



Dear Parents and carers

10 January 2022

It is great to be back. The children have been a joy to have back in the setting, sharing their experiences about Christmas and what Santa had brought them. It was also lovely seeing them meet and greet with their friends again having missed each other over the holidays- lots of laughs, cuddles and artwork exchanges between them, so cute!



A huge welcome to our new families. We had a few start last week- some are familiar with the setting some are new to us. We hope you all settle well into nursery life and feel part of the family very soon. Any queries then please do not hesitate to ask a member of the team.

Hygge Focus Topic

This week our focus topic in nursery will be ice. The children will be playing and painting with ice, we will be reading about ice and talking about it's cold, strong and slippery properties. Some of the children will be able to walk down to Forest School to see if the snow drops have started to flower and hopefully, we'll have the benefit of a hard frost one of the mornings too. We love having a topic that we can share throughout the whole nursery- the focus on nature is at the epicentre of our topics and helps build on children's learning and experiences.



Covid-19 Update



As I'm sure everyone is realising now, sadly we have Corona virus here to stay with us now. Something we are inevitably going to have to live with in some form or another and manage to work round it the best we can. For us at nursery we will continue the best we can- our main threat being a staff shortage, if too many are poorly at one time. We have just updated our COVID risk assessment in line with the new guidelines- everything is

pretty much the same as previous except we have made the decision that children need to isolate should they have someone who has tested positive with COVID, in their household. We appreciate this could have a significant impact on families over the next few months but believe this step will eliminate the risk of COVID transmission from children to staff as well as to other children and should keep the nursery operating as well as possible. This decision has been made, given that the government have advised that LFT's are not ideal for children under 5 years of age. Therefore, if children aren't being tested following contact with a positive covid case then we have no way of knowing if they are carrying COVID into the setting. If children have to isolate with families, then we will not charge for missed sessions. If you have any questions about the change in policy, then please do contact the nursery halesfield@telfordnurseries.org The new policy and risk assessment will be added to the website later this week.

Staff training

Over Christmas the nursery staff have used the benefit of a bit of free time to work on some CPD opportunities. Several staff have completed short courses on Behaviour management, working with children with Special Educational Needs and Child protection. We do have a lot of statutory training that is a requirement of the role we hold but well done the staff for keeping their training up-to-date and going above and beyond to develop your personal knowledge. The children really will see the benefit of this training, I'm sure.



Diary Dates and information

- Link to this week's menu:
http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Spring_Term_2022_Week_2_Menu.pdf
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- Half term 21 February- 25 February 2022
- Easter Holidays 10 April – 22 April 2022

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Helen Childs', is located below the 'Yours sincerely' text.

Helen Childs
Nursery Manager