



Dear Parents and carers

4 April 2022

We are still buzzing about our little chicks that we nurtured over the last couple of weeks. The children we're overjoyed to be holding them last week and demonstrated just how caring they are. Sadly, the chicks left us on Friday, although we are super pleased to say they have all gone together as a brood with our Emma. Although Emma isn't keeping them herself, she will be able to follow their journey and keep us updated on their progress. Thank you, Emma for finding them a forever, happy home.



## Music Minors



Sadly, it is our last week with Rachel from Music Minors. Rachel has been inundated with bookings for other nurseries, so reluctantly we have agreed to share her, so she can share her fab music classes further. We fully anticipate that Rachel will be back in the future but for now we wish her the best of luck in growing her business. Thank you, Rachel, for all your energy and support over the last couple of years- we will miss you and your sessions.

To help fill the Music Minors void we have embarked on a new journey and have become a Sing and Sign affiliate nursery. This involves our staff team learning some simple sign language, that we know will help develop children's communication and understanding. We are very excited to embark on this challenge and look forward to learning as a team and helping the children learn these to. We will of course keep you posted on our progress and share our newly learnt signs with you.



### Easter Activities

**So we have lots of Easter activities happening this week. To summarise briefly:**

- On Wednesday we have our Easter Bonnet parade running in nursery. Children are welcome to bring in a hat before or on the day to be entered. All children that enter will receive a certificate and a little reward for their achievement.
- We also have the Easter Colouring competition deadline for that day. Please bring in your decorated egg pictures and we will display them in our hallway.
- On Friday preschool are off to St Andrews church for the afternoon. Permissions have been sent out so if you haven't returned them already then please do so as soon as you can please.

### Fee Increases



From this week the fee's have been increased. Here is the link to the pricelist if you missed it:

[http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Nursery\\_price\\_list\\_April\\_2022.pdf](http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Nursery_price_list_April_2022.pdf)

Please check your invoices this week to ensure they are correct and you understand them. Any questions or worries then please do email nursery to discuss.

### COVID-19 Update

Covid regulations changed last week, and we will follow new government advice which is copied below:

“Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare **when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.**

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. **For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.**

The population now has much stronger protection against COVID-19 than at any other point in the pandemic. This means we can begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections, thanks to the success of the vaccination programme and access to antivirals, alongside natural immunity and increased scientific and public understanding about how to manage risk. Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting.”

We are obviously very pleased that things are starting to return to normal however we do have some in trepidation about this relaxation and no testing. Children do tend to be unwell a lot of the time and now we have no testing it's the difficulty of knowing when children shouldn't be in nursery due to illnesses. As a rule of thumb, we are working on, if they require Calpol/paracetamol for any symptom then they are not well enough to be in nursery and will be asked to remain off until better. These guidelines are to help minimise cross infection and prevent other children and staff from picking up ailments including COVID. Any questions then please do come back to us.

### **Forest School**

It is our last forest school of the Spring term. It will be group B's turn. We will be looking back at everything we have seen and learnt over the term. Make sure your child has spare clothes to change into and extra layers to wear at forest school if you can please. It is very cold in the woods anyway and the forecast has given out as very cold too.



### **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://telfordnurseries.org/files/Spring\\_Term\\_2022\\_Week\\_13\\_Menu.pdf](http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Spring_Term_2022_Week_13_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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Helen Childs'.

**Helen Childs**

Nursery Manager