



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear Parents and carers

4 January 2021

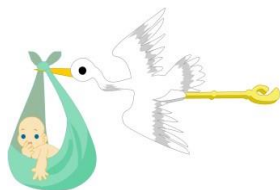
Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all. We hope you have had a great Christmas and New Year; we have certainly enjoyed the break with our own families. We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new families. We have a few starting in January- not ideal for them during a pandemic but we will do all we can to make the transition run smoothly and get the little ones (and parents) settled.

Welcome

We are so pleased to welcome both Beth and Shelly to our team this month. Beth who has now worked for us since the Summer, has joined the team officially- covering Tina's position. Shelly has helped us over the last couple of months and has agreed to stay on and help us out for longer. We think they are both great and fit into our team so well- welcome aboard.



We are also hoping to have Jenni and Katie back this month, they have both been shielding for what seems like forever! This is still slightly up in the air at the moment because the infection rate remains so high, but we hope to have them back soon.



Next week, we will be saying farewell to Amy in the baby room. Amy is fast approaching her 24th week of pregnancy- so is set to finish the rest of her maternity at home safely as per the government guidelines. We will miss you Amy but wish you well- we cannot wait to meet your little one when they arrive.

So, as you can see, we are having to juggle staff everywhere to keep the nursery operational and working within our ratios. We anticipate we are going to have a few bumps and may have to alter our opening hours or close some bubbles temporarily but please bear with us. We are doing all we can to remain open and keep things consistent for the children and parents alike. If you have any questions or concerns, then please email halesfield@telfordnurseries.org so we can help.

Covid-19 update



We feel nothing much has changed for us in regard to COVID, apart from us now being located in a tier 3 area. At present the nursery remains open to all and sessions are running as normal. We do feel it is likely that should staff continue to shield and infection rates continue to elevate we may have to scale back the nursery opening hours to the shorter day of 8.00am-4pm again. This allows us to work with less staff, as we don't need to stretch their hours out so far across the day. We hope this is not the case but will keep you posted on this throughout the week.

For now, please continue to use the class doors to drop and collect children. Wear a facemask when interacting with staff and remember to ask us if you have any questions or concerns.

Community Fridge

We can't wait to get the community fridge fully loaded again with delights for you all. Please remember it's there for anyone to use and helps us to give back to the Food Share project as well as reduce food waste going to land fill.



Diary Dates and information

- Link to this week's menu:
http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Spring_Term_2021_Week_1_Menu.pdf

Yours sincerely



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