



Dear Parents and carers

13 July 2020

Wow what a lovely fun and productive week. We had lots of great learning opportunities for the children including a surprise Music Minor's session with Rachel (which went down so well), outdoor play in the rain, potion making, PE sessions and lots of messy play. It is safe to say the children (and staff) are enjoying back with all the fun things going on and the provocations we have in place.

The temporary fence in the playground was removed at the weekend. We know the children are going to enjoy exploring their new outdoor space this week. Hopefully its as exciting as the new outdoor toilet which is now in situ. -which was hugely popular last week with the preschool children.

The toddler roof has now been repaired and the conifer trees behind the nursery have been cut back. Both have made a huge difference to the appearance of the nursery, and we are so pleased with how they look. Thank to Owen Jones for cutting the conifers and to Pete Evans from Pete Evans Tree and Garden Care, for chipping them- it was a mammoth job, but they got it done in now time at all. Once again, a great job done by M&R Roofing- they replaced all the fire damaged felt with new. Next up is to replace the toddler canopy which will hopefully be completed within the next two weeks by Arena conservatories. We are so grateful for all the help from the local community and beyond- everyone has been fantastic in helping us get back on our feet, thank you.

#### Clothes collection

Well done and thank you to everyone that brought in clothes for our textile collection last Thursday. We were overwhelmed by the amount we had in. If our calculations are correct, then the collection will generate just under £200 for the playground fund. Once confirmed we will be asking the children next week what they would like to spend the money on to enhance the area.

#### Emailing invoices

It appears the electronic emailing system works!! Paper invoices have been generated again this week- but this will probably be the last time now- yeah. If you have any questions or queries regarding your invoices, then please either reply to the invoice email sent or ring the nursery. Please remember fees are payable at the end of each week or monthly in advance. It is so important to us that fees are paid on time, it helps us manage our overheads and ensure we have enough funds in the bank to remain sustainable.

#### Finlay's photo's

Photo packs arrived back at nursery last Tuesday. Feedback has been great, and we are so pleased with them too. Photo's need to be paid for or returned by the end of this week at the very latest please. Re-orders also need to be in by Tuesday. Apologies again for the short notice but we are trying to sort this out before Mr Finlay flies off to his holiday home in the sun again.

### Raffle

Thank you to everyone that has bought tickets and helped us to sell them. A huge thank you to Willow Café for helping us organise the raffle and selling tickets on our behalf. So far, we have raised a fantastic £280. The raffle will be drawn this Thursday so there is still a bit of time to buy some more tickets. Winners will be notified the same day via Facebook.

### Holidays

Thank you, we have had lots of parents submit holiday dates to us already. Nursery needs to be informed of any holiday dates 7 days in advance please. This will then mean the 50% discount will be applied to your account. Having dates in advance also really helps us manage staff holidays and extra day requests from other parents. Please submit any holidays via email [halesfield@telfordnurseries.org](mailto:halesfield@telfordnurseries.org)

### Preschool Funding

Funding for our all year-round preschool children is set to finish on Friday 21 August. This is the cut-off date for funding and means that the stretched funding has run out. We are happy for children to stay in nursery until they transition to school but the sessions will need to be paid for in full by parents. Please let us know if you require sessions after the 21 August and we will be able to book you in accordingly.

### Holiday club

This year for the first time ever- we will be running a holiday club for Key stage 1 children. We intend to have 8 places available each day through the holidays. We have created the club because we have received many enquiries from key worker parents looking for holiday care. The club is not exclusively for key workers and will be open to everyone, as we know that many schools are not providing holiday clubs this year due to COVID-19.

The children will use the preschool room, that the Alligator bubble have been using so- they will have their own classroom space equipped with lots of fun, age appropriate resources. We have lots of great activities and local outings planned for the children so it should be fantastic. We are looking forward to the new challenge and are confident we can create a fun learning environment that the children will want to be part of. We do have a few places left throughout the holidays so if you are interested in a place then please email the nursery [halesfield@telfordnurseries.org](mailto:halesfield@telfordnurseries.org) to check availability.

Thank you again for bearing with us. Any queries either ring and speak with Jackie in the office or email [halesfield@telfordnurseries.org](mailto:halesfield@telfordnurseries.org)

Yours sincerely



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