



Dear Parents and carers

20 July 2020

Wow, we are now at the start of the Summer holidays- where did they come from? Last week was a bit emotional for us as we said goodbye to some of our preschool children. Many of the children that left have been with us since they were babies, so it's fair to say nursery will miss them and their families very much. Thank you to the preschool team for organising daily parties last week and giving the children a good send off. We are sad that we were not able to partake in our usual graduation celebrations this year- as it's usually a fantastic way to end nursery life but we are confident the children have had fun and they will have many happy memories from their time at nursery. We are fortunate enough to still have some school leavers stay with us through the Summer, so we will continue to offer them some great learning experiences and lots of lots of fun until they leave for school.

#### Raffle grand total

Thank you soooo much to everyone that helped with our Summer raffle, we raised a fantastic £568. We had some fab prizes donated and so much support. We are so pleased and just grateful to everyone that bought tickets and sold on our behalf. A special thank you must go out to Willow café and our fundraising trustee Claire Dinwiddy for organising the event. We are looking forward to helping the children choose something to buy for the new playground.

#### Dinners

We are delighted to announce that we will be serving hot dinners again from the start of this week. In conjunction with our neighbours Willow café we will be able to offer the children a cooked dinner daily. If you have not seen the information regarding dinners, then information can be found by following the link below. Any questions please do just ask.  
<http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Lunches Letter 16 July 2020.pdf>

#### Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone that completed our parent questionnaire a few weeks back. We had a great response- twice as many people completed the electronic version this year than the paper version last year. The results that have emerged have really given us a confidence boost- 100% of you said that you were very happy with the service we provide and that your child enjoys coming to nursery. Also that you all felt involved in the nursery and loved the range of activities we offered the children. Again, you all felt that we communicated really well and that we have a friendly and approachable staff team. Thank you for the feedback it really does help us evaluate what we do and feeds well into our improving quality accreditation scheme that we are working towards.

#### Welcome

We have not one, not two but three new staff members joining our team for the Summer. This is unprecedented for us to have such a high intake of staff given that our staff turnover is non-existent. We have had to take on extra staff to help manage the bubbles of children we currently have in

nursery. The additional staffing is needed to help us ensure that our bubbles are robust and do not crossover with each other. This will ultimately protect the children and staff within nursery. So we are pleased to welcome Liz, Demi and Beth to the team. Liz used to work at our nursery a few years back when she completed her apprenticeship with us, she is joining the toddler team. Demi and Beth are new to the setting but both come with experiences and knowledge that we can't wait to learn from and they both join the preschool and holiday club bubble.

Soon we will be welcoming back Jenni and Amy, who have both been shielding and hopefully Sue will be back from maternity too. Lucy on the other hand is soon to be going on maternity leave, so she will not be returning till next year. So, it's all go in our little team at the moment.

### 30 Hour funding

If your child is due to turn 3 before the end of August this year, then you may be entitled to extra funding. Your eligibility depends on:

- if you are working
- your income (and your partner's income if you have one)
- your child's age and circumstances
- your immigration status

For more information about the scheme please go to <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

If you have any questions about the hours, your entitlement or queries on how hours are used at nursery then please email the nursery [halesfield@telfordnurseries.org](mailto:halesfield@telfordnurseries.org) and we will be more than help to help. Codes issued for funding must be with us before the end of August for funding to be applied.

Yours sincerely



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