



Dear Parents and carers

14 September 2020

We had a lovely week just gone, everyone is really starting to find their feet now. The children are all settled back into nursery now giving staff a bit of extra time to plan and implement some really great learning activities. The preschool enjoyed making banana bread, the toddlers had lots more outdoor learning opportunities and the babies enjoyed lots of messy play activities. We love planning activities that are fun and offer some great learning outcomes- it really does make for a great educational environment for the children.

### Staff

Although these guys have been with us for a while, we thought it might be worthwhile showing you who they are. Amy and Becky both work in Preschool with Jenni and Brogan whilst Chloe is hoping to start her apprenticeship with us and currently works in the baby room and toddler bubble. It's been great welcoming you all to our team and hope you enjoy working at Halesfield as much as we do.



**Amy**



**Becky**



**Chloe**

We are also welcoming back two familiar faces this week. Firstly, we have Kim, who works in the kitchen. She has returned to help us keep on top of the house keeping in nursery such as the washing and cleaning- soon we hope she will start preparing some lovely puddings for us to- to complement the dinners we have from the café.

We also have Emily returning to help us out for a while. Emily worked with us for two years as an apprentice and completed her NVQ level 2. She left when she had her little girl Kayla but now returns to help out the preschool team.

At the moment we feel so lucky, we have never had so many staff- this is testimony to how busy we are in the setting. The extra staff are there to support the team and to help things run smoothly. It also allows us to go out on more trips as well as gives us time to ensure we are up to date with planning and guidelines, so it's all good.

### Music Minors

We had a fantastic first session with Rachel from Music Minors last Monday- the children (and staff) loved it. It was great to see the children so excited to see Rachel (pictured below) and to watch the new children try this novel experience. Rachel comes with a range of musical instruments for the children to try and we test them out to the music. We actually think the session worked better outside, as we had more space and could make lots more noise- we hope the neighbours appreciated it!



### Madeley Orchard visits

Last week Helen and Jackie started planning off site trips and visits for the children. We love being able to do this with the children as we feel they gain a better understanding of the world around them. So far, we have booked trips to Madeley orchard for the preschool and toddler children. We will send out more information about these trips soon including permission slips to parents.

Providing government guidelines continue as they, Helen is looking to start her forest school sessions back up after October half term and you never know we might even get to the church before Christmas to!

### Harvest Festival



Each year we hold a Harvest Festival here at the nursery. This usually comprises of lots of singing, celebrating and visits from representatives of St Andrews Church in Shifnal. We use Harvest, as a time to say thank you for everything we have as well as using it as a time for sharing what we can with others. Each year we hold a collection for the food bank where we invite children to bring in something from their food cupboard at home to gift to the Crisis Support- food bank. This year we will do the same. A box will be located under the table in the foyer so please feel free to drop something in over the next couple of weeks. At the end of the month we will donate the food to the Food Bank and share out what the children have contributed.

### Community Fridge

Once again, we have had a fab week working with the Food Share project. The fridge was loaded up on Monday and empty by Wednesday. It was restocked Wednesday with lots of yummy things including doughnuts and falafels. Please keep coming in and using the fridge. Its there for everyone to use and prevents excess food going to waste. Donations are going well so please keep them coming. The Food Share is in the process of moving and so need all the extra funds they can get. Follow them on Facebook @Foodshareproject-UK. They are always keeping themselves busy and updating their page.



### Invoicing

This week the invoices maybe slightly late going out. Unfortunately, the invoice system we use decided not to work at the end of last week. This is something we are not used to and haven't encountered before. We hope we can have this all up and running again quickly but, in the meantime, don't panic if you don't receive your invoice straight away. Any queries regarding invoices or children's bookings then please email [halesfield@telfordnurseries.org](mailto:halesfield@telfordnurseries.org)

Diary Dates and information

- Music Minors sessions- every Monday there after
- Link to this week's menu:  
[http://telfordnursery.org/files/Autumn\\_Term\\_2020\\_Week\\_3.pdf](http://telfordnursery.org/files/Autumn_Term_2020_Week_3.pdf)
- Harvest festival- collection for the food bank Friday 25 September

Yours sincerely



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