



Dear Parents and carers

4 October 2021

What a fun busy week we had in nursery just gone. Our topic has been leaves, as we start looking into the change of the seasons and in particular Autumn. The children have been busy getting out and about collecting leaves and learning about the different types. We've been counting them, looking at the beautiful colours, making collages and leaf rubbings and learnt some of the names to mention a few of the things we have been doing.

We also had a brilliant session on Tuesday with Rachel from Music Minors. It was great to have her back in the setting working with the children. They explored the instruments and some new songs. We are already looking forward to next week.



School applications

If your child is due to start school next September, then now is the time to apply for their school place. The online application form for children starting school in September 2022 is now available via the website www.telford.gov.uk/admissions. The deadline for applying for a school place is **15 January 2022**. If you feel you need help, support or guidance filling in the forms then please do contact the nursery.



Forest School

Information and permission slips have been sent out for preschool Forest School sessions. We are so excited to be heading back into the woods again. We really do have lots of fun, regardless of the weather. We will start off slowly by introducing the children to the woods, showing them where we can go and what we can do and then build up to some fun activities that we know the children will love. The handbook with all that we do at Forest school including the health and safety aspects is available on our website- please use the link:

<http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Halesfield%20Highwoods%20Forest%20School%20Handbook.pdf> If you haven't already- please return your permission slips.

October half term

This year half term falls Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October. If your child is term time funded, then they have been booked off these days. If you require extra sessions, then please do contact us so we can check availability and amend the registers.

Staff News

Firstly, we have some joyous news to share- Brogan has had her baby yippee. Brogan and partner Tom were pleased to welcome Lois into their family last month. Congratulations everyone- she is beautiful. We hope you are enjoying being a family of four.



We are now waiting for Jenni to have her baby too. Jenni is in her final month so hopefully it won't be long now. Good luck Jenni and Lee.

Recently staff have been updating their training. Some staff have been refreshing their safeguarding training whilst others have been working on their own CPD with specialisms such as Special Educational needs, Communication and Language and Mental Health. The big shout out must go to Katie though our apprentice who was awarded her level 3 in childcare last week. This has been a tough journey for Katie, but she made it and we are so pleased for her and also proud of her achievement. Katie is planning to stay on with us at Halesfield, working with the preschool as she continues to learn and develop and be a crucial part of our team.



Finally, we must officially welcome Claire onto our team. Claire was originally a parent at nursery, she then joined our board of trustees a few years back but has now joined the work team. Claire has been great helping out to cover breaks, kitchen hours and just generally tidying up around nursery. We feel lucky to have such a versatile team member that can adapt to anything we throw at her. Welcome Claire.

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Harvest Festival



As mentioned last week we are planning a Harvest celebration in nursery week commencing 11 October. As always, we do a food collection of non-perishable foods to donate to the food bank therefore, we are welcoming any food donations you can spare into nursery please. We intend to donate any foods or gifts to the food share project as we know they will distribute fairly to local families that are in need.

Diary Dates and information

- Link to this week's menu:
http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Autumn_Term_2021_Week_5_Menu.pdf
- October half term: Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October
- 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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