



Dear Parents and carers

10 May 2021

We had a lovely busy week again in nursery just gone, lots of outside play and fun activities going on in nursery. The babies thoroughly enjoyed getting stuck into a huge bag of flour donated to us by the Food Share project- lots of fun, mark making and mess! What's not to like?



### Nursery Dinners

We were so sad to be informed last week that our lovely neighbours Willow café were set to close their doors again- this was due to numerous factors that were out of their control unfortunately. They are set to open again this week but under new management and with new staff. In regard to our nursery dinners, we have taken the decision to move away from outsourcing the dinners and bring them back in house. We have been lucky enough to recruit Gemma, the chef from Willow café to come and cook for us on a permanent basis. This is great for nursery as Gemma has lots of catering experience and is very knowledgeable about children's nutrition. Gemma is keen to develop our menu to make it healthier and more balanced for the children and also to use food sourced from the Foodshare project. Because of the variable nature of the produce from the Foodshare, Gemma is keen to keep the menu flexible and devise a new menu each week- so we will continue to post the link to the menu in our weekly newsletter. So, we would like to give Gemma a huge welcome to the Halesfield team.



### Chicken Pox

Last week we had several children in the preschool come down with Chicken Pox. Yeah, I hear you cry- just what we need our children to catch! Fortunately, most children are not severely ill with chicken pox and it can be as simple as a few spots and maybe a temperature. Often, children are also not quite right a couple of weeks before the spots come out, a bit niggly and emotional. Please be vigilant and keep a look out for spots on your child. Unfortunately, when spots do appear children need to be excluded from nursery for 5 days to minimise the spread of the infection to others. These guidelines are issued from the Health Protection Hub and form part of our nursery policy. If you have any questions or concerns, then please speak to your child's key worker when collecting or dropping off.



## Labelling clothes

Staff have asked for a quick reminder to parents to label their children's belongings please. Often, we have several children in with the same coat, drinks bottle or shoes and it does get particularly confusing especially when classes are so busy at the moment. Please just take 5 minutes to write your child's initials in garments to help us out and minimise the chances of things getting lost.



## Book Trust



This week, some of our preschool children will be issued with their second set of Book Start books from the Book Trust. Bookstart, gives free books to every child in England and Wales at two key stages before school, as well as free packs for children with additional needs, tips and guidance on reading together, resources and activities, and much more. Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31 August 2017 will receive their packs this week.

Lots of information about the trust can be found at:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/> including lots of fun activities and ways to learn.

## School transitions

Now the majority of our preschool children know which school they are transitioning to in September, we will write to the prospective schools asking them if the teachers would like to come and meet children in nursery (outside of course) and if there is anything we can do to help children move on. Often, we will have sample uniforms for children to try on and photos of their new school and teachers. We try to prepare the children for the change as much as possible.

If there is anything you think we can help with then please let us know also if you have any questions, then send us email and we will help. We know that working in partnership with schools, parents and the children is key to a successful school transition and we are hopeful that this year will be a lot smoother than last, which was severely disrupted by COVID.



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## Diary Dates and information

- Link to this week's menu:  
[http://telfordnursery.org/files/Summer\\_Term\\_2021\\_Week\\_4\\_Menu.pdf](http://telfordnursery.org/files/Summer_Term_2021_Week_4_Menu.pdf)
- Link to our Managing children who are sick, infectious and allergies  
<http://www.telfordnursery.org/files/policies/3.3%20Managing%20children%20who%20are%20sick,%20infectious%20or%20with%20allergies.pdf>
- Bank Holiday Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May- Nursery Closed
- Half term 31<sup>st</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June- term time children not due in

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Helen Childs".

**Helen Childs**

Nursery Manager