

Calside Nursery Newsletter November / December 2023



We are now into Term 2 and this is going to be a busy term full of different festivals and celebration with lots of fun learning along the way.

We have a new student with us Jemma Kerr, who is completing the HND part of her childcare qualification. Jemma shall be with us on a Tuesday and Wednesday right through into next year.



Week beginning 6th November, we shall be discussing the meaning of the poppy and why people wear this emblem and participate in a two-minute silence on the 11th November at 11 o'clock every year.

Author Visit

Monday 13th November the Author Alison Page, shall be coming in to the nursery to read to the children from her book "The Westie Fest". If anyone wishes to purchase her book it can be bought for £6 and she will sign these for you. Profits from the sales of these books are donated to "Mary's Meals".

Children in Need - Fundraiser

On Friday, 17th November we shall be having a "Pyjama Day", at the request of one of our children. If your child wishes to participate and wear their pyjamas and make a small donation towards the appeal this would be wonderful. This is not mandatory; it is just a bit of fun.



Christmas Enterprise

The children shall be making personalised Christmas Baubles and Hearts as part of their Nursery Enterprise Scheme. I have placed the order forms in your child's mail docket. If you wish to place an order, could you return the form and money to me by Monday 4th December at the latest, sooner if possible, please?

School Xmas Performance

We shall be joining with the school to watch the school children perform their Christmas Plays on Tuesday, 12th December at the Baptist Church. This performance will be in the afternoon at 1.30, so can I please ask that you collect your children from the Church on this day. We shall organise the exact pick up point nearer the time.

Stay and Play for parents and children on Wednesday, 6th December, from 2 -3 p.m. This session will be based around the Expressive & Aesthetic part of the curriculum, Art, Music, Dance and Drama. We look forward to seeing you then.

Christmas Cards I am sorry but we shall not be able to provide you with lists of the children names due to data protection. However, if your children want to bring in cards, please just hand in a pile of them and we will place them in each child's mail docket, unless they are named specifically. We have 35 children in nursery at present.



Christmas Party ... we shall be holding a Christmas Party for the children on Wednesday 13th December – all nursery children are invited to attend for this event. Those children who do not normally attend on this day are invited to come along for 10.45 am. The party shall be followed by the ... Christmas Lunch the menus for ordering shall be sent to you via an email link shortly.



Calside Nursery Nativity

We shall be performing our Nursery Nativity Play on Tuesday 19th December.

The Nativity Play shall start at 2 pm in the school hall. Each family is allocated 4 places, please let us know how many you need, if anyone requires anymore, I shall take names and if there is enough space, I will sort out additional places. There will be no charge for tickets; however, there will be a bucket if anyone wishes to leave a donation.

For children who do not normally attend on this day and will be performing in the Nativity Play, I would like to offer you the chance to bring your children in for the whole nursery session on this day as we will be having a run through in the morning. If this does not work for you, children must be with us for 1.30pm at the latest so that they can get dressed for the performance.

Nursery shall be providing the costumes; however, there may be the occasional item we may ask you to provide, if possible. I will speak with parents individually if this is the case.

Once the nativity performance is finished, we shall take the children back into the nursery to get them changed and then you will be able to take them home.

Mittens ... It is that time of year when it is getting colder out there, and we need to keep our hands nice and warm when we are outside playing. While gloves are wonderful, it does take a lot of time trying to help 30+ children get them on. So, could I please ask you to consider sending in mittens for your child.



Christmas Holidays ... We shall be closed from the end of session on Friday 22nd December and re-open on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Thank you very much for your feedback from the Self Evaluation questions we asked you to answer at the Stay and Play Session. We would like to share with you the replies we received:

How do you feel about Calside Nursery?

- A lovely nurturing environment where children are encouraged to play, express themselves and learn
- Great nursery, the nursery nurses are fab staff
- Very welcoming, child settling in so well
- Very nice teaching staff who are clearly dedicated towards having fun and learning
- I think it's a great environment for fun and learning. A fantastic outdoor play space but equally indoors has lots of interactive stations. The team are great and always very approachable
- has settled well into nursery so much so that at the weekend has a tantrum as you are closed. Staff are all so friendly and approachable. Clearly doing a great job as Is so happy.
- I feel like Calside Nursery is a brilliant nursery the staff are amazing keep you updated about everything regarding your child and the things going on in the nursery
- My son loves it. The staff are great and so nurturing.
- Lovely nursery. Matches expectations.
- The nursery is very nurturing, good relationships between staff and children. Vast areas of play options to promote learning through play. Very impressed with the overall experience my child has.
- Very friendly atmosphere. All children happy and interactive. Caring nursery teachers. A well rounded selection of activities. Children interact with teachers and each other well. Very well organised.
- My child enjoys going to nursery and really likes the outdoor area. I am pleased they have found a way to communicate with my child.
- We love it xx
- It's a really lovely setting with plenty to do. My little boy loved showing me his favourite spots to play.
- A lovely, nurturing and wholesome environment that encourages children to play and be happy.

What key words do you associate with Calside Nursery?

44 responses

