



Dear Parents and carers

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YEESSSSS!!!! We have our super large playground back. We are so grateful to Besblock for making this happen for us. Not only did they pay for the soft pour but they prepped all the groundworks too- they really are an incredible team. We're confident the children (and staff) are going to make great use of this additional space now and in many years to come.

Since the fire, we have been waiting for planning and building control to give us permission to build a large wooden shelter at the far end of the playground. We are so pleased that this has now been granted, so the shelter has been ordered and will be with us by the end of the month. The large structure is going to be great for providing children with outside classroom space. It will really help meet the needs of so many of the children, especially those who would rather be outdoors much of the time. We are also having an outside loo delivered this week - which we're sure will cause some excitement with the children as well as help us to manage outside toilet breaks.

The nursery roof is set to be repaired this weekend now- it was cancelled because of the poor weather that was forecast last week. The large conifer trees at the side of the building are also set to come down this weekend, which we anticipate will make a huge difference to the lighting in the toddler end of the nursery and really open out the side space at nursery.

Clothes collection

Please don't forget, this Thursday we are having our clothes collection. Any unwanted clothes, shoes, bedding etc can be brought into nursery and left in the foyer. Please ask around any friends and neighbours- most people have had a sort out and are looking for places to take their unwanted stuff- we'll have it. Although it doesn't make a huge amount it all helps and will go in the playground pot of money.

Farewell

It is with great sadness that we have to say goodbye to Sally one of our apprentices. Due to shielding Sally is unable to return at the moment- this means that she won't have enough time to complete her apprenticeship before the January deadline. We sincerely hope that when we are through the pandemic Sally will be able to return and continue her studies and placement, so all is not lost. Thank you Sally- hopefully see you soon.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone that has completed an online parent questionnaire. Each year we hand these out and love reading your feedback. It has been slightly different this year, setting them up online but we have to say it's much easier and we've had a greater level of response so thank you. At the end of the week we will review your responses and feedback the results to you.

Emailing invoices

This week we are starting to email out invoices- paper ones have also been generated as a backup. Hopefully, you will receive yours, if not do let us know please, we may have the wrong email address for you. Each email should have a running balance on the bottom too- these should all be correct and tally up with the paper accounts in the office but do contact us if you think it may be wrong and Helen will look into this for you. We are expecting some teething problems- but hopefully not many!

Finlay's photo's

Photos are due back at the start of this week. Once they've arrived we will put a post on Facebook, so anyone not in can come to nursery to collect. Photo packs can be taken home, but we ask that payment for these and any reorders are returned to us by the end of the week please and need to be paid in cash. We are still working on group photos and hope to put something together before the end of term- especially for our preschool leavers as it will be their last photo opportunity with their friends.

Government guidelines

Since last week the government have announced changes to the guidelines that affects nurseries and holiday clubs. From week commencing 20 July we will no longer have to operate in bubbles of 16. This does help us immensely in the fact it means we can have more children in nursery at one time- however we are reluctant to fill the nursery full, as COVID-19 risks are clearly still there.

What we will do is ensure the classes remain separate so the babies will not mix with the toddlers or preschool and so on. This means that should we have a confirmed case of COVID-19 we reduce the risk of it spreading throughout the whole nursery. Staff will stay consistent, working in the same rooms where possible and with the same children to help reduce cross contamination.

With these guidelines in place, it does mean that we now have some availability in the holidays should anyone require any extra sessions. We are also thinking we might run a little holiday club for siblings, as we know that most schools have said they are not running holiday clubs. We have three big children (Key stage 1) booked in over the holidays already and would welcome another few so they can enjoy playing together. Please let us know if you are interested and we'll check through some dates with you.

Thank you again for bearing with us. Any queries either ring and speak with Jackie in the office or email halesfield@telfordnurseries.org

Yours sincerely



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