



## Welcome to the Autumn Term

We hope that you have all had a good summer and are ready for an exciting new term at Caldecote Day Nursery. September marks some huge changes for us as we move into our newly refurbished and expanded nursery. It has taken seven months to complete, but we are delighted with the results and hope that your child will enjoy learning and playing in their new rooms.

This September we have a number of changes and new initiatives...

- We now have three main rooms and age groups in nursery. Babies (0-2 years), Toddlers (2-3 years) and Pre-School (3-5 years).
- Club Caldecote begins wraparound care for children in Reception to Year Six who attend Northlands Primary School.
- As the rooms and areas have changed, the entrances that children and parents use will also change. From **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September**, Babies, Toddlers and Club Caldecote should use the door on the right as you look at the building. Pre-School should use the door on the left (through the gates). Both entrances will have signs to reflect this so look out for those!
- The current Toddler Room, which is located next to the front door on the right, will be the new nursery office where Mariana and Pamela will be based.
- We also have some staff changes as we move into our new rooms. Katie and Alice will be leading Baby Room, Poonam and Sam will lead Toddler Room and Lilly and Terri will lead Pre-School.
- To develop our parent / nursery partnership we are offering Stay and Play sessions to Parents and Grandparents throughout the year. The dates for these can be found in the 'Dates for your Diary' section of this newsletter. We would like to invite one adult per child to attend for up to an hour to take part in some of the learning and activities that we offer. We hope the sessions will provide parents with the chance to see some of the learning that takes place, to inspire you to perhaps try some activities at home and to have an informal chat with our staff. We hope the sessions will provide children with the chance to show their adults around their learning space and show them what they enjoy doing at nursery. Due to health and safety and fire regulations, this is only open to children who are attending the session at the time of the Stay and Play. We have scheduled several more throughout the year on different days and at different times so everyone will have the opportunity to attend.
- The September 'Stay and Play' sessions will also be followed by a Macmillan Coffee Morning. We hope to raise money for a worthwhile charity while offering parents the opportunity to get to know each other over a cuppa and a slice of cake!
- We have decided that due to the amount of physical play equipment in our new rooms, it is safer for children to remove their shoes when they enter nursery. Children are welcome to wear a pair of indoor shoes or just be in their socks. All floors are fully insulated and the flooring throughout is high-quality, non-slip so children will be warm as well as safe.
- This year we are delighted to offer our Pre-School children French and a new session called 'Relax Kids'. This programme includes dance and movement, fun and relaxation games, stretches, massage, breathing exercises and mindfulness. Children go from high energy to low energy, encouraging them to relax, while letting them be creative and imaginative. Children leave a class feeling calm, confident and positive. Relax Kids is designed to help children boost their self-esteem, letting them grow up calm and confident. With mental health frequently in the media and more and more children struggling with mental health issues through school, we hope Relax Kids will give children at nursery the tools they need to have a positive start.
- The format of our observations has changed slightly this year. We are using 'In the moment' planning to really focus on the interests and skills of each individual child. The observations you receive on iconnect will reflect this by highlighting the 'Observation, Teaching and Outcome'.

If you have any questions about any of the changes, please do not hesitate to speak to Pamela or Mariana. We hope the transition to the new rooms will go smoothly!





### Home Learning Ideas

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

Some bears hibernate in the winter. Make a cave from chairs and a blanket to pretend to be a bear.

Share some stories about bears such as Goldilocks or Bear Hunt.

Have a Teddy Bear's picnic with your own teddy bear.

The Three Bears loved porridge. Make some to eat or use some oats for messy play.

Give your teddy a hug. How many ears does it have? How many arms and legs?

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



### Invoices

As there have been so many changes this month, please check your invoice carefully. If any mistakes have occurred, please contact Pamela or Mariana as soon as possible so we can resolve any issues.

If you are unable to see us in person, you can always contact us via email:

[info@caldecotedaynursery.co.uk](mailto:info@caldecotedaynursery.co.uk)

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Please join us after the September Stay and Play Session for a cup of tea or coffee and a cake to raise money for Macmillan. If you are unable to make it, please feel free to donate some money or why not bake a cake!



### ParentZone Photobooks

We are excited about the launch of a new feature to ParentZone! You can now capture all those special moments from nursery by having a selection of photos published in a photo book. Full instructions can be found on the next page and on our website. The books make fantastic keepsakes or even Christmas presents for family!

### Open Morning and Birthday Celebrations!

October 1<sup>st</sup> marks our 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday and we will be celebrating this with party food and games. We will also be holding an open morning on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October** from 10.00am - 12.00pm where our new rooms will be open for you to look around. We will also be providing refreshments and lots of activities for children to take part in. Please come along and have a look around! We look forward to seeing you.

Yours faithfully

Mariana Dixon (Proprietor)

### Dates for your diary...

**Funded Children Return**  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

**Babies Stay & Play**  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**  
9.30 – 10.30am

**Babies Macmillan Coffee Morning**  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**  
10.30 – 11.30am

**Toddlers Stay & Play**  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**  
9.30 – 10.30am

**Toddlers Macmillan Coffee Morning**  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**  
10.30 – 11.30am

**Pre-School Stay & Play**  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September**  
9.30 – 10.30am

**Pre-School Macmillan Coffee Morning**  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September**  
10.30 – 11.30am

**Nursery Open Morning & 23<sup>rd</sup> Birthday**  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October**  
10.00am – 12.00pm

**Harvest Donations for Rugby Food Bank**  
w/c 1<sup>st</sup> October & 8<sup>th</sup> October

**Tempest Photographer**  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

**Half Term:**  
**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October –**  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
No funded sessions this week. If you wish for your child to be in nursery, standard charges will apply.  
**Funded children return on**  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.**



## ParentZone

# PhotoBooks for Parents

## How to order...



Log in to your ParentZone app

Select the **gallery** from the left-hand menu.

A photo book takes 21 photos.

Select 21 of your favourite photos by touching the green tick box on each image.

Once you have selected all 21 photos, click **create now**.

This will then ask you to accept the terms and conditions. Read through the terms and select **accept** if you are happy to proceed.

All of your photos will load into a book template.

You can rearrange your photos and crop them as required.

You can also edit the text on the front page which is shown in red.

If you want to change your photos you can do so by clicking on the image, selecting **change photo** and then importing a new image, from the ParentZone gallery, or from your phone.

Once you are happy with your photobook click **save** and it will ask you to name your book.

### Complete Payment Instructions

You will receive a confirmation email and can track your order at any point by going to your gallery and clicking on **manage account**

Your book will take 4-5 days to be delivered.



We'd love to hear from you. If you have feedback or ideas for improvements please send us an email to [feedback@connectchildcare.com](mailto:feedback@connectchildcare.com)

If you like the ParentZone app and enjoy keeping up to date with all of your child's achievements why not leave us a review on the app store?

