



Dear Parents and carers

14 March 2022

Now the weather is starting to become more Spring like, we are spending more time outdoors which is just lovely. Given the choice most children will choose to spend their time outdoors in the fresh air, so we feel lucky to be able to do this as much as we do.

Our next big job in nursery is to enhance our outdoor areas further, so we can start spending much more time outdoors. Outdoor learning is different to indoor learning as the activities on offer are very different and children react differently, but it is an invaluable resource when it comes to teaching our curriculum. Being outdoors really helps children manage their behaviour too- try it at home. If you feel things are getting fraught then take children outside if you can, even for just 5 minutes- it makes a difference and helps them to regulate their emotions and feelings which is often the reason for the negative behaviour!

### **Hygge accreditation**

We are still busy working away through our nature accreditation and our wanderlust study with the children. Both projects are all about bringing nature into the nursery and making our learning environments calm and nature inspired. Each week we have a different topic to focus on and study with the children. This week is beans, and the following week is butterflies. The topics have really helped us enhance our classrooms and some of the provocations (activities) we offer the children.

As we work through our topics, we are awarded badges for our studies. Last week the children unlocked their latest nature badge- Listen to the Wind. We only have three more patches to collect until we have finished. Well done everyone- keep exploring....



### **2-year funding**



Some parents are entitled to funding when their child turns two. This is often given on the basis of household income but other factors including children's needs are taken into account to. If your child turns two between 1 January and 31 March 2022 then it is worth checking if you meet the criteria outlined. Below is the link to the information but if you have any questions or indeed are eligible then please do let us know at nursery so we can talk about your options.

[https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20393/free\\_childcare\\_places\\_for\\_2\\_3\\_and\\_4\\_year\\_olds/792/talking\\_2s - 15 hours free childcare 2 year olds](https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20393/free_childcare_places_for_2_3_and_4_year_olds/792/talking_2s_-_15_hours_free_childcare_2_year_olds)

### **Fee Increases**

A couple of weeks ago we issued the new fee increases coming into effect in nursery from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Here is the link in case you missed it:

[http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Nursery\\_price\\_list\\_April\\_2022.pdf](http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Nursery_price_list_April_2022.pdf) Any questions or worries then please do email nursery to discuss.

### **Forest School**

It's Group A's turn for Forest school this Monday. The woodland session will be in the morning as we have Music Minors in the afternoon.

Group	Date
A	14 March
B	21 March
A	28 March
B	4 April



### **Holiday dates**

Please let us know if you have any up-and-coming holiday dates when your child won't be in nursery. This helps us fit in any children that require additional sessions and also manage invoices correctly by sorting the credit in advance. It also helps us with staffing and planning staff annual leave so it's very useful for us to have dates in advance.

### **Diary Dates and information**

- Link to this week's menu:  
[http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Spring\\_Term\\_2022\\_Week\\_10\\_Menu.pdf](http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Spring_Term_2022_Week_10_Menu.pdf)
- Preschool Easter Concert 3.30pm Friday 8 April@ St Andrews Church- more details to follow.
- Easter Holidays 10 April – 22 April 2022
- Closed Easter Monday 18 April
- Closed May bank holiday Monday 2 May
- Closed Thursday 2 June and Friday 3 June- Queens Jubilee.

Yours sincerely

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