



Dear Parents and carers

28 March 2022

Wow- we absolutely loved watching the chicks hatch out of their eggs last week. It is just such an amazing first-hand learning experience for the children. We had 6 out of the 10 eggs hatch, 3 girls and 3 boys. This week the children will be able to hold them as well, which we know they will just love. We have homes for the 3 girl chicks but if anyone would like any of the boy chicks then please let us know in nursery before the end of the week.

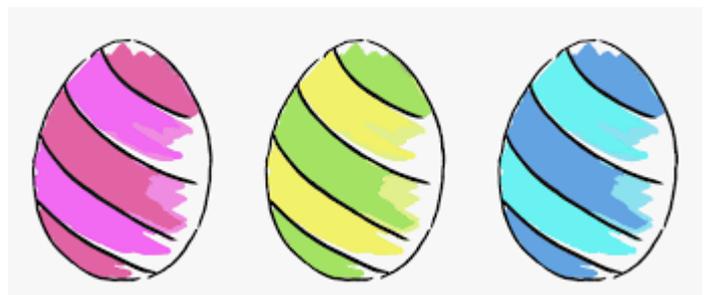


Clothes bank

Thank you everyone for helping fill up our clothes bank on the driveway. It is overflowing now and will be collected on Wednesday this week. Please feel free to fill it up again with any textiles you no longer require.

Easter Activities

We love celebrating different festivals at nursery, and Easter is definitely up there as one of our favourites- might have something to do with the excuse to eat chocolate I guess!! Anyway we have a bit planned for the children to get involved with, if they want to.



Firstly we have our Easter Bonnet parade which is being held on **Wednesday 6 April**. All children are welcome to bring in an Easter bonnet either on the day or through the week. On the day we will hold a fun parade and judge bonnets on their uniqueness. Every entry will receive a prize and a certificate so it's worth taking part but more importantly have fun making one with your child. It's the process not the end product that really matters.

We also have our trip to church on **Friday 8 April**. Permission slips have been

sent out last week, so please complete and return if you would like your child to be involved. It is lovely for the children to visit the church and get involved in the fun Easter activities we have on offer.

Finally, we are also launching an Easter Competition for the children. We will be sending home a blank egg template this week with children. Their mission is to decorate the egg in any way. They may paint, chalk, colour or collage to name a few ways. It's not compulsory, just a bit of fun. We will display all the entries in our hallway so children can see their work displayed and show their friends. Closing date is Wednesday 6 April.

Sun safety

Due to the rather unexpected sunny weather we thought we'd best dig out our Sun Safety policy, review and make poignant again. We are very stringent when it comes to the sun's rays as we know how damaging it can be. It's great to teach children young how to keep themselves safe especially with UV levels getting higher each year. We check the UV levels daily and when they reach a UV level of 3, we will apply sunscreen to children and sun hats. As it gets hotter we will limit our time outdoors during the middle of the day when the sun is at its hottest and strongest.



We do have sunhats in nursery although it is easier when children have their own. We also have sun cream in nursery. We always use above factor 30 on children. Parents are welcome to bring in children's own sun creams, we will label them up with your child's name and use it just for them.

Below is our sun safety policy:

3.6 Sun safety

At Halesfield Day Nursery we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and will work collaboratively to ensure this happens during each session. We will educate children, staff and parents about sun safety, and ensure that we have the procedures and equipment to enable children to enjoy time in the sun safely.

Education

Staff will set time aside for sun safety topics to be discussed, empowering children with information/understanding of how to stay safe in the sun. This will be done at appropriate developmental levels, using the sun smart resources available.

Parents will be directed to sun protection information, so they can help ensure that this remains a 'normal' process for children to follow during hot weather: wearing a sun hat, applying sun cream, knowing to stay in the shade when possible.

Protection

Staff will ensure that more shaded areas are available in the nursery garden for children to play in. We will use dens, tents and other resources already in the garden, such as the stables and canopies which give natural shade, as well as the playhouses and shade sails.

We will schedule outside play for the beginning of the day, from 8.30am to 10.45am to allow open ended explorations in the garden before the sun reaches optimum heat, usually around 11-3. During these times, if we

are outside, we will encourage children to use shaded areas, ensure hats are worn and sun cream is regularly applied.

During hot weather, children will be given drinks of water more frequently, and they will be encouraged, as always, to independently pour a drink for themselves from the designated drinking area whenever they would like one. This will be reinforced at group times.

Clothing

We ask that parents provide a sun hat for their child, which is clearly labelled with their name. We have some spares at the setting if needed for emergencies. Sunglasses are encouraged to be used to protect eyes from the UV rays. Staff will be encouraged to wear hats in the summer months to model and reinforce the need to do this.

Sun cream

Staff will apply sun cream onto children at least 20 minutes before they are due to go outside. We will use no less than factor 30 and will reapply to children as necessary throughout the nursery day. Staff will keep a record of when cream was applied and sign to say that it has been done correctly. Parents are welcome to bring in their own sun cream for their child, this will need to be clearly labelled and also be a good factor for staff to use.

Madeley Matters Magazine

Once again, we have a lovely article in Madeley Matters. This time it is all about the toddlers and the success of our Bird Watch back in January. We will try and acquire some copies for the nursery foyer but look out for them in local superstores such as Tesco, Lidl and Aldi.

Ukraine donations

Thank you so much to everyone who popped donations in our Ukraine donations box. It was full and overflowing by the end of the week. We will now get that packaged up and sent off to Poland to help the refugees fleeing Ukraine. Your help will make a difference to someone's life- so well done.



Fee Increases

Next week fee's will be going up in nursery. Here is the link in case you missed it:

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 A's turn for Forest school this Monday. The woodland session will be in the morning as we have Music Minors in the afternoon. Next term Forest school will be running on Tuesday's, permission slips will be sent out later this week and the groups allocated the following week.



Group	Date
A	28 March
B	4 April

Holiday dates including Good Friday

Thank you to everyone that has been sending over holiday dates for the upcoming months. It really does help us plan our staffing, allow children to do extra days and also to get invoices correct. Just a

reminder that we are open Good Friday as normal- if your child will not be in then please let us know so we can credit the holiday for you.

Diary Dates and information

- Link to this week's menu:
http://telfordnursery.org/files/Spring_Term_2022_Week_12_Menu.pdf
- Easter Bonnet Parade: Wednesday 6 April
- 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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