



Dear Parents and carers

8 November 2021

Last week was all about fire, in nursery. We were ready for bonfire night, but also covered Diwali celebrations and fire safety too. The children had great fun, making fires, watching fires, reading about them and being creative making pretend ones and painting them as well. The intention was to raise children's knowledge by helping them understand the dangers but also the benefits of fire and heat. This week is all about badgers, bird feeders and the changing season that's coming. We have lots of new books in nursery and lots of practical provocations to ignite these topics, which we look forward to sharing with you later this week.



### Christmas Plans



We are starting to put the plans together ready for Christmas and have a couple of dates for your diaries. Firstly, the Christmas tree festival which is held at St Andrews Church in Shifnal. This runs Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Each year we sponsor a tree to raise funds for the church. We love getting involved with the church and local community too. The children will be making decorations for our tree and a small group of preschool children will be able to go and decorate the tree at church, on behalf of nursery. The church is open on the above dates for everyone to go and view the trees. It's a free event and one that is very magical as the church looks beautiful and feels very Christmassy. We will give you more information on that nearer the time, but more information will be available on the Church's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsChurchShifnal>

Also, we have our Christmas concert booked in at St Andrews Church in Shifnal. This is planned for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. **Everyone** is welcome and as long as covid guidelines remain the same, then extended family members can come to. We plan for the children to put on a small performance for parents before we enjoy light refreshments in the church. We also hold a raffle to raise money for nursery- **so any prize donations would be gratefully received please.**



### Winter clothing

Just a reminder to parents to bring in extra clothes to nursery for their children please. We are finding that children do not have enough spare clothes in nursery and warm garments for outdoor play. Ideally children need hats, gloves, warm waterproof coats, and wellies for this time of year. Children will have access to outdoors at least once during each day, regardless of the weather so it's important they stay warm and dry if they are to be happy. Please also help us by labelling these items to help us locate them when we need to.



### Forest School

We had a brilliant Forest school session last week. Lighting the fire was a great learning opportunity for the children. They listened and abided by the safety rules beautifully and enjoyed their homemade S'mores and warm squash.

This week with Group B, we plan to make bird feeders and a build a big tree swing at the top of the hill. Please make sure children have lots of layers and spare clothes. It is cold in the woods. A t-shirt, jumper, coat and waterproof jacket is advisable as well as thick bottoms to go under waterproofs. Hat and gloves are essential too please.



As the famous saying goes "There is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing".

### **Parent questionnaires**

Thank you so much to everyone that has replied so far. We have had a good response and some really positive feedback. We love hearing your views and how we can improve so please if you haven't already, take 5 minutes out of your day to help us please. Here is the link again: <https://forms.gle/ephFJCYo8Lnve9g69> We will close the questionnaire on Friday so we can review the results fully.

### **Diary Dates and information**

- Link to this week's menu:  
[http://telfordnursery.org/files/Autumn\\_Term\\_2021\\_Week\\_9\\_Menu.pdf](http://telfordnursery.org/files/Autumn_Term_2021_Week_9_Menu.pdf)
- Christmas tree festival at St Andrews **Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th December**
- Christmas Concert at St Andrews Church Shifnal. Tuesday 14 December 6.30pm
- Christmas opening: Closed Monday 27 December – Monday 3 January. Term time children break up Friday 17 December and return Wednesday 5 January.

Yours sincerely



**Helen Childs**  
Nursery Manager