



Dear Parents and carers

16 May 2022

Wow just wow!! The visit from the farm on wheels was just amazing. It blew both the children and staff totally away. Seeing the reaction from the children was just beautiful. As most of you will be aware we do a lot of extracurricular things at Halesfield, but this has got to be up there as one of the best things we have done.

The children were split into small groups and Stella from the farm, went through her menagerie of animals, introducing them, telling us facts and letting us pet them. The language and communication from our quiet shy children was immense and the confidence they showed when interacting with the animals was wonderful. This really did tick all the boxes for interactive teaching and learning. Thank you so much to everyone that helped raise the money for this to happen. We are already thinking about how we can raise some more funds to make this happen regularly at nursery.



This week we are lucky enough to have the ice cream van coming on Tuesday morning. We love inviting Shaun and his noisy van up to nursery, this as it's a wonderful treat for everyone and makes us all smile.



## Staff news

### Training

Last week our wonderful team attended training on Multiculturalism. We looked at many different festivals and celebrations, from around the world and how we could incorporate these into nursery and what we do. The training was great and gave us lots of inspiration and ideas to move forward with. Well done to the team for finding the time to do the training.

So moving on, we are now on the look out for resources to support childrens learning in this area, items that reflect diversity and culture such as fabrics, pictures and books. We know that we have a diverse community in nursery so please let us know if you think you can help us. We'd love parents to come in and share their personal experiences and knowledge with us about celebrations in their culture or bring in artifacts from home to show us.

### New staff



So a few weeks ago, we were contacted by Zoe. She was keen to get back into childcare after a long break from the profession. Zoe came for an interview and immediately we could see she was destined to be back working with children. Having spent time in the preschool room, Zoe was keen to start and get stuck in. We are so glad that she did contact us, Zoe has been a great asset to the preschool team over the last couple of weeks and we are so pleased to have you on our staff team.

Zoe is a fully qualified Level 3 practitioner with lots of years previous experience. She has fitted so well into our team and has really helped alleviate some of the stresses of staffing a very busy and proactive nursery. Thank you and welcome Zoe.

We have also welcomed back Amy recently. Amy has returned following maternity leave after having her little boy. Amy works the end of the week in preschool (yes, very confusing as there are now two Amy's in preschool!!). Amy has her level 6 qualification in Early Years and lots of experience working with all age groups in nursery- its great having her back and part of the team again.

## Sunhats

Now the weather is starting to heat up, children are needing that extra protection from the sun. If you can, please bring in a labelled sun hat for your child each day. We provide the sun cream (which is always factor 30 or above) applying it liberally to each child throughout the day but we always struggle on hats as they seem to have legs and walk off. Extra hats would be welcomed please.



## Menu



This week is National Vegetarian Week and to recognise this Gemma has planned a vegetarian menu for the whole week. The menu itself comprises of the children's favourite meals so we know they will enjoy eating it. Now, we know going vegetarian isn't everyone's cup of tea but just making small changes to your diet can have a big impact on your health, your budget and the planet. Eating vegetarian just once a week can have a big impact over a lifetime. If children are used to eating vegetarian meals over meat meals from a young age, then they may continue with

this through to adult life which could make a huge difference to them and our planet. Lots more information about the benefits of switching to vegetarian can be found at:

<https://www.nationalvegetarianweek.org/>

## Wear it Green



Wear it green day last Wednesday went down very well. Lots of children turned up wearing green and it was lovely to see. Thank you for taking part and raising awareness. Please remember if you are struggling with mental health issues, you are not alone. Talking and getting support is the best intervention when someone's mental health is deteriorating. Please be informed about the signs and seek help if needed.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/>

## Fundraising

As a charity setting, we love doing a bit of fundraising. It helps us remain sustainable and affordable to parents. Money raised is always put back into nursery and used to enhance our provision. Sometimes it will be purchasing new resources other times it might be paying for extra staffing to support children who needs a bit of extra help and other times it's used to buy in extracurricular activities such as the farm on wheels and music minors.



We are always on the search for easy fundraising ideas, things that parents want to be involved in and things that children can benefit from through participation too. Some companies offer match funding to employees that support a charity raising money, so our ask to you is to please check if your employer does this and if they do please let us know. We can find you a small easy task to get you involved and you could

be helping nursery immensely in reaching our fundraising targets. Pictured are some of the companies that have been known to match fund in the past. We are also after new and fun ideas to raise money for nursery, so if you have any ideas then please do let us know.

## Permissions

We are currently updating our permissions form for all parents. On enrolment parents sign permissions for their child for various things but we are now needing to add on a permission question about children's photos being added to our new Family App. Your child's key person will be handing out forms this week, so please do get them signed and back to us as this will help us move forward another step on the App.



Also permission slips for preschool parents are being sent out regarding our church visit next week. Again, please get them signed and back to us if you are wanting your child to attend the trip.

## Forest School



It's **Group A's** turn for the woods this week. As always please make sure your child has spare clothes to change into and extra layers to wear at forest school if you can please. It is always much cooler in the woods due to the shade and gusts of wind. Also this week it is likely to be muddy and wet.

### Diary Dates and information

- Link to this week's menu:  
[http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Summer Term 2022 Week 4 Menu.pdf](http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Summer_Term_2022_Week_4_Menu.pdf)
- Ice cream van visit Tuesday 17 May
- Preschool Jubilee show Monday 23 May
- Half term 30 May to 3 June. Term time funded children not due in.
- Closed Thursday 2 June and Friday 3 June- Queens Jubilee.

Yours sincerely

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

**Helen Childs**  
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