

# The Calderwood Chronicle – Nursery Edition

12/11/2021



Calderwood  
Nursery

Another week at Calderwood Nursery has brought lots of great experiences for our children.

Our children are continuing to settle into their new setting well. The Champions have been working hard to adapt learning and areas to respond to the children's interests. The children have been exploring the changes - showing curiosity, imagination and excitement.

Thank you to our parents for your co-operation and returning any forms that have been sent out during this busy week.

In our newsletter you will find some key information and dates.

If you have any questions or queries our staff members are happy to help!

Kind Regards,  
Calderwood Nursery Champions

## Lunches

All children can receive a free lunch at nursery. Thank you for being patient whilst iPay is being set up. We recognise and apologise that there have been issues however these should now be resolved. If you have any further issues please contact the school office. Activation letters have been provided. You should now order your child's lunches through iPay and not at the door during registration. This will help make drop off and registration smoother.

The Nursery iPay system is different from the school one. **You do not go through Parent Portal.** Instead:

- Go to [www.ipayimpact.co.uk](http://www.ipayimpact.co.uk). Click on 'Log In', then click on 'mygovscot-myaccount'.
- Use the login details provided on your iPay Activation letter.

[The menu is available here.](#)

## Learners Journals

Your child's Learner's Journals will begin to be updated over the next couple of weeks. If you haven't already please [complete this form](#). Your child's Key Champion will also be in touch about how your child has settled in via phone call.

If you need any support with logins please let a staff member know.

## Reporting an Absence/Information

If your child is going to be absent from nursery, you need to share any information about your child, or have a question/query please phone or email the school office on 01506 280060 or [wcalderwood-ps@westlothian.org.uk](mailto:wcalderwood-ps@westlothian.org.uk).

Our nursery champions spend most of their time on the floor supporting, playing and challenging the children during their learning and therefore are unable to take calls directly to the nursery between 8am-4pm. The office champions will pass the messages onto the nursery and a nursery champion will get back to you.

## Calderwood Communication

A reminder that you can find a copy of our handbook [here](#). Everything you need to know about Calderwood Nursery is on our [blog](#). Below are the ways in which we will share information with you.

Communication @ Calderwood	
Keeping Connected with our Parents/Carers and Community!	
Sharing Information	Sharing Learning
<b>Website</b> Every school in West Lothian has a consistent style of website informing families of the same types of information. Our website also has feeds to our blog and Twitter accounts, providing a 'one stop shop' for information.	<b>Twitter</b> Our Twitter feed is mainly used to alert families to blog posts. It also enables us to quickly share information and photos about learning and events. Twitter also publishes our interesting and innovative approaches to learning and teaching, allowing us not only to be recognised for this but also to share ideas with other schools and partners. We have 364 followers who are mostly school families, local community groups, educational groups from West Lothian and across Scotland and partners who we regularly engage with.
<b>Group Call: Email</b> It is important that the office have a record of your most up to date email address as we regularly use Groupcall email as our more 'traditional' form of communication. We use email to send information about events such as assemblies, trips, news, important dates, etc. If you do not have access to the internet these emails can be sent out in a paper copy.	<b>Blog</b> Our blog is a hub of activity and is daily updated with information from staff, children, management, parents and partners. It includes text, photos and videos about learning, events and news, keeping families up to date with all things about #Calderwood. Our blog posts are feed into Twitter and our Facebook group to alert you that we have a post.
<b>Group Call: Text</b> It is important that the office have a record of your most up to date mobile number because as we use Groupcall texting to quickly share important information.	<b>Online Learning Journals</b> Throughout the year staff build up a profile of your child's attainment, achievements, development and next steps. This is done using online learning Journals which parents/carers can access from home.
<b>Newsletters</b> There is a regular newsletter which gives parents/carers upcoming dates, nursery information and any other relevant news.	<b>Start/End of Session</b> Informal conversations between staff and parents/carers at the start of each nursery session.

## COVID 19 Guidance

We are currently following COVID-19 guidance with stringent handwashing routines which means your child might take a little longer at collection time. Thank you to our parents for their patience at pick up times.

## Drop Off and Pick Up Times

Reminder of times –

**AM Session:**

Mon - Thurs: 7.50am – 12.30pm (please arrive no later than 8:45am and pick up at 12:20pm)

Friday: 7.50 – 11.47am

**PM Session:**

Mon - Thurs: 12.30pm – 6.14pm (please arrive no later than 1:00pm)

**Full Day sessions**

8am – 6pm: 2 days (please arrive no later than 8:45am)

Also one session: Mon – Thu 12.45 – 16.05pm or a Friday am session 8:00 – 11.20am

## Nursery Drone Video

<https://vimeo.com/637406660>

## Calderwood Celebrate Book Week!

Next week 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> November is National Book Week. Calderwood nursery will be participating in a number of creative and fun ways to celebrate this including:

- Dressing up all week
- Story related snacks (Tiger Who Came To Tea - Afternoon Tea, Hungry Caterpillar - fruit kebabs)
- Bear Hunt.....outside activity
- Voting for our favourite books

If you can, we request a donation of a book as we would love to build our nursery library. The children will leave their legacy in Calderwood with a special sticker with their name in the book they donated.

## Calderwood Christmas



We are very excited about our first Christmas at Calderwood Nursery. As we are still awaiting an update on schools Covid guidance, we have planned events that families can attend in person but that can also be filmed.

We will update you as soon as we have any information.

## Diary Dates

Settling in phone calls over next two weeks

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Lunch needs to be ordered**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery Christmas Parties

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Calderwood Carols – Sing Along Edition!

Calderwood Christmas Celebrations

\*Some dates may be subject to change & coved restrictions

## Communication

- Blog: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/calderwood>
- Twitter: [https://twitter.com/Calderwood Pri](https://twitter.com/Calderwood_Pri)
- Website: <https://calderwoodprimary.westlothian.org.uk/>
- School office: [wcalderwood-ps@westlothian.org.uk](mailto:wcalderwood-ps@westlothian.org.uk)
- School Office Number: Monday – Thursday: 8:15am – 4:00pm and until 1pm on a Friday: 01506 280060
- Nursery Office Number: 4pm – 6:14pm and during holidays: 01506 280070