



## Welcome to 2018!

We hope that you have all had a good Christmas break and are ready for an exciting new term at Caldecote Day Nursery. January marks changes for us here at nursery and as we continue to develop and improve practise and roll out some more features of our Nursery Management software and ParentZone app.

In the coming months we hope to introduce paperless invoicing. You will receive your invoice via email and it will also be available on the ParentZone app. You will be given a clear breakdown of the sessions you have booked, any meals to be taken and it will also show if you have any fees outstanding or if you are in credit to us. We had hoped to get this up and running for January but we are just ironing out a few small problems. We will issue you with a standard invoice (attached to this newsletter) and as an example, once complete, we will also hand out invoices in the new format so can see how they look.

**As we hope to improve communication via email and through the app, it is vital that we have a correct and current email address for you and that you have access to the ParentZone app. If this is not the case, please see Mariana or Pamela.**

In the spring of 2018 we will be starting our expansion of the nursery into the unused building next door. Planning permission for this has been granted and we are just in the process of finalising details with the builders. This work should not have an impact on the children as the knock through between buildings will be the final stage of the build. We are very excited about having a new and larger space for your children to learn in and hope to include children, parents and staff in the decision-making process as the work gets underway. We will keep you posted on how the work is going in forthcoming newsletters and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

## Home Learning Ideas

Here are some ideas you could try with your child this month, linked to our learning theme...

On a frosty morning, look at patterns on the ground and on the leaves of trees.

Share a winter story like The Snowman or The Gruffalo's Child.

Look at a selection of clothes. Which might you wear in the winter and which are for summer?

Play with some ice and talk about how it feels. What happens if you hold it for a long time?

Design a pattern for a scarf and hat.

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



## Snow Day

If you were due to attend nursery on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December when we had to close due to the snow, you will not have been charged. This should be reflected in your January invoice. If there are any issues with your invoice, please see Mariana or Pamela to discuss this.



Please also note that we do not make a charge on days when we are closed. These include Christmas holiday periods and Bank Holidays. When there is no service, we do not make a charge.

**30 Funded Hours** - Please ensure that you have your code for the new term and that this information has been passed onto nursery staff. Some of you are now into your Grace Period and need to apply for a new code as soon as possible. If the code is not valid, you will not receive the funded childcare.

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.

Sort Code: 20-73-48

Account Number: 80076252

**Thank you! From concert donations and Christmas Jumper Day we raised £140 for Save The Children.**



## Dates for your diary...

**Singalong / Story time: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 11.30am & 3.30pm**

**30 & 15 Hour Funding Funded sessions commence on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. If you would like your child in nursery before then, standard charges will apply.**

**Oral Health** - Public Health Warwickshire have issued some statistics which show that Rugby is one of the worst regions in the county for child oral health, so we will be focusing on this in the coming months. In the meantime, please remember that children should be assisted to brush their teeth twice per day, should avoid too much sugar; especially sugary drinks and should visit the dentist once every six months where it is free until the age of 18.

