



Dear Parents and carers

16 November 2020

Last week saw us celebrate Diwali the Hindu festival of light. The children enjoyed decorating Rangoli patterns and making paper lanterns whilst they learnt about Rama and his return from Exile. We really do love this time of year, as it gives us so many opportunities to teach diversity and acceptance- we find teaching this from a young age helps children to appreciate differences and respect others and their views, a great attribute for any person to have.

We also celebrated Children in Need on Friday. The preschool children were encouraged to dress up for the day whilst the younger children coloured and painted in a large Pudsey Bear together. These kinds of activities, are great as they help children to understand the need to help others less fortunate and how good teamwork can produce great results.

### Music minors



We are loving our new online Music Minors sessions'. Rachel has downloaded some lessons for us to work through and introduced us to some new songs (including Christmas songs-ekk). Now we have our new music instruments we can practice as often as we want. Hopefully we will be able to put on a bit of a show for Rachel soon to show what we have learnt.

### Covid-19 update

As we are all aware the number of Covid cases are increasing rapidly in Telford and Wrekin. Obviously, this is worrying for all concerned and we are doing our best to keep everyone safe and well. We know that many local nurseries and schools have had bubbles shut because of positive cases. Inevitably this is bound to happen to us at some point soon. We do have contingency plans in place and hope that the whole nursery would not need to shut should we have a positive case the in nursery just the affected bubbles. Any questions or concerns then please email the nursery [halesfield@telfordnurseries.org](mailto:halesfield@telfordnurseries.org)

### Funding Declarations

This week we are sending out letters and forms to parents who have a child that will become entitled to nursery funding in January. The term after children turn three, they are entitled to either 15 funded hours per week or 30- the amount depends on parents working status at the time funding becomes eligible. Funding is available for 38 weeks of the year, but we can spread it across the whole year to make your invoices consistent if parents would prefer. To check your eligibility please go to <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare> If you are entitled to 30 hours you will receive an 11 digit code. We need this code to claim the funding for you. If you are not entitled, then don't panic your child will still receive 15 hours regardless. If your employment status changes then try the check again as you might be entitled to more hours next term. If you have any questions then please do email [halesfield@telfordnurseries.org](mailto:halesfield@telfordnurseries.org) we will be able to help you, guide you through the process and check if we have extra days/sessions available. Once this is set up it is easy to maintain the code and funding. All declaration forms need completing and returning by 11 December to secure funding for next term.

## **Community Fridge**



We had an awesome amount of food from the Food Share Project last Thursday. Thank you to all who took advantage of the Community fridge and donated some pennies. It's not compulsory to donate money but everything that is donated is given back to the food share to help them keep going. We absolutely love our community fridge, not only is it saving excess food being wasted it's also helping fund the Food Share Project which helps local families who are suffering food poverty. Please do come in and have a look, help yourself to food and donate if you can- it all helps.

## **Diary Dates and information**

- Link to this week's menu:  
[http://telfordnurseryseries.org/files/Autumn\\_Term\\_2020\\_Week\\_11\\_Menu.pdf](http://telfordnurseryseries.org/files/Autumn_Term_2020_Week_11_Menu.pdf)

Yours sincerely



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