



Dear Parents and carers

25 April 2022

Welcome back. We hope everyone has had some time off over Easter and enjoyed the lovely weather. We had a quiet couple of weeks in nursery, but the children have had a great time and have even earned themselves another Hygge Badge in the process. Well done everyone, that's great work.

We'd like to say a warm welcome to our new families that have recently joined us. We are now in the final term of the academic year. It is always a busy one here at nursery and this year is proving to be no different. The nursery is full, we have lots of fun planned over the next 12 weeks and hopefully the sunshine will keep us going along the way. As always, any questions or concerns, please contact the nursery via phone or email halesfield@telfordnurseries.org – we are always around to help.

Sing and Sign

As mentioned at the end of last term we have decided to have a break from Music Minors for a while and start something new. This week staff and children will commence with our new Sing and Sign programme. We are very excited about this and look forward to learning more sign language and how we can use signing to develop children's speech and language. This week we are learning some of the basic signs such as, more, eat, and drink as well as some farm animals. We look forward to sharing this with you over the next few months.



Family App

Things are changing with the way we communicate. When COVID came along we were not prepared at all to take everything digital- so in hast we took to emails and Facebook as our main communications. We appreciate although it does work, it is not ideal and there are easier more reliable ways to ensure we reach every parent. Anyway, we have been looking into parent communication apps for a while now and feel we are ready to take the plunge.



This week and next, we will be sending out links to parents through an App called Family. The link will explain everything you need to do to sign up. Initially we only intend to use the app for communication, so your newsletter will go in there, the menu and any parent notices or reminders. It does have the facility to do invoices through the app and also to track children's development logs. We may use these in the future but for now we just want to focus on the communication aspect of the app and get that right first. So please if you get the chance, sign up and have a look through. Once we have everyone on board, we will start using the app. Please let us know your thoughts if it works better or not. We want to make it easier to communicate with parents and vice versa.

Rag Bin



Thank you to everyone that helped fill up our textile bin last term. The nursery received £46.20 as a result, so that's fab. Please keep filling it for us. We have bags in the foyer you can use however, clothes can be put in any bag and thrown in. A list of what they accept is available here <https://www.recycle4school.org.uk/items-we-accept/>

We used the money to buy all the Easter craft goodies we needed for our projects. It also paid for all the prizes given out for the colouring competition and Easter Bonnets. So it was a huge help.

Farm on wheels

On Friday 13 May we have booked a lovely surprise for the children- the farm on wheels is coming to nursery, yipee.. This is something we have never done before but are very excited about. They have a variety of animals they bring to meet the children. They can get up close and personal and learn first hand about the animals. All the children in on the Friday will get the chance to meet the animals as part of their morning in nursery. If your child is not in on the day then please feel free to pop down if want to, so your child doesn't miss out on the opportunity. They will be with us 9.30am till 11.30 am. We're not sure what animals are visiting yet but if you look on their Facebook page "@thefarmonwheels" you can see they have a lot to choose from.



Bake Sale

Calling all bakers. We need your help please. On Thursday 5 May (next Thursday), nursery will be holding a bake sale to raise funds for – yes you guessed it, the Farm on wheels.. The visit is set to cost us just over £200, so we are hoping to raise some money to pay towards the experience. As a charity setting, we are not shy to a bit of fundraising and have always had great support from parents. We have had bake sales in the past and they have been exceptional and raised lots of money. We try to get the children involved as much as possible as they enjoy it and learn first hand about fundraising and community. They will of course be baking cakes in nursery to.



So please feel free to make some cakes for the day and most definitely please come along and purchase some cakes to take home.

Childrens Jubilee Concert

As we had to cancel our preschoolers Easter concert last term we have set up a new date to visit church and do all the fun things we missed out on. The new date is Monday 23 May and will be held at St Andrews Church in Shifnal. We will put all the information together and consent forms in the next couple of weeks but for now, please save the date in your diary. It will be the same time as planned before- so parents are able to arrive to church at 3.30pm to watch the show (the show we are yet to decide on!!)



Jubilee tea towel



To help commemorate the Queen's Jubilee, we wanted to get the children involved, so last term we put together a Jubilee tea-towel with all the childrens drawings and hand prints on. This is the finished article and it is just so lovely and a fabulous keepsake or gift. We have 150 of these and will be selling these this term.

The cost is 1 for £6 or 2 for £10

They will be sold on a first come first serve basis and once they are gone, they are gone. Cash can be brought into nursery for these and staff will be able to give you the tea towels when payment is received. Please do speak to us if you have any queries. We'll pop one outside this week for everyone to view at drop off and collection.

Forest School

This will be taking place on a Tuesday this term. Permissions and learning groups have been sent out to preschool parents, so please return them if you haven't done so already. This is such a fab learning opportunity for the children and really does help them develop their self confidence, skills and independence. Group A, will start next Tuesday. Please make sure your child has spare clothes to change into and extra layers to wear at forest school if you can please. It is always much cooler in the woods due to the shade and gusts of wind.



Drop off and collection procedures

Before COVID, parents were able to access the nursery at any point via the front door using a fingerprint code. This did work well and meant that staff didn't have to keep getting up for the door so children's learning wasn't interrupted often. We are now considering this again so it would be very useful to us to find out parents views.

We know some parents find it easier dropping off at the gate as quicker and children tend to be less clingy, others want to come in and have a chat and pop their child's things on their peg. It may well be that we start internal collection and drop off with the babies initially and build up to the other rooms. Anyway, please let us know your thoughts so we help meet your needs and expectations. Here is the link for the questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/knkmhMWnBwSyoBnd7> If you would like to partake, then please complete by the end of the week.

Diary Dates and information

- Link to this week's menu:
[http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Summer Term 2022 Week 1 Menu.pdf](http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Summer_Term_2022_Week_1_Menu.pdf)
- Closed May bank holiday Monday 2 May
- Cake sale- Thursday 5 May
- Farm on wheels visit- Friday 13 May
- Preschool Jubilee show Monday 23 May
- Closed Thursday 2 June and Friday 3 June- Queens Jubilee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Helen Childs'.

Helen Childs
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