

# Honeybuns Nurseries

Stafford Newsletter  
Feb - March 2020

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## From Steph



Welcome to our first newsletter of 2020! We would like to welcome all our new children and parents to our nursery. There are lots of activities to look forward to over the coming months. We look forward to lots of fundraising and special events this year. Especially with our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

## Nursery Holidays 2019:

### Nursery is closed:

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Monday  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Spring Bank  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August- Bank Holiday  
**Term Time Only Holidays:**  
Half term 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February  
Easter Holidays  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April  
May Half Term  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> -Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
Summer Holidays  
Break up on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
Return to Nursery Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

## Healthy Eating & Fitness

We support the Government Initiative and there is plenty of support within the nursery. If you have any questions, please see Emma and we can signpost you in the right direction.

### Reminders:

#### Pigeon holes

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

#### Hedgehogs

Please can we ask you to provide PE kits all labelled in a bag (not carrier bags).

#### All Rooms

Please can you provide a labelled water bottle.

#### 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 them).

#### 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 for you to take to the appointment.

#### Play and stay session

We would like to continue our play and stay sessions. If you would like to enjoy a ½ hour play session engaging with your child at nursery, please ask a member of staff to book you in.

## Social Media



Hopefully you will have seen our posts on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter. We try and post something most days to keep you updated. Please give us a 'LIKE' and 'SHARE'...we really appreciate it!

F: Honeybuns Nursery Group  
I: honeybunsnurseries  
T: @HoneybunsDN

## Nursery News:

We welcome Elise back from maternity leave and Alana who has joined our under 2's rooms. We welcome new staff member Kirsty starting 10<sup>th</sup> February who will be joining our pre-school.

## Sponsored Events:

'big walk for tiny lives'

Stafford castle- meet at 10am



Action medical is an amazing organisation supporting children's medical conditions and researching new cures.

For further information please look at: [action.org.uk](http://action.org.uk)

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## Parent App – First Steps

Thank you to all the parents that use the parent's observation feature through the app. We would like you to continue contributing and engaging with us on your child's development. It really helps us and your child's keyworker to complete learning goals.

## Dates for your Diary:

**February 14<sup>th</sup>**- our Valentines menu.

## February 17<sup>th</sup> – Random act of kindness day.

The children will be putting a smile on the face of the residents at St Joseph's care home, by making lovely gifts to share.

## March 4<sup>th</sup> – World maths day.

Children will be engaging in plenty of maths activities and problem solving to get their minds working.

## March 5<sup>th</sup> – World book day

Children and staff will be looking at and reading stories throughout the week 2<sup>nd</sup> March. All staff and children can dress up as their favourite book character on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> March- Mother's Day.

If you would like to come in for Mother's Day breakfast or afternoon tea, please book with the staff on the day your child attends nursery (Breakfast 7.45-8.15 and tea 3.45-4.15).

## March 17<sup>th</sup> – St Patricks

Children will be learning about Ireland and their Patron Saint; children can come dressed in green if they wish.

## Week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Healthy body Happy me week.

Children will be learning all about how we can keep our bodies healthy and happy through a different theme each day. Look out for posters informing you of what they are learning each day.

## March 28<sup>th</sup> – Sponsored walk –Stafford Castle

'Our annual walk in aid of Action Medical Research'. We will be sending sponsor forms out beginning of March. The walk will take place at Stafford castle- meet at 10am for the walk to start at 10.15.

## Easter Bonnet- All bonnets to be handed in by the 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Children will be learning and joining in Easter activities over the Easter holidays.

## April 7<sup>th</sup>- World health day.

Children and staff all week will be focusing on healthy diets, physical exercise, relaxation and learning about how to keep our bodies healthy.

## April 23<sup>rd</sup>- St Georges Day

Children will be learning at looking at English traditions and the patron saint of England.

## General Information

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.

## 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.

## Tax Free Childcare

This is available to around 2 million households to help with the cost of childcare. You'll be able to open an online account, that you can pay into to cover the cost of childcare with Honeybuns. You'll be able to apply for all your children at the same time, when your youngest child becomes eligible.

For every 80p you or someone else pays in, the government will top up an extra 20p.

This is equivalent of the tax most people pay - 20% - which gives the scheme its name, 'tax-free'. The government will top up the account with 20% of childcare costs up to a total of £10,000 - the equivalent of up to £2,000 support per child per year (or £4,000 for disabled children).

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

## And finally,.....

If you have any old items at home such as: locks, keys, cameras, pots/pans, utensils, metal items, wooden materials etc (please no glass or anything that is breakable or sharp) This gives the children opportunity to explore with a wide range of materials and media.