



Dear Parents and carers

3 May 2022

We had a lovely first week back last week. It was a delight to see all the children in and happy. Our Hygge Theme for the week was rainbows, so the children have been painting them, making them, looking for them and learning all about how they are created. The children have also been enjoying the finer weather, the preschool were able to eat their lunch outside and the babies explored the diggers first hand in their 6 seater buggy. Also pictured below, is Rachel our Sign and Sign Mentor who's helping us develop our signing knowledge.



### Sing and Sign

So, we had a lovely first week working with Rachel from Sing and Sign. The children were able to watch pre-recorded videos through the week to learn new signs and songs. The children were fantastic and were able to get the hang of the new signs so quickly- we were very impressed. We will continue watching the weekly sessions and embedding the signs into our daily practice, so the children become fluent and use the signs to communicate. We will try and pop some videos on our new App to share the signs we have learnt so you can use them at home to.



### Family App

Our new communication app is all set up and ready to go now. Every parent should have been sent a link via email. Please log on when you can, enter your details and change your child's profile picture- this will help us know who has found their way around the app. If you have any questions, then please ring, or email the nursery and we'll be able to help you.

## Bake Sale

This Thursday we will be holding our bake sale at nursery to raise money for the Farm on Wheels' visit. Weather permitting we plan to have a stall set up on the nursery driveway- thus making it easy for everyone to access.

If you are able to donate cakes, we would be extremely grateful. Cakes donations are welcome on the Wednesday as well as on the day to please.



Please do bring some pennies to purchase some cakes on drop off and collection. All money raised will go towards the farm visit next Friday.

## Safe Places



A couple of weeks ago myself and Jackie were lucky enough to meet with one of the founders of the 'Safe Places' scheme running in Shropshire. Ann came out to meet us to discuss the scheme and how we could become involved. Safe Places has been set up to help support people who become vulnerable whilst they are out and about. We are now a registered setting, so those signed up to the scheme can come to us if they need help whilst out and about locally. Here is a photo of the logo displayed in our doorway- we are also registered on their app so people know where to find us. This is just another way the nursery works with and supports our local community.

## Farm on wheels

On Friday 13 May we have booked a lovely surprise for the children- the farm on wheels is coming to nursery, yippee.. 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 you 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.



## Jubilee teatowels



Jubilee teatowels were flying out the nursery last week. Hopefully everyone has seen the display one on the nursery driveway and has seen how cute they are. Everyone is welcome to buy one- they are on a first come first serve basis and cost £6 for 1, or 2 for £10. Staff are accepting cash at drop off and collection times and will find out your towels for you straight away- so no need to wait.

## Forest School

Forest school is back on from this week. Group A are set to go first and will be given the opportunity to have a go at archery in the woods. This is such a fab learning opportunity for the children and really does help them develop their self confidence, skills and independence. Please



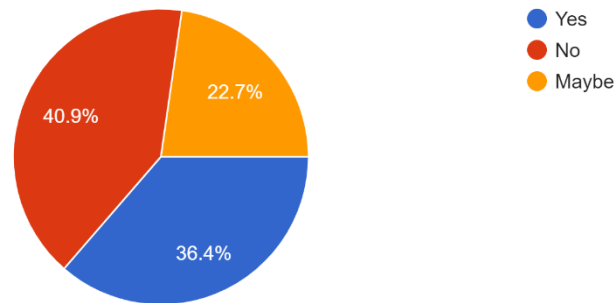
make sure your child has spare clothes to change into and extra layers to wear at forest school if you can please. It is always much cooler in the woods due to the shade and gusts of wind.

### **Drop off and collection prodecures**

Thank you to everyone that took the time to complete our drop off and pick up questionnaire last week. The results were fairly split (as you can see in the chart below) with half the respondents wanting to come in and half not during drop off and collection.

Would you prefer to come into nursery to drop your child off at the start of a session?

22 responses



The feedback from the comments was very much along the lines of everyone is happy with the current arrangements, however it would be nice to come into nursery if the opportunity was there, and we totally agree with this. We have missed parents being in the setting but also value the swift drop up and collections we have with parents remaining outside. Both have pros and cons as I'm sure everyone will appreciate.

Anyway, on the back on this we have decided to keep it as it is for the moment. We will however, be creating lots of opprtunities for parents to come into the setting for things like play sessions, meetings or just looking around and being involved with nursery. Parents are welcome in to nursery at any time so please do ask if you think it would be benefical to you and your child. We will review this throughout the term and check the processes we have in place are still working and everyone is happy. If you have any suggestions or further feedback then please do let us know at nursery.

### **Diary Dates and information**

- Link to this week's menu:  
[http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Summer\\_Term\\_2022\\_Week\\_2\\_Menu.pdf](http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Summer_Term_2022_Week_2_Menu.pdf)
- 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

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