



Dear Parents and carers

21 September 2020

Last week was fun, we had a fantastic week with lots going on particularly outdoors. From Music Minors, daily mile runs and nature walks the children have been getting out as much as possible with all this fab weather. We are making great use of the new outdoor building on the playground as well as our canopies- these are proving so useful with all the random weather we have. We feel so fortunate to have so much outdoor space that we can use during all weathers, it really gives the children a chance to enjoy being outdoors.

### Software Issues

Apologies for the computer software meltdown at the start of the week. When we went to log onto our register systems on Monday morning, we were unable to access our data. After a few stressful phone calls, we established it was a national problem and thankfully our data wasn't lost forever. Although it took our provider longer than anticipated to get it sorted, we are extremely grateful to have it restored and back up and running.

### Doorbells

This week we have introduced doorbells to our gate entrances. This is to help staff hear parents when they arrive to drop off and collect. We're pretty sure we will have to keep using the temporary class doors for a longer than we initially anticipated. Please bear with us if you ring and we are not immediately with you. It's fair to say we really miss parents being able to come into the setting and collect their children but we know this is the safest way for everyone at the moment.



### Corona virus Update

Thankfully, we have yet to have anyone connected with the setting test positive for the virus, however we are seeing an increasing level of poorly children in nursery now. This is to be expected at this time of year as settings often see an increase in illnesses as the Winter months draw in. The difficulty we have is deciphering whether a child has coronavirus or just a general illness. This is obviously something we cannot determine without a test so should a child develop symptoms then we will request a test to be completed before they return. We have had to run through this procedure a few times this week and thankfully all the results were negative and parents have been both efficient and understanding. Unfortunately we know this is going to be such a common occurrence over the next few months- something we will all have to go through at some point. Should a child or staff member test positive we will of course let you know and following the guidelines accordingly. If you require any more information or have any concerns then please contact the nursery, we want to keep everyone safe and well and are taking our responsibilities very seriously.

### Half term dates



We can't believe how fast October half term is approaching. Half term is week commencing 26 October. Term time funded children are not due in that week, this is children that receive 2-year old funding or universal 15 hours in the toddler room and preschool. If you are unsure or would like to book your child in for extra sessions then please do email the nursery to check and confirm [halesfield@telfordnursery.org](mailto:halesfield@telfordnursery.org).

## Harvest Festival, food collection



Our Collection box in the foyer for the Telford Food bank is starting to fill up now. Thank you to all those that have put in so far. The food we collect will be given to the food bank and shared with local families who are in need. Any food lurking in the back of your cupboards would be gratefully received- just pop in the box in the foyer please.

## Community Fridge

We hope everyone enjoyed the Gin and Tonic flavoured Muller Light yoghurts last week- these were definitely an acquired taste! Now the food share has moved premises we are finding they are able to supply us with a bigger variety of foods for the fridge. They also provide the nursery with lots of snacks too, such as fruit, bread, yoghurts and cakes which we are so grateful for. We love being able to offer the children a diverse range of foods and the fact we are helping to reduce food waste to is an amazing bonus.

## Madeley Orchard

Permission slips for our trips to Madeley Orchard should have been handed out last week. Trips are planned for the three Thursdays leading up to half term. If your child has had a letter, then please make sure you return the completed permission slip to us if you want them to go. We are taking two groups of preschool children and one group of toddlers this term. Next term we will change the day so that everyone will hopefully get a turn before Christmas- so please don't panic if your child is going on one of this term's visits.



## Diary Dates and information

- Music Minors sessions- every Monday morning
- Link to this week's menu:  
[http://telfordnursery.org/files/Autumn\\_Term\\_2020\\_Week\\_4.pdf](http://telfordnursery.org/files/Autumn_Term_2020_Week_4.pdf)
- Harvest festival- collection for the food bank Friday 25 September
- Half term Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30 October 2020

Yours sincerely

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