



Dear Parents and carers

29 March 2021

Last week we had yet another fantastic week with the chicks being in nursery. Every child has met the chicks with most choosing to hold and stroke them- it really is such a lovely learning experience and we're so pleased to offer this to children. Every child will be receiving a certificate to reward them for their excellent caring skills and good handling of the chicks- if your child has not had theirs yet then please do ask.

As always, we had lots of other great learning activities on offer last week too, including lots of outdoor risky play, water fun and creative pursuits. Its so good to be outdoors more now and enjoying the sunshine. The staff are just starting to redesign the outdoor area ready for Summer- as it is still a bit bare following the fire. We are hoping to get some planting in and some new play apparatus over the next month, so it should start to develop into a great learning environment.



Easter

We seriously can't believe we're on the countdown to Easter this week- where is the time going? We have lots of fun things happening this week for the children to celebrate and recognise the importance of Easter. Children are welcome to make an Easter bonnet or crown for our parades' this week. All entries need to be in by Thursday 1st April. Don't worry if your child's not in that day, they will still be judged and children recognised for their efforts. Entry is free and all children will receive a prize.



We also have our Easter egg colouring competition. Again this is free for the children to enter, just return your completed colouring sheet to be entered into the competition. We have prizes for the best entries from each age group. These also need to be in by Thursday 1st April.

Finally, we have our Easter raffle running this week. Tickets are £1 and your welcome to purchase as many as you want. The raffle will be drawn and the winners announced on Thursday 1st April. All proceeds will be put towards Music lessons for the children, next term. Just ask a member of staff if you want to purchase a ticket. Thank you again Claire for putting the prizes together- they look amazing.



Staff News



Congratulations to our Brogan who announced to the children last week that she was expecting a baby girl in August. The children loved celebrating her baby reveal with her on Thursday and are very excited to meet Brogan's new baby.

We are excited to announce that Jenni is set to return to nursery this week (woohooo). Jenni has been shielding due to COVID so it's been a while since she has been back properly in nursery. Jenni will be returning to preschool full time to work with Sue, Michelle, Becky and Chloe. Due to the staff changes, Brogan is set to move down to the toddler room now to support them at the end of the week when they are most busy.

We also want to send some love to Kim from the toddlers. She is having surgery on her knee this week. Kim has suffered with her knees for a long time now, so it's a relief for her to finally receive the surgery she needs. Good luck Kim, we hope you have a speedy recovery and are back working with us soon.



Sunflower Fun



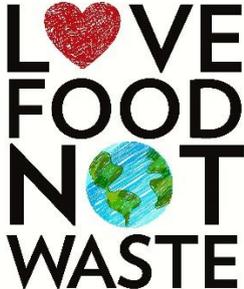
This week all the children will receive a free packet of sunflower seeds from nursery. We would love you all to plant the seeds with your children and watch them grow over the Summer. As your sunflowers grow, please feel free to share the journey with us and send your photos to halesfield@telfordnurseries.org. Let's see who from nursery can grow the largest sunflower this Summer. Further information including planting advice can be found at: <https://www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/gardening-children-schools/family-activities/grow-it/grow/sunflower> Happy growing and good luck.

Like a sunflower: "Be bright, sunny and positive. Spread seeds of happiness. Rise and shine and hold your head high".

COVID-19 Update

Thank you to all those parents that completed our questionnaire on Microsoft Forms last week. We had a fair few replies which we are working through and amending bookings accordingly. If you need longer days after Easter or would like to change any of your session's, then please email the nursery to confirm the changes please halesfield@telfordnurseries.org

Community Fridge and Freezer



Thank you to everyone that uses our Community Fridge and Freezer at nursery. We are so pleased that it gets emptied, and the food is used and not wasted. Please don't be shy, come in and have a look- you are doing your bit for the environment and stopping the food going to landfill. You can freeze a lot of the food or share out with others to stop it spoiling. Any hints and tips you have please feel free to share with us or if anyone would like to get involved then give us a shout. Jackie and Claire do a great job keeping it stocked up and rotated but any help is always welcome.

Diary Dates and information

- Link to this week's menu
http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Spring_Term_2021_Week_12_Menu.pdf
- Link to our: Employed staff and volunteers policy
<http://telfordnurseries.org/files/policies/2.1%20Employed%20staff%20and%20volunteers.pdf>
- Easter dates: Term time children break up Thursday 1st April back Monday 19th April. Nursery open as usual Good Friday but closed Bank Holiday Monday 5th April.

Yours sincerely

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