



Dear Parents and carers

14 June 2021

We had an absolutely glorious week last week in nursery. We were able to spend so much more time outdoors and I think we finally all started to feel a bit summery. The babies spent the whole day outside on Thursday including their dinner and nap times. We feel so lucky to have the facilities to do this and know the children love the opportunity too. We have so much planned throughout the next 6 weeks of term, including a bouncy castle, a visit from the Exotic Zoo, a Bahngra dance class, BBQ day and a graduation party to name just some of the things planned. It really is going to be action packed and fun for everyone- we can't wait.

We are hoping to be able to share some extra photos on Facebook soon, we have been struggling with our internet connection again so have struggled to download pictures.

School Oceans Project



We are excited to announce that we have been invited to join in a fun and educational project that Telford and Wrekin Council have been busy organising. The British Ironwork's Centre have designed 30 large fish sculptures (see picture) which will be used in an Ocean themed trail in the Town Park in August. Children in our nursery have been asked to design and create a fish for the trail which will be happening in August at around the time of the Balloon Festival in the town park- so everyone will see our masterpiece. The



trail has been set up to help raise awareness of how we can protect our oceans and marine life and is set to give people the knowledge and tools necessary to make a real difference to our future environment. Our fish should be arriving sometime this month, so we will be able to get started soon. More information about the trail is available here: <http://www.sustainabletelfordandwrekin.co.uk/what-the-council-is-doing/council-case-studies/ocean-trail>

Staff News

Last week we were able to give you an update on staffing and shared with you our leavers and starters. As previously stated we, as a small setting are not really used to such big changes at any time, never mind in the middle of our busiest term so we have had a lot to consider moving forward and how we change things for the greater good of the nursery.



Firstly, we must officially congratulate Becky from preschool. Becky applied for Danielle's job as toddler room leader and she was fantastic. We had a few strong external candidates apply but Becky knew her stuff, answered questions well and came across amazing. Well done Becky, I know the toddler team are looking forward to working with you.



To manage this change and get Becky into toddlers, we have had a slight jig around of staff. From this week Mel and Katie from toddlers, are transferring up to preschool and Becky and Demi are moving down to toddlers. We also have Amy from babies moving into the toddlers

too. Overall this will give the toddlers a much bigger and consistent staff team and the toddler children moving up will have the familiar faces of Katie and Mel to help them settle in up there. To ensure this all runs smoothly, last week we carried out some transition visits with the staff so they were able to spend time in their new rooms and with the children they will be working with. The children were excited and loved the new changes. Commendations have to go to the staff for being so flexible and positive too- this is what we love about our team.

With the switch rounds we have reviewed key groups and will notify you early this week if your child's key worker has changed. Please, if you have any questions or concerns, either ask on the door or send an email over to halesfield@telfordnurseries.org

Also well done to Sue and Rachel (one of our trustees) for completing their Designated Safeguarding Lead training last week. They will now be able to continue to support Helen and Jackie in this role of keeping everyone safe in nursery.

Child Safety Week

Last week was child safety week, it is an annual community education campaign run by the Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT), acting as a catalyst for thousands of safety conversations and activities UK-wide. They have produced lots of useful fact sheets on a variety of different subjects to help parents. Topics include, road safety, fire safety and choking and each fact sheet gives useful tips and strategies for keeping families safe. The link is here if you want to have a look <https://www.capt.org.uk/csw-factsheets>



Sun cream and sun hats



in case anyone missed it last month.

With the weather finally picking up and feeling like Summer can we just remind parents to dress children according to the weather and bring in a sun hat for their child please? It's always handy to have a spare change of clothes in your child's bag in case they get wet or dirty but please remember to label everything- this does make our life much easier. We have sun cream available in nursery which is always factor 30 or above. Parents are welcome to bring in their own creams for children should they wish. Here is the link to our sun safety policy just

http://www.telfordnurseries.org/files/policies/Sun_Safety_Policy.pdf

Clothes Donations

Some of you may have seen that we have a new rag bin located at the bottom of our driveway. We are a little excited as we have had a clothes bank previously and it always did so well. When full, the bin will be emptied, and nursery will receive a financial donation into our fundraising account, dependant on the weight of clothes collected. So please help us fill the bin- feel free to drop bags off at pick up and collection. Any bags can be used but we do have some donation bags available in the nursery foyer so please grab some next time you're in. A list of what they accept is available here <https://www.recycle4school.org.uk/items-we-accept/>



30 hours funding



If your child is turning three before the 31st of August this year, then you may be entitled to some extra funding hours from September. The term after a child turns three, they are automatically entitled to 15 hours of funding but parents who work and meet a limited criteria set out by the government are entitled to more. Here is the link for more information <https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare> Please let us know if you receive a code and we can then discuss how these hours can be used. A fact sheet and funding declaration form will be coming out soon to parents but if you have any questions then please speak with me or email halesfield@telfordnurseries.org

Sunflower update



We have some sunflower updates going on this week. Lucy's have shot up significantly and are now ready to plant out, her tallest one is 104cm- that is getting big. Henry in the babies has a lovely one starting off in his garden- it looks like a nice spot too. Henry enjoyed getting messy with his mum in the compost when planting his out, and he obviously did a great job too. Well done both. Any photos of progress are hugely welcomed- we want the children to be proud of these and share with us how their flowers are getting on.



Diary Dates and information

- Link to this week's menu:
http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Summer_Term_2021_Week_8_Menu.pdf
- Bouncy Castle Thursday 17 July 2021
- Link to our looked after children policy [1.5 Looked after Children.pdf \(telfordnurseries.org\)](http://telfordnurseries.org)
- Last day of term Wednesday 21st July- term time children finish.

Yours sincerely

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

Helen Childs
Nursery Manager