



Dear Parents and carers

27 July 2020

We had a fabulously busy first week of the holidays. It was lovely to see so many children back in nursery and having so much fun especially the older ones that have returned for the holidays. We are now spending lots of time outside on our new playground, enjoying the weather and our super large play area. We are still awaiting our large shelter, that will work as an outside classroom- hopefully, it should be with us next week sometime. Once in, the playground will be able to be used in all weathers making it much more accessible and fun.

Last week the Café started providing the nursery with dinners. The quality has been amazing, and the children have enjoyed the food immensely. We are so looking forward to sampling all the meals on the menu over the next few weeks so we can decide which are our favourites. Huge thank you to Vicky and her team at Willow Café for being so efficient and making it happen.

Also thank you to them for letting the holiday club children pop over last Friday to meet their guest chef Danny. He cooked up lots of gorgeous authentic Caribbean cuisine including jerk chicken, fried dumplings and rice and peas. It went down well with our food tasters, so we hope Danny returns to cook again.

#### Food Share

We have started working closely with the Telford Food Share based at Woodside. They are a great team of energetic and very enthusiastic volunteers who are working to help local families manage their way through the Covid pandemic- by providing them with food. The cause also works towards reducing the amount of waste to land fill, something that the nursery is very passionate about. We are hoping to have a fridge located in our foyer which parents and our local community will be able to access. This 'community fridge' will contain a range of foods provided by the Food Share project; families will be able to help themselves as and when and make a donation when and if they can. We are hopeful this scheme will take off and be great for all our families but especially those that may really need a food top up to help feed their family. At present we are trying to source a fridge, once we have this, we will be able to get this up and running- so watch this space. You can find more information about the food share project by following them on Facebook: @foodshareproject.

#### Holidays

If your child is due to be on holiday, then please do let us know. Providing we have 7 days' notice then the 50% holiday reduction will be applied to your invoice. The notification really does help us plan staff holidays and extra days for other children. Most parents find it easy to email these dates to nursery [halesfield@telfordnurseries.org](mailto:halesfield@telfordnurseries.org) so please feel free to do this.

#### 30 Hour codes

Thank you to all our parents that have sent across their 30-hour codes for funding in September. I think we have them all now bar two. Jackie and I are sitting down this week to plan out the registers

for September, so if you need any extra days or different days to what you're on now then please let us know so we can add the changes in. If you have any questions about funding or days, then please email the nursery so we can help.

#Just quality Accreditation

Many parents will be aware that the nursery is currently working towards an accreditation that highlights the quality service our nursery is setting out to provide. The 'Just quality' accreditation is helping us to focus on what we do well and what we could do better. We have started up work on our evidence folders and when things have settled down, we are looking forward to sharing them with you. Well done to all the staff for putting in the effort to keep these folders moving- they are starting to look fantastic.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Helen Childs', written in a cursive style.

Helen Childs  
Nursery Manager