



Dear Parents and carers

29 November 2021

We had lots of fun looking at light, dark and shadows last week. This has been great as the fairy lights, torches, projectors and lightboxes have been put to good use. The babies in particular have been fascinated and have decided to extend this topic further into the darker months due to the children's interest. Well done Baby Room for providing some great learning provocations for everyone.



Church Visits



This week we have planned two trips to St Andrews Church (in Shifnal) so we can take advantage of the Christmas Tree Festival. On Tuesday a small group of pre-schoolers will be travelling to church to decorate the tree we have sponsored, and on Friday the toddlers will be visiting the church to admire all the decorated trees. This is a great opportunity for the children, and we feel privileged to be involved. Everyone can visit St Andrews church this weekend to view the trees for themselves. If you visit, then

you will have the opportunity to vote for your favourite tree- which will obviously be ours!!! We will share some photo's on Facebook of our upcoming visits.

Santa Dash

Letters with sponsor forms are being sent out this week for our Santa dash. We have decided to run it next week starting Monday 6th December, instead of following week as we have so much stuff planned in for that week including the Christmas concert and Christmas parties. Anyway, if you could help your child gather sponsor money in for their challenge that would be amazing please. We always want children to feel a part of the fundraising and proud of their achievements so getting them involved is a key factor and of course making it fun.



Internet security



The nursery has received information that we feel is worth sharing with parents. We all know that there is a lot of content on sites such as YouTube that is not appropriate for children and any parent would steer children away from them if they knew but recently videos such as Mr Tumble, Peppa Pig and Thomas the Tank Engine have been corrupted and edited to contain bad language and inappropriate material for children. Please do check what your child is watching, often the parodies are so similar that they make it through the security filters and at quick glance you just wouldn't know it wasn't genuine.

In search of..

Nursery is currently in search of a couple of random things that we are hoping parents might be able to help with please. Firstly, we could do with a couple of iPad chargers, if anyone has any spare ones lurking about, that would be great please- ours just seem to go walkies and staff are struggling to charge the iPads to take photos on. Also, the babies have asked if any picture calendars can be donated in the New Year, please. They are specifically after any with animals or scenery images on. These are great as they can be laminated or framed for the children. So please remember not to throw away your old calendar this year..



Christmas Stars



One of our wonderful parents has been busy making these rustic handmade stars and selling them to raise money for a local school. She has very kindly offered to make some for our nursery and with each sale she will donate some of the proceeds to nursery. The large stars are £6 and the small £4. They have Christmas ribbon and bells attached and look gorgeous. If you would be interested in ordering one, then please email nursery and we will forward your order on to be made.

Forest school

This week **Group A** will be heading off to the woods on Thursday. This is such a great learning opportunity, and the children are really starting to get into the routine of going now. We are currently supporting children to become more independent at getting themselves ready and changing clothes afterwards. We have seen progress already from week one, so we are super proud. You can help support this at home by encouraging children to dress themselves and choose what they wear depending on the weather.

Diary Dates and information

- **Link to this week's menu:**
[http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Autumn Term 2021 Week 12 Menu.pdf](http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Autumn_Term_2021_Week_12_Menu.pdf)
- **Christmas tree festival at St Andrews Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th December**
- **Santa dash challenge week commencing 6th December**
- **Christmas jumper day Friday 10 December**
- **Christmas Dinner Day Friday 10 December**
- **Christmas Concert at St Andrews Church Shifnal. Tuesday 14 December 6.30pm**
- **Christmas opening: Closed Monday 27 December – Monday 3 January. Term time children break up Friday 17 December and return Wednesday 5 January.**

Yours sincerely

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