



Dear Parents and carers

17 August 2020

We had a lovely week last week, enjoying the sunshine and glorious weather- except for the thunderstorms that is!!! It is great having fantastically hot weather, but it does make it harder for us to spend as much time as we would like outdoors, because of the UV levels. At the moment we are able to use our outside areas at the start and end of the day and our shaded canopies throughout but soon we will have our outdoor classroom on the playground- so we anticipate that the children will be spending much more time outdoors.

#### September opening hours

Plans are in full swing to enable the nursery to get back fully open from September. From Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September the nursery will be back open 7.30am-6pm Monday to Friday. Overall, we think everyone has been happy with our temporary hours, that have evolved since COVID19 however, we know there are a few parents needing the extra hours now that their fully back to work. What we really need to know is exactly who wants to extend their days longer than 8am-4pm in September and any change of days that maybe required. Please email the nursery [halesfield@telfordnurseries.org](mailto:halesfield@telfordnurseries.org) to confirm any changes.

#### Carpark

We know how busy our car park can get at drop off and collection times. This is mainly due to everyone doing the same session times, so congestion is inevitable. We can only apologise if anyone has struggled or found it difficult to find a space. To help elevate the issue some of our staff will be parking their cars down at Willow Café. They have kindly offered to help; this should hopefully give more space for parent parking and safer arrivals for children. We will continue to do this until the end of the holidays when we finish on our partial opening hours. Hopefully by opening longer, drop off and collection times will be spread out more evenly making access easier.

#### Community Fridge

We are so excited that our community fridge is now in situ. We were so lucky to receive £200 of ward funding from local Counsellor Jackie Loverridge. This was also then match funded by Madeley Council thus allowing us to make the purchase. This week we will start to stock the fridge with food supplied by the Food Share project in Woodside.

We are asking users to "Take what they need and give what they can". We are not specially targeting those that are suffering financial hardship we want the fridge to be used by all. Our overall aim is to help reduce food waste by preventing surplus food ending up in land fill. If we can help those that maybe struggling along the way, then that is a huge bonus and something we will be proud of to. We hope that we can make this project grow for the future by having community fridges located in other local areas but for now ours is the first of its kind using food from the food share. We will have a donations box available in the foyer next to the fridge- if you can please donate as this will go back into the project but please don't feel you have to as it is a voluntary contribution. We will keep you updated on Facebook with what we have in the fridge but please feel free to pop into the foyer and have a look, you might just find something yummy for tea.

#### Menu

Here is the link to this weeks menu;

[http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Week\\_5\\_Summer\\_Holiday\\_Menu.pdf](http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Week_5_Summer_Holiday_Menu.pdf). Once again, it looks fab and we can't wait to try it. The feedback from the children has been great, they loved the sticky BBQ chicken we had last Tuesday and the vegetable stir-fry with egg noodles on Thursday. It's great watching them try new foods and then discovering that they like them is even better. In the long run we are hopeful that with the menu changing on a daily basis, will

help some children become less fussy with their food and encourage them to be adventurous and try new foods.

#### Playground update

Yes!!! Our outdoor classroom should be with us next weekend. As you can imagine we are so excited as it means we can start setting up all the areas and finding a place for all our new resources and learning areas that are on order. Hopefully, we can have it all ready for September.

#### Diary Dates

- Monday 17 August- Community Fridge open for use
- Leavers party Wednesday 19 August. Don't forget your fancy dress costume.
- Friday 21 August- School leavers last day unless booked in for extra
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September- Normal opening hours resumed.

Yours sincerely



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