



Dear Parents and carers

21 March 2022

We had a gorgeous week last week in nursery. Lots of sunshine and smiles. The children have been fascinated with the bean themed activities set up for them to explore. From eating them, playing with them, planting them, and painting them- the children have really enjoyed this learning. Preschool made a giant bean stalk and focussed on the 'Jack and the beanstalk' book, and then acted it out to everyone too. Now is a great time to get planting things with your children if you can, to watch them grow through Spring and through to the Summer- catch their curiosity whilst it's there.

This week we are so excited that our chick eggs are arriving at nursery. I'm sure there will be regular updates on Facebook and not to mention from the children. This is just such a wonderful learning experience for the children- they learn first hand about lifecycles and how to care for growing animals. Please prepare yourselves for cute photos this week!!



### **Clothes bank**



Our clothes bank on the driveway is nearly full again. Thank you to all who have put textiles in over the last month. A few more bags and we will be able to arrange collection and receive payment for the clothes. So please feel free to have a good sort out and top it up for us. As always money will be spent directly on resources for the children.

### **Community Book Library**

It is so good to see the children using our outdoor book library. We are hoping to revamp the library as it does need a spruce up but please don't overlook it. The old filing cabinet by the preschool gate contains lots of books for all age ranges. The children are invited to borrow books to take home and read when ever they want to. We know the preschool use this facility lots, but it is for everyone so please feel free to use it. The intention is to help children become excited about books and start the love of reading.



### **EYPDP**

Huge congratulations to all our staff that have undertaken their Early Years Professional Development Programme training- otherwise known as Communication Counts. Staff were awarded their certificates last week and praised for their hard work and commitment. Helen and Jackie still have one more assignment to complete before our nursery can be awarded the prestigious "Communication Friendly Setting Status" but we are so close. Well done everyone at Halesfield- what an incredible team.



### Communication Board

On the subject of communication, we had a wonderful communication board donated to us last week. A lovely lady called Yaz fundraises money to buy these communication boards for settings and schools to use with children in their outdoor areas. We can't wait to put the board up and start using it with the children. Visuals are great for helping children develop their speech and language and supports those that have an ongoing difficulties too so we know this will be a great asset to our outside area. Thank you Yaz and the charity "Finding Charlie's Voice" for creating and organising the board. Also thank you to Luca's mum for nominating us and getting us involved.

### Ukraine donations

We as a nursery would like to get involved and help the fleeing refugees of Ukraine. We are aware that they are in desperate need of donations to help them get through the worst of times. If you would like to donate to this then please refer to the wish list below. We will have a collection box in the foyer from Monday and will arrange for donations to be dropped off at collection points next weekend.



**DONATIONS LIST: Batteries, colouring books, crayons, torches, candles, ladies sanitary wear, nappies, wet wipes, baby food bottles and formula, Calpol, Paracetamol, First aid kits, dressings, plasters,**

### COVID-19 Update

Last week we had two confirmed COVID cases in our preschool room. These were children and not staff. It's clear the virus is very much still prevalent around Telford and Wrekin with numbers being high again, so we know it is still a worry for many. Nursery has updated their policies to co-inside with the government guidelines. These can be found using this link: <http://telfordnurseries.org/files/policies/COVID%20RA.pdf>

The main points to remember though are:

- If your child has one of the three main symptoms: continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste then they must take a PCR test. If negative children can return straight away. If positive, then we ask that children remain at home for the required isolation period to ensure the virus is not spread around the nursery setting.
- Children can still come into nursery if a family member at home has COVID, however they will be sent home immediately for a PCR test if they display any of the 3 main symptoms.
- Children who are absent from nursery because they have COVID themselves will still be charged as normal as the illness period will be treated normally as per our sickness policy.

If you have any concerns or worries, then please do contact the nursery. We are hopeful that things are starting to return to normal but appreciate it is still uncertain times and things are always likely to change.

### Fee Increases

A few weeks ago we issued the new fee increases coming into effect in nursery from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Here is the link in case you missed it:

[http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Nursery\\_price\\_list\\_April\\_2022.pdf](http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Nursery_price_list_April_2022.pdf) Any questions or worries then please do email nursery to discuss.

### **Forest School**

It's Group B's turn for Forest school this Monday. The woodland session will be in the morning as we have Music Minors in the afternoon.

Group	Date
A	14 March
B	21 March
A	28 March
B	4 April



### **Holiday dates**

Please let us know if you have any up-and-coming holiday dates when your child won't be in nursery. This helps us fit in any children that require additional sessions and also manage invoices correctly by sorting the credit in advance. It also helps us with staffing and planning staff annual leave so it's very useful for us to have dates in advance.

### **Diary Dates and information**

- Link to this week's menu:  
[http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Spring\\_Term\\_2022\\_Week\\_11\\_Menu.pdf](http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Spring_Term_2022_Week_11_Menu.pdf)
- Preschool Easter Concert 3.30pm Friday 8 April@ St Andrews Church- more details to follow.
- Easter Holidays 10 April – 22 April 2022
- Closed Easter Monday 18 April
- Closed May bank holiday Monday 2 May
- Closed Thursday 2 June and Friday 3 June- Queens Jubilee.

Yours sincerely



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