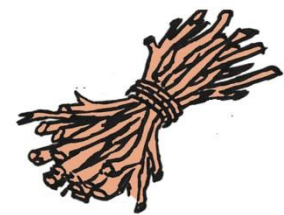




Dear Parents and carers

11 October 2021

We had a lovely week last week. Following our long-term planning we were busy focussing on sticks last week. We managed to collect lots of sticks throughout the week and the children were able to use them in their project work. We measured them, compared them, sorted them, painted with them, made models from them to name just a few of the activities. They really are such a versatile resource that the children enjoyed exploring. We will of course keep these in nursery and continue that learning as well as moving onto spiders- which is next week's curriculum link.



## Playing with Sticks

### Celebrations

This Friday 15 October, we will be celebrating the fact that Becky from toddlers is getting Married- woohoo. Becky is getting married the following week, so we wanted to give her a fun last day at nursery before the big event. To help us celebrate children are welcome to join in the theme of wearing pink or red and will join us in an afternoon tea where Becky will be the guest of honour. Congratulations in advance Becky and Matt- we hope you have a fantastic day.



### Poorly Children



Last week was great but not fully as planned sadly, as we had several children taken ill with coughs and temperatures as well as several other ailments. As we are still working through a pandemic, we are still being very cautious and as per the government guidelines we are asking parents to send children displaying symptoms for PCR tests. We appreciate it is not a nice experience for little ones or their parents but sadly this is something that we as a nursery are having to instigate. **Please can I just remind**

**parents to be polite and courteous to our staff if you receive a phone call to collect**

**your children due to illness?** We appreciate that parents do not want the phone call or to hear their child is poorly but we are just doing what is necessary. Last week we had two more positive cases of COVID-19 in the preschool and three cases of hand foot and mouth confirmed in the toddlers and babies. Both viruses can make children very poorly and can cause a raise in temperature. As we are unable to determine when a temperature is just a normal viral infection or COVID, we must be cautious to protect everyone in nursery and their families and send for tests. Thank you to all those parents that have been supportive and understand the precarious situation the nursery is currently in; we really do appreciate the support.

We are of course keeping on top of hygiene and cleaning routines to minimise the spread of illnesses, but we know the best possible preventative measure is to keep poorly children and staff out of nursery where possible.

### **Forest School**



This is set to start this week for our Thursday preschool children. Please don't forget to send your child with a spare change of clothes and appropriate outdoor wear. We will venture into the woods and show the children the area we will be using in the forthcoming weeks. Children will be able to have a snack and hot drink in the woods and a good explore before heading back for dinner.

### **October half term**

This year half term falls Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October. If your child is term time funded, then they have been booked off these days. If you require extra sessions, then please do contact us so we can check availability and amend the registers.

### **Congratulations**

Well, I said last week Jenni's baby would arrive very soon- and so she did! Jennie and Lee welcomed baby Ava into the world last Wednesday. Ava weighed 5lb 7oz and is doing just great, as is Jenni. Well done Jenni, and congratulations to you all, she is beautiful.



### **Harvest Festival**



As mentioned last week we are planning a Harvest celebration in nursery week commencing 11 October. We have the lovely Reverend Mike and Alan Nash from St Andrews church in Shifnal coming in to talk with the children about the importance of Harvest and what we might be thankful for. As always, we do a food collection of non-perishable foods to donate to the food bank therefore, we are welcoming any food donations you can spare into nursery please. We intend to donate any foods or

gifts to the food share project as we know they will distribute fairly to local families that are in need.

### **Diary Dates and information**

- Link to this week's menu:  
[http://telfordnursery.org/files/Autumn\\_Term\\_2021\\_Week\\_6\\_Menu.pdf](http://telfordnursery.org/files/Autumn_Term_2021_Week_6_Menu.pdf)
- October half term: Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October
- Christmas opening: Closed Monday 27 December – Monday 3 January. Term time children break up Friday 17 December and return Wednesday 5 January.

Yours sincerely



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