



Dear Parents and carers

7 June 2021

Wow.. We are now in the second half of the Summer term, with just over 6 weeks to go until the end of term its safe to say this year is whizzing by. We have lots planned this half term including parent consultations, visits out and visitors in, Music Minors lessons and of course a graduation ceremony to commemorate our school leavers as well as all the usual fun and games of weekly nursery life.

Looking back on last week, we had a lovely half term. Lots of amazing activities going on for the children and lots of outdoor play which we absolutely love. The highlight may just have been the ice cream shop chef Gemma set up for the children. The provocation was used to support and develop children's language and communication skills; as they asked for what they wanted and used their manners. We had lots of happy customers that's day.. we then followed this with a fun water play so we were all nice and cool.



Staff News

Oh no another leaver!! This is unprecedented for us to have some many staff leave nursery in such a short space of time. Sadly we said goodbye to Danni the end of last term as she ventured into a new career within school, then we bid farewell to Brogan who went off on early maternity leave and now we have to do the same to Jenni from preschool, as she too is off to start maternity leave early. Clearly, we are sad to see them both go as they are critical members of our team and will be missed but we understand the need for them to be at home and safe in this current covid climate and support them fully in that decision. Good luck Jenni and Brogan- we can't wait to meet you new additions soon.



Although we haven't had much notice to plan for these departures we have put plans in place for the staffing to see us through to the end of term and beyond. Firstly, we have Lauren who has joined us temporarily whilst she studies at university. Lauren is level 3 qualified and is working in the toddler room most days, the children love her and she's been so helpful. Hopefully Lauren will gain lots of valuable experience working with our team that she can use in her future studies.

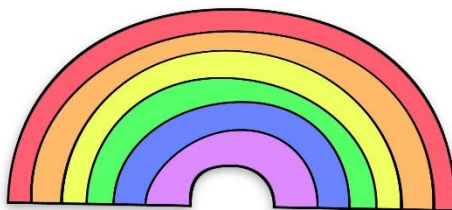
We have also recruited a more permanent staff member called Emma. Emma currently works at another nursery and has a wealth of experience and knowledge so will be a great asset to our team. Emma is

currently working her notice so is not set to join us until the start of July. We are excited though as she has lots of energy and ideas.

We will hopefully have Kim back soon off sick leave. Kim has been off a couple of months now having had surgery on her knee. We all miss her as part of the team and hope she will be returning soon to the toddler room.

Jackie and myself will also be covering a lot more in the rooms for the remainder of term to help fill any gaps in staffing. Personally, I love working in the classrooms with the children and staff, getting stuck in with the messy play and fun.

So we do have lots of staffing alterations to consider this final part of term but we are confident it will run smoothly and the children will have a great time and be supported fully in their learning and development. The crucial part for us is to keep staff consistent for the children so they know the key people looking after them and vice versa. To help maintain staffing and consistency the nursery will be changing how our current bubble system is operating. For the most part of the day the children will remain in their bubbles as they do now. The changes will be at the start of the day 7.30am-8.30am and the end of the day 4pm-6pm when the rooms may merge together. This is because we have so few children and the majority are actually siblings so seems extraneous keeping them apart. We will continue with our rigorous cleaning schedule and hygiene rituals so feel the risks are manageable and low enough to proceed. If you have any questions regarding the bubbles then please do contact us at nursery- we are always available to talk.



Diary Dates and information

- Link to this week's menu:
http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Summer_Term_2021_Week_7_Menu.pdf
- Link to our physical activity
<http://www.telfordnurseries.org/files/policies/3.8%20Physical%20activity.pdf>
- Last day of term Wednesday 21st July- term time children finish.

Yours sincerely

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

Helen Childs
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