



Dear Parents and carers

1 November 2021

What a wonderful week we had last week in nursery- lots of Halloween and pumpkin fun. The children enjoyed their party on Friday as they were able to express themselves in their creative and great costumes.



This week is all about 'Fire', so we will be talking about fireworks and how to keep ourselves safe. We will also be making some Yorkshire parkin and learning some new counting songs too. At Forest School children will be treated to a campfire so they can toast their own marshmallows and learn fist hand about fire safety and its benefits.

Exciting changes in nursery

We feel very fortunate at the moment to have a handy man in nursery two days a week. My husband Paul has created his own business and went self-employed over the Summer. He is now enjoying his job carrying out maintenance services to local businesses including us- he also helps us at Forest School and fetches our shopping too! Having Paul in the setting has been great for the children as a positive male role model but also great for the nursery itself. Paul is working his way through the endless list of jobs and enhancing our environment no end. We have seen him build water stands, music walls, sandpits, climbing towers and digging areas to name a few of the children's resources. He's also been busy painting, tidying and fixing anything and everything. It is lovely to see staff ideas coming into fruition and the children making the most of their learning environment.



Parent Questionnaire

At least once a year we send out a questionnaire to parents. Feedback is always valued here at nursery; we love hearing your ideas and thoughts on how we could improve and also feedback on what you think we do well. We would really appreciate it if you could take 5 minutes (it won't take more than that I promise) to complete our survey. All responses are anonymous but will help us immensely with evaluating our services to you.



Link to questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/ephFJCYo8Lnve9g69>

Funded Hours

This is a shout out to preschool and toddler children who turn three before Christmas. After Christmas you will be entitled to some government funding towards your nursery fee's. Whether you are entitled to 15 or 30 hours depends on numerous factors but mainly your working status. We are finding most parents are entitled to the 30 hours, so our preschool room is currently booming. Jackie and I, are

30 HOURS
FUNDED CHILDCARE

starting to plan our staffing for next term, so we could do with knowing if anyone will be wanting more hours or days in our preschool so we can get the sessions booked in. So, when you get 5 minutes, please do take the time to check you eligibility at <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare> If you are issued a code then please send it our way and we can then discuss what sessions you want

and what we can accommodate. Any questions then please do ask. Funding can be complicated to set up but once in place it runs like a dream and will save you lots of money.

Also, a shout out to all those parents currently in receipt of 30 hours funding- don't forget to keep renewing your code every three months otherwise your funding will stop. We don't need the code forwarding on to us as each code is the same, but it does need to be validated by you each term to keep it working.

Photo money

We still have some photo money outstanding here at nursery. Please do return the money this week as Mr Finlay is due in to collect his payment and any reorders that have been made. Nursery is unable to subsidise any unpaid photo packs so charges will be made to your invoices next week if left unpaid.



Forest School



Just a heads up to preschool parents whose children are due to attend Forest School this term. A letter will be sent out to you this week highlighting which group your child has been allocated and appropriate clothing needed for outdoor learning. Any questions please email nursery or speak to the preschool staff.

And so, the adventure begins.....

Diary Dates and information

- Link to this week's menu:
http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Autumn_Term_2021_Week_8_Menu.pdf
- Christmas opening: Closed Monday 27 December – Monday 3 January. Term time children break up Friday 17 December and return Wednesday 5 January.

Yours sincerely

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