



Dear Parents and carers
6 December 2021

We had a lovely week exploring winter trees. The babies went out exploring to observe the trees local to us. The toddlers and preschool have been decorating their Christmas Tree's and making decorations and large posters for their classrooms. At Forest School, we made our own decorations with sticks and twine that looked very pretty. We have also set up our nativity scene for the children to play with so they can learn all about baby Jesus and the story of Christmas.



Covid Guidelines

Due to changes in Covid-19 rules we feel the need to up our safety measures once again. Please can we ask all parents to wear face masks during pick up and drop off times. This is to protect yourselves as well as the staff. We are being cautious and still restricting visitors into the setting and have increased our cleaning regimes, once again. If you have any questions or concerns regarding how the nursery is operating, then please do contact us to discuss.

Christmas Concert

Sadly, we have had to cancel our Christmas Concert set to be held on Tuesday 14th December at St Andrews Church. It was a really hard decision to make, but with the new Covid Variant and increasing numbers of Covid cases in Telford and Wrekin we feel it is the safest and sensible thing for us to. We are sorry and hope that everyone understands the reasonings. The children have been practising and so we will not disappoint, as the staff are set to film a series of little videos to upload onto Facebook for parents to watch their children perform.



Although we are now unable to draw our Christmas raffle at the concert, we are still running the raffle. Tickets are now on sale and are available from nursery. The raffle is open to all, and everyone is welcome to buy tickets. We have lots of fantastic prizes that we have had donated including a huge food hamper, several toy hampers, smellies and a family zoo pass. Again, all money raised will be used to provide fun learning opportunities for the

children.

Christmas Jumper Day

Just a reminder that it is Christmas Jumper Day this Friday. Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers, tops or dresses to nursery. We are welcoming small change donations for the Save the Children Charity who organise the special event. That day we also have our nursery Christmas Dinner planned for children and staff, so on the whole it should be a very festive day.

Christmas Parties

We have planned a Christmas party for the children. It is planned for Tuesday 14th December, 11am to 12.30pm. We are hopeful this will go ahead as scheduled. Even if your child does not attend the Tuesday, they are still welcome to come into nursery for the party. We have lots of fun party games planned as well as party food and presents from Santa- so it is lots of fun. Letters will be sent out this week asking parents to confirm if their child will be attending.

Church Visits

We had two fabulous trips to St Andrews Church with some of the preschool and toddler children last week. Both trips were lovely, and the children were so well behaved. The staff said it was a pleasure to take the children out and enjoy the wonderful experience with them. We were very proud of our tree and need to thank Claire for her hard work helping the children to produce such a magnificent tree for the festival.



Santa Dash

We are so excited about our Santa Dash challenge this week. We will be running all through the week so every child will get the opportunity to partake (some more than once). Please help us by collecting in sponsor money for your child. All the money raised will go straight into nursery to fund some of the fun things we do such as Music Minors, Forest



School, trips out and new resources. As a charity the money is crucial to help us remain sustainable and every little helps.

Chicken Pox

Last week we had several cases of Chicken Pox and Hand, Foot and Mouth in nursery. Some children have been plastered in spots others have been very mildly affected. If you child is grumpy or over sensitive compared to normal, then the likely hood is they may be coming down with something. We are expecting a few more cases to come out as many children swerved both viruses last year due to lock down. These are both very common illnesses, that come and go each year so please do not worry if your child does come out with either.

Forest school

This week **Group B** will be heading off to the woods on Thursday. This will be our last session before Christmas and our last session on a Thursday as we will be changing the day- this ensures that everyone in preschool gets this learning opportunity throughout the year.

Diary Dates and information

- **Link to this week's menu:**
http://telfordnursery.org/files/Autumn_Term_2021_Week_13_Menu.pdf
- **Santa dash challenge week commencing 6th December**
- **Christmas jumper day Friday 10 December**
- **Christmas Dinner Day Friday 10 December**
- **Christmas opening: Closed Monday 27 December – Monday 3 January. Term time children break up Friday 17 December and return Wednesday 5 January.**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Helen Childs', written in a cursive style.

Helen Childs
Nursery Manager