



Dear Parents and carers

28 February 2022

We had a fantastic week for half term. Due to nursery being fairly quiet we had lots going on including an outdoor expedition to Holmer lake for preschool. We have oodles planned for this term including Music Minor lessons, Forest school sessions, trips to St Andrews church, lots of Easter celebrations and of course we have our chick eggs being delivered too. We always welcome ideas and love having visitors in our setting as we find they enhance the children's learning experiences- so any suggestions are always welcomed.

### Fee Increases

The trustees have reviewed our current fee structure and I'm sure it comes with no surprise that nursery fees are needing to be increased. Below is a summary of the fee increases. The fees are set to go up by less than 4% from **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April**, we feel this is very reasonable as the living wage itself is going up by 6.6% never mind the rising costs of utility prices and consumables, such as food and resources. We felt the increase was necessary to keep the nursery sustainable and running smoothly but appreciate the increases may prove difficult for some families- if this is the case and you are worried about finances then please as always speak to a member of staff. We can signpost you to additional help and offer support if needed. Any questions then please do contact the nursery [halesfield@telfordnurseries.org](mailto:halesfield@telfordnurseries.org)



Session	Individual Session	Weekly Fee
<b>Full day: 7.30am to 6pm</b> - includes breakfast, morning snack, 2 course lunch, afternoon snack and fresh milk	£40.00	£190.00
<b>Short day: any 7 hours between 8am and 4pm</b> - includes breakfast, morning snack, 2 course lunch, afternoon snack and fresh milk	£33.30	£156.50
<b>Morning: 7.30am- 12pm</b> – Includes breakfast, morning snack and milk	£22.00	£105.00
<b>Morning with lunch: 7.30am-1pm</b> - includes breakfast, morning snack and a 2 course lunch including milk	£27.00	£130.00
<b>Afternoon: 1pm-5.30pm</b> - includes afternoon snack and milk	£22.00	£105.00
<b>Hourly rate</b> – any additional hours added to a session	£5.50	
<b>Term time only places</b>	+ 10%	
<b>2 Year old funded and preschool 15 hour universal funded sessions</b> - If attending over the lunch period a charge of £2.00 for dinner will be added to your account	FREE up to 15 hours a week (8.30am-4pm)	
<b>Sibling discount</b>	10% discount on second (and third) child's fees	

### 30 Hour Funded Places

We have several options on how you could utilise your 30 hours funding entitlement.

- It can be used term time only (30 hours per week) or across the year (22.35 hours per week)
  - You can have flexible 10 hour days- anytime between 7.30am and 6pm (at a cost £3.50 each for snacks and dinner)
  - Or a set 7.5 hour day- 8.30am-4pm (cost £2.00 each)
- Any additional hours required will be charged at £2.50 per half hour as set out below and must be booked in advance:

7.30am – 8.00am	8.00am – 8.30am	8.30am – 4.00pm	4.00pm – 4.30pm	4.30pm – 5.00pm	5.00pm – 5.30pm	5.30pm – 6.00pm
£2.50	£2.50	£2.00 LUNCH	£2.50	£2.50	£2.50	£2.50

### Invoices



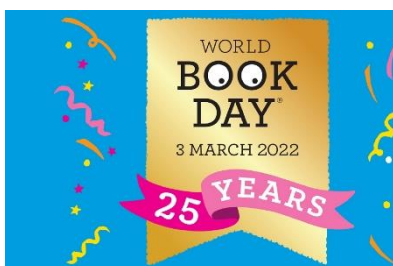
On the subject of finances and invoices, we have had some trouble with our invoice system recently. Invoices have been going missing or have not being updated thus showing the wrong balances outstanding. Everyone will now have a received an invoice for the week or month ahead and it should say at the bottom the balance owed. Please do contact nursery if this is not the case or you believe it to be wrong. Please note, monthly bills will be slightly higher this month as it is a 5 week month.

### Music Minors

We have Music Minors sessions back again this term. Rachel will be back in nursery on Monday afternoons working with the preschool and toddler children. We absolutely love these fun filled sessions. The children have really got the hang of the lessons and are able to predict what comes next, the sessions are great for developing musical understanding as well as developing Speech and Language skills.



### World Book day celebrations



This year World Book day is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Not a year goes by where we don't recognise such an important day however we don't tend to celebrate in elaborate ways that cause inconvenience and stress to parents such as fancy costumes that cost a fortune, are not eco friendly and are often hard to find in the correct size!!

This year we are encouraging children to bring in their favourite book into nursery so they can share it with their friends. We are encouraging children to bring in a book everyday (please label with child's name) and we will read through the books with the children and their friends. We will be trying to find the most unusual place in nursery to read a book- just to prove that you can enjoy a book anywhere and at any time.

### Forest School

Forest school is back next Monday. Thanks to storm Eunice and Franklin we need to risk assess our site this week before we can use it again. We have lots of waterproofs in nursery, so we are going to try and use our supplies to limit the amount of washing going home with parents to see if that makes the transition back into class easier to manage. Please do

remember to send your child with an entire spare change of clothes to nursery though, as it is likely they will need them at some point. Below is a summary of the dates and groups for the remainder of the term

Group	Date
A	31 January
B	7 February
A	14 February
B	7 March
A	14 March
B	21 March
A	28 March
B	4 April



### COVID Updates



Over half term we saw the update of COVID guidelines and isolation recommendations. Having reviewed our policies, we have decided to remain pretty much the same as before for the time being. This is because we know they work and help prevent the spread of COVID in our setting. To summarise here are the main points for you to remember:

- If a child or staff member displays one of the main three symptoms of COVID-19 then they must remain off nursery and take a test to confirm. If the test is negative, then the individual can return to nursery providing they are well enough to do so.
- If the individual is positive, then they will need to continue along the lines of two negative LFD's will allow them back into nursery.
- We have removed the stipulation from nursery policy that if a member of the household tests positive then an individual cannot attend nursery. They can now attend but should they display any COVID-19 symptoms then they will be sent home for a PCR test immediately and must await results before returning to nursery.

We appreciate that it is no longer a legal requirement to isolate should you test positive however we do have a duty of care to protect the children, staff and their families, so feel we should continue to be cautious for the time being. We understand the yearning for everything to be back to normal like pre-covid, but we are still a bit away from this right now. We hope our reasoning is understandable and it doesn't inconvenience anyone too much.

### Bank holidays

We have reviewed our Bank holidays and opening hours to co-inside with the change of dates for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. Here is the list of dates that nursery will be closed. Please note, when we are closed for bank holidays, there are no charges to parents. To confirm we are open for Good Friday as normal.



- Monday 18th April – Easter Monday
- Monday 2nd May – Early May bank holiday
- Thursday 2nd June – Spring bank holiday (moved from Monday 30th May)
- Friday 3rd June – Platinum Jubilee bank holiday (new date)
- Monday 29th August – Summer bank holiday

### **Diary Dates and information**

- Link to this week's menu:  
[http://telfordnursery.org/files/Spring\\_Term\\_2022\\_Week\\_8\\_Menu.pdf](http://telfordnursery.org/files/Spring_Term_2022_Week_8_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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