

# honeybuns news



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Welcome to our September newsletter!

We would like to welcome all of our new children and parents to our nursery. There are lots of activities to look forward to over the coming months. This term is a very busy one with Halloween, bonfire and Christmas activities

## Staff

**Alison Shipton** - Director of Care

**Steph Robinson** - Manager

Safeguarding, Senco & Behaviour co-ordinator

**Joanna Hutchings** - Deputy Manager -

- Safeguarding & Equal opps co-coordinator

**Butterflies** Clair Simpson

Emma Hall

Chelsea Hodgkiss

**Squirrels:** Kelcie Oakley

Tanya Dawson

Amanda Andrews

Amy Locke

**Foxes:** Lydia Perrins (Senior)

Claire Crewe

Linzi Doyle

Rachel Martin (senior)

Chana Anderson

**Hedgehogs:** Joanna Hutchings

Sadie Toth (Senior)

Melinda perks

Gemma Bickley

Julie Nation (Senior)

**Kitchen -** Joan Carroll

## Nursery Holidays 2019

Nursery closures are as follows:

26<sup>th</sup> August

24<sup>th</sup> December opening 8-4pm only

Close 25<sup>th</sup> Dec for 1 week

Re-open Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020

## Term time Holidays are as follows:

Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November

Monday 23 December - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

## Reminders and Messages

### • Pigeon holes

Please can you make sure you are checking every day your child's pigeon hole as there will be lots of information being given out to parents about upcoming events, pictures etc.

### • Sessions

Please can we remind you of our  $\frac{1}{2}$  day sessions 8.00-1.00pm and 1.00-6.00pm. We are experiencing more children arriving earlier than 1pm and children not being collected until after 1pm. Please can you ensure you are arriving promptly?

### • Winter weather

Can we please ensure the children are coming to nursery in appropriate clothing, coats, hats, gloves and footwear, including wellies and water proofs (if you have any).

### • 2 Year Checks

If your child is reaching 2 years old and you receive a letter from the health visitor for their 2 year check to be completed, please inform nursery asap as we need to complete a form from the nursery for you to take to the appointment

### • Photo Day

Tempest individual Photos 22<sup>nd</sup> October 9:00-11.00am-  
Everyone welcome

## Tax Free Childcare & Funded Hours

You may be able to get help with Childcare costs.

To check eligibility visit

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

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## Dates for your diary

- **Harvest festival collection 16<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> September -**  
We are asking for donations for our harvest festival collection. The collection box will be in the porch by the office. The items can be tins, packets, long life milk, biscuits, jam, coffee, tinned fruit, rice, pasta. All donations will be sent to 'House of Bread'
- **Key worker meeting being held week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> September.** Please can we ask that you bring along your highlighted Development matters that you were given at the last meeting so we can update your child's progress and development.

Week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> September the staff will be arranging key worker meetings with you. Please can you bring along your highlighted development matters sheets so we can update them.

- **Hedgehogs parent meeting** will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30-9.00am. The staff will be discussing school readiness, focused activities, homework and plenty more. You will be issued with a booklet to take home which gives you information what the children will be learning whilst in pre-school.
- During the week of 4<sup>th</sup> November the children will be taking part in a variety of activities and learning about safety of bonfires and fireworks.
- Throughout the week of 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October all the children will be taking part in Diwali and Halloween activities.
- Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> November the children will be learning and looking at Remembrance Day along with Children in need activities.

## Children in Need week commencing 11-15<sup>th</sup> November

The children will be taking part in a 'Dress up in stripes week'. Sponsor forms will be handed out nearer the time. Once again we will be outside on the front peddling away on our exercise bike. Please tell everyone to pop along give us a toot and donate some money

## Week 18<sup>th</sup> November- Road Safety Week- 'Step up for safe streets'.

The children will be learning about road safety, car safety and walking safety.

**Hedgehogs Nativity** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
2.45-3.15pm at St Pauls Church (maximum of 2 adults per child)

**Christmas Jumper Week** commencing 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> December.  
Hedgehogs Christmas pantomime is held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 at Stafford Gatehouse. Places are limited- first come first served. Letters have been issued out with all details.  
Christmas Lunch Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
if you wish to book your child in if they do not attend that day please see the office.

**Christmas Parties** for all children even if they are not in that day, they will be held at nursery for the following rooms, following days and times:

Butterflies and Squirrels, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2.30-3.20  
Foxes - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2.30-4.00pm  
Hedgehogs - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2.00-4.00pm  
Have a Wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year

## Reminders and messages continued

Please can you ensure your child has a bag (**labelled**) and a spare change of clothes to bring to nursery every day. We only have a small amount of spare clothes and we are running low very quickly. All children must bring a bag with spare clothes in daily. Can we also ask that you check that you are picking up the correct belongings for your child.

**Hedgehogs**- can all parents provide your child with a PE kit to stay at nursery. T-shirt, shorts/ tracksuit, pumps/trainers (everything labelled)

### Absences

If your child is absent from nursery please can you call nursery to inform the manager.

We are experiencing more and more children not turning up without a phone call.

### Medication

If your child is on medication please leave yourself enough time to fill out the medication forms at nursery.

We are experiencing children requiring inhalers more often now. Once again the medication forms need to be filled out correctly to ensure your child has the correct dosage etc.

All medication must be prescribed.

### Safety

Please can we stress to you that you **must not** carry your child up and down the stairs at nursery.

It is really important that you adhere to this safety notice.

### Parent App - First Steps

We are trying to encourage all parents to complete child observations at home and send them to us via the app, if unsure how to do complete them please ask a member of staff.

Please check the daily diaries regularly for messages, even if your child may not be in on that day. If you have any questions or messages to pass onto the staff you can do this via the app and we will respond as quickly as possible. We are sending out termly summative reports, you will be able to see how your child's progress is doing and any learning next steps

When looking on your child's daily diary we will be adding your child's completed learning development once completed after we have observed them several times.

This will give you more information when your child is achieving their goals and ready to move on to the next stage of learning.

### Toilet training

As your child reaches foxes room we are very keen to get your child toilet trained and out of nappies. The staff will talk to you about the process.

### How Exciting! Touch screen Table for Nursery.

We have added an interactive table to nursery. It is the perfect addition to allow the children to explore and play with a range of media and use technology as part of the Early Years Curriculum. The table accommodates up to four children to work on a multitude of educational apps including numeracy, literacy, and music. Please note that children will be fully supervised when table is in use and all staff are trained to keep children safe whilst using

Please take a look at the parent notice boards situated outside your child's room- Butterflies and squirrels. Foxes parent board is behind the entrance door above the coat pegs and hedgehogs are situated in the cloak room.

We appreciate your feedback so allocated behind the door in foxes entrance is questions of the month, please feel free to make comments and pop them in the jars provided. The question of the month for butterflies, squirrels and hedgehogs is situated as you put the code into the door to access the nursery on 2 shelves.