



Dear Parents and carers

8 March 2021

We had a brilliant week last week with so much going on- from painting daffodils to celebrate Spring to making fresh lemonade to drink. Our HIT workout on Wednesday was fantastic too. Delivered by Isaac's mum Sam, who works at HITZone Telford, it really helped to get us up and moving and the children thought it was great fun. We have the same next Wednesday and we can't wait, thank you to Sam and HITZone for your time and being so inspiring.

We also loved celebrating World book day on Thursday. A bit different to normal as we didn't do the dressing up, but we enjoyed reading in unusual places and sharing a book together. Some fab activities have been planned by the staff to support this, not to mention the set up of the community book library- well done team Halesfield.



Easter Holiday Dates



Nursery is open as usual over Easter, except for Monday 5th April when the nursery is closed for the bank holiday. There is no charge to parents for this day, due the nursery being fully closed. Term time children break up Thursday 3rd April and return Monday 19th April. Holidays and extra sessions can be booked over Easter but please ensure you give us sufficient notice to amend your invoice and check staffing levels. Please send any holiday dates or booking request to

halesfield@telfordnurseries.org

Thank you

Wow- I need to say a huge thank you to everyone that contributed to our staff appreciation book last week. After sending out an email to every parent asking for some positive messages and notes to staff, I was inundated with responses. I emailed a copy over to staff on Friday so they could sit and read through the comments at their own leisure. They were overwhelmed with the comments and feedback with a few saying they cried. Well done all, mission completed.



Chicks



For the past few years in nursery we have been fortunate enough to have Living Eggs deliver us some fertilised eggs ready for hatching. We have booked them again this year and they arrive next week- ekk, we are so excited. The children will be able to watch the chicks hatch out and handle them for the two weeks whilst they are with us. This is a great learning opportunity for the children, which we know they will love and remember. I'm sure the children will let you know about the new arrivals but we will keep you updated on Facebook about our new little friends.

COVID Update

We are reviewing the opening hours of the nursery and looking to extend our day. We are currently recruiting for a new apprentice and looking at gaps in staffing with the anticipation that we will begin to open on our full hours of 7.30am to 6pm after Easter. We really appreciate how accommodating parents have been and it really has helped us keep the nursery afloat during the pandemic. Now things are starting to ease we are hopeful we can return the nursery opening hours back to normal.

Help Needed

We are in need of new trustees for nursery. As a charity run setting, legally we need to have 5 trustees to help govern the running of the nursery. We are soon to be one down due to a resignation. The role itself is voluntary and doesn't involve too much work. Helen and Jackie, meet with the trustee board once a term to review the running of the nursery and look at the finances of the charity as a whole. It is a rewarding role; we do have fun and you will learn a lot about the workings of a charity.



Here is a link that explains the role of a trustee further <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/charity-trustee-whats-involved> but if you want any other information then please contact Helen via email. We are not a cliky bunch of people and always look forward to new members joining the group- the more the merrier. So please let us know if you are interested.

Community Fridge



We had some lovely produce from the Food Share last week including lots of puddings and Chilli Con Carni, ready meals. We really are fortunate to have this partnership with the Food Share project and love that it is going from strength to strength. We are hoping to develop our community fridge further, so we can help more families- we just need to firm up some plans. Please keep using the fridge, it is there for everyone and we want it to help as many people as possible.

If anyone is struggling for food, then please do contact Lea and her team at the Food Share located at Rampart Way. They will help anyone in need, no proof is required just walk in and tell them you need some help.

Online Safety

Over the last month all our staff have undertaken E-safety training. This was useful to us as it reinforced the importance of having parental controls installed on devices and keeping a watchful eye on what content children are viewing. Even from a young age, children pick up on how to use devices, so it's essential the right measures are in place to safeguard them from the potential hazards available online. The nursery has recently bought some books to help reinforce safety messages with children and we have updated our ICT policies and reviewed the security measures we have in place on our electronic devices.



If you want to find our more information about how to keep your child safe on the internet, then below is a link to a very informative website:

<https://www.safesearchkids.com/internet-safety-checklist-for-preschoolers-heres-what-parents-should-teach-their-little-ones/#.YEJ7YWj7SM8>

Diary Dates and information

- Link to this week's menu
http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Spring_Term_2021_Week_9_Menu.pdf
- Link to our Staffing policy <http://telfordnurseries.org/files/policies/2.5%20Staffing.pdf>
- Easter dates: Term time children break up Thursday 1st April back Monday 19th April. Nursery open as usual Good Friday but closed Bank Holiday Monday 5th April.

Yours sincerely

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

Helen Childs
Nursery Manager