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### Safeguarding

Safeguarding children's wellbeing is paramount for us at nursery. Here are two important safety messages for this time of year for you at home...

We have been learning about firework safety. Here are some top tips to keep you safe at home if you are planning a display.

- Have a bucket of water, or an appropriate fire extinguisher, close by
- Keep children a sensible distance away from the display - ear defenders are also a good idea
- Never hold more than one sparkler at a time
- Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable
- Keep fireworks in a closed box away from the display area and use them one at a time
- Read and follow the instructions on each firework, using a torch if necessary
- Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back
- Keep naked flames and burning materials away from fireworks
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit
- Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them
- Ensure fireworks are directed away from people watching the display
- Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.



Please return any outstanding orders to Nursery by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November or place your order online.

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### Harvest Festival Thank You!

Thank you so much to everyone who donated food to the Food Bank this Harvest. We collected a trolley full of items this year!



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### Home Learning Ideas

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

Dress up in some spooky clothes.

Explore pumpkins. Feel the flesh and the seeds. What do they feel like? What do they smell like? Cook and eat some too.

Talk about colours in the sky on bonfire night. Listen to the sounds of the fireworks.

Have a teddy bears picnic with your favourite bear.

Sing some of your favourite nursery rhymes and do some actions to go with them. Teach them to someone in your family.

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



### Autumn Term 2019 Dates for your diary...

**Term Time Only children return on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

**Children in Need Week – 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November**

**Baby Parent Meetings – 19<sup>th</sup> November (By appointment)**

**Toddler Parent Meetings – 20<sup>th</sup> November (By appointment)**

**Pre-School Parent Meetings – 21<sup>st</sup> November (By appointment)**

**Christmas Stay & Play – 7<sup>th</sup> December; 10am-12pm**

**Pre-School Christmas Concert – 10<sup>th</sup> December; 2pm**

**Pre-School Christmas Concert – 11<sup>th</sup> December; 10am**

**Nursery Christmas Parties – 13<sup>th</sup> December (Times TBC)**

**Christmas Jumper Day – 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**Term Time Only Children - Term ends Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Closure – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December; 4pm**

**We re-open at 8am – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020**

### 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 November are as follows...

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Baby Room Appointments**  
9:30-11:00am; 1:30-3:00pm; 5:00-6:30pm

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Toddler Room Appointments**  
9:30-11:00am; 1:30-3:00pm; 5:00-6:30pm

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Pre-School 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 7<sup>th</sup> December at our 'Stay & Play' session.



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### **Christmas Stay & Play - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - 10am-12pm**

*We would like to invite children, parents, siblings and grandparents to attend our Christmas Stay & Play! Take a break from Christmas preparations and drop in anytime between 10am-12pm to take part in some Christmas 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!*

#### **Pre-School Christmas Concerts (Followed by refreshments)**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
2:00 – 3:00pm**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
10:00 – 11:00am**

Your child will be able to take part in this even if they do not attend on these days. Look out for sign-up sheets in mid-November where you can indicate which performance you would like to watch.

#### **Christmas Jumper Day**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
(All age groups)**

In aid of Save The Children.  
Wear your jumper for the day and donate £1.



#### **Christmas Parties**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
11:00am – 1:00pm  
(Babies & Toddlers)**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
1:30pm – 3:30pm  
(Pre-School)**

Your child is welcome to come to the party at no additional cost, even if they do not usually attend on a Friday. Wear your best Christmas jumper on the day and enjoy some party food and games. Hopefully we will have a very special visitor too...

### **Cold Weather Messages...**

As the colder weather fast approaches, please ensure that your child's clothes are labelled with their name. This includes coats, scarves, hats, gloves, shoes and wellington boots. If you lose something, it is more likely to be returned if it is named.

Many of you arrive early, before your session is due to start. We kindly ask that while you are waiting in your car to come in, you switch your engine off, to help the environment and consider providing your child with a blanket to keep warm.



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### The Great Pudsey Cake-Off!

For Children In Need this year we will be baking and decorating cakes that your children will bring home to share with you.

We ask that you make a donation to take these cakes home and all money raised will go to Children In Need!



### *We have been learning about... 'Diwali'*



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

### Cheesy Bonfire Bread – Serves six to eight



#### Ingredients:

- 200g wholemeal flour
- 200g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 2 tsp cream of tartar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp caster sugar
- 25g butter, melted
- 300ml milk, at room temperature
- 175g cheddar, coarsely
- 3 tbsp pumpkin seeds
- 85g ready-roasted pepper from a jar, drained and chopped.



#### Method:

1. Heat oven to 190C / 170C fan / gas 5.
2. Sift the dry ingredients into a large bowl and make a large well in the middle.
3. Combine the melted butter and milk, then pour into the well. Mix to a soft dough.
4. Dust the work surface with flour. Add most of the cheddar, 2 tbsp of the pumpkin seeds and the chopped peppers to the dough.
5. Gently knead to combine on the floured surface.
6. Divide into eight lumps and shape into rough rounds two finger-widths deep.
7. Put the pieces side by side on a floured baking sheet.
8. Scatter the remaining cheddar and pumpkin seeds over the top and bake for 30 mins until golden brown and the cheese is bubbling.
9. Cool on a wire rack and eat while warm.
10. *Can be frozen at this point.* To reheat, wrap the bread tightly in foil and bake at 200C/180C fan/gas 6 for about 30 mins



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