



Dear Parents and carers

19 April 2021

Welcome back everyone to the start of the Summer term. Also, a huge welcome to all our new starters and their families- we are excited to welcome you to our setting and share some fantastic learning experiences with you. We have had a great time over the Easter holidays, getting outside and messy with the children. The preschool children had asked for a new climbing frame in the playground- this was delivered last week, and I think it's safe to say they all enjoyed the new equipment especially the toddlers who we're straight up and over it!!



### Thank you

Thank you to everyone that bought raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle last term. In total the raffle made a fantastic £165- we are all so pleased and extremely grateful. The money will be put towards our fantastic Music Minors lessons that are due to start again this week and run throughout the term. We can't wait to have Rachel back in the setting working with the children.



Also a big well done to all our Easter competition entrants. We had lots of colouring and Easter bonnet entries brought in. It was lovely to see how creative everyone had been and great fun to judge. Thank you to everyone that took part- there was a great community spirit in nursery during the last week of term.

### Opening hours



Yipee, nursery is back to it's old opening hours of 7.30am till 6pm. Moving forward, we are confident that we have everyone's bookings correct but please let us know if you think something needs updating or modifying- there was a lot to amend, so we may have missed one or two. The fee's for this term remain the same as before Covid, these will be reviewed in again

in September. Here is the link for our current fee overview:  
[http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Halesfield\\_Day\\_Nursery\\_Fees\\_2020.pdf](http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Halesfield_Day_Nursery_Fees_2020.pdf)

### Staff News

Congratulations to Amy from the baby room and her wife Vicky, they welcomed a little boy into the world just before Easter. We are pleased to hear that all are doing great and getting used to family life despite the early arrival.



This week we are welcoming another staff member to the Halesfield team. Demi has joined us as a new apprentice. We are really looking forward to working with her over the next 12 months. Although new to childcare, Demi does bring with her lots of experience of working with young people so we're confident she will fit in perfectly with us.

### New Menu



Willow cafe have been busy helping us to create our new Spring/Summer menu ready for this week. We tend to rotate the menu so we have a variety of dishes on offer to the children throughout the year. The Spring/Summer menu has lighter meals and offers seasonal produce which is great for the children but also more cost effective and economical. The meal menu is a three week rotating menu with the puddings and deserts varying each week depending on what we have received from the FoodShare project or sourced locally. We love these partnerships with the community and feel so privileged to work with both organisations to bring healthy diverse food into the nursery. The link to the new 3 week menu is here: [http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Spring\\_Summer\\_Menu\\_2021.pdf](http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Spring_Summer_Menu_2021.pdf) And the link to this weeks menu is here: [http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Summer\\_Term\\_2021\\_Week\\_1\\_Menu.pdf](http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Summer_Term_2021_Week_1_Menu.pdf) If you have any questions about the menu or feel your child will definitely not eat one of the dishes being offered, then please do speak to your child's keyworker as we can always offer an alternative.

### Sun Safety

Yay, once again, we are officially a 'sun safe nursery'. We have worked towards the Skcin sun safe award and were accredited at the start of the month. We do take sun safety serious here at the nursery so we are pleased to have received this accolade again. When we redesigned the playground following the fire, we thought about how shaded areas could be incorporated into the playarea, hence the stables being built. We have adopted the Skcin sun safety policy which can be found here: [http://telfordnurseries.org/files/policies/Sun\\_Safety\\_Policy.pdf](http://telfordnurseries.org/files/policies/Sun_Safety_Policy.pdf) This ensures we are promoting sun safety the best we can with children and staff and educating them on the safest ways to stay safe in the sun. To help us keep everyone safe, we would really appreciate it if children could come into nursery with their own sun hat (clearly labeled). We provide sun cream but if you require a specific type or your child has sensitive skin then please do feel free to bring in a tube of cream too. For more information about the award or on sun safety for children please visit [www.skcin.org](http://www.skcin.org)



## Sunflower Fun



Hopefully everyone has received their packet of seeds to join in this year's sunflower growing competition. Don't worry if you haven't, we have loads spare, just ask a member of staff who will be able to help. We would love you all to plant the seeds with your children and watch them grow over the Summer. As your sunflowers grow, please feel free to share the journey with us and send your photos to [halesfield@telfordnurseries.org](mailto:halesfield@telfordnurseries.org) Let's see who from nursery can grow the largest sunflower this Summer. Further information including planting advice can be found at: <https://www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/gardening-children-schools/family-activities/grow-it/grow/sunflower> Happy growing and good luck.

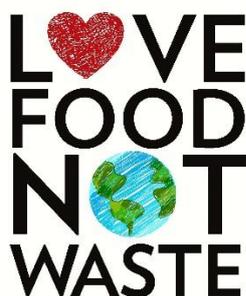
## Tax Free childcare

We have a few new parents that may find this useful so I'll put this out there again for all. If you are working and not using childcare vouchers through your work place then you may well be entitled to tax-free childcare. If you are eligible then you will be able to set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into the account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider (nursery). It really is easy to set up and will save you hundreds of pounds each year.

More information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare> You can also get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as claiming 30 hours childcare if you're eligible for both.



## Community Fridge and Freezer



Thank you to everyone that uses our Community Fridge and Freezer at nursery. We are so pleased that it gets emptied, and the food is used and not wasted. Please don't be shy, come in and have a look- you are doing your bit for the environment and stopping the food going to landfill. You can freeze a lot of the food or share out with others to stop it spoiling. Any hints and tips you have please feel free to share with us or if anyone would like to get involved then give us a shout. Jackie and Claire do a great job keeping it stocked up and rotated but any help is always welcome.

## Diary Dates and information

- Link to this week's menu:  
[http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Summer\\_Term\\_2021\\_Week\\_1\\_Menu.pdf](http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Summer_Term_2021_Week_1_Menu.pdf)
- Link to our: Sun safety policy:  
[http://telfordnurseries.org/files/policies/Sun\\_Safety\\_Policy.pdf](http://telfordnurseries.org/files/policies/Sun_Safety_Policy.pdf)
- Nursery closed Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May for Bank Holiday
- Nursery closed Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May for Bank Holiday

Yours sincerely

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