



# Nursery News

## December 2020



### What's Been Happening?

We have had a busy month filled with lots of fabulous events, activities & learning opportunities.

We have enjoyed exploring different nursery rhymes for world nursery rhyme week, Busy Bees particularly liked their 5 current buns activity!



We also learnt about Remembrance Day; Busy Bees made poppies from loose parts on the light table & also from play dough. Worker Bees showed a lot of interest in this theme, learning about brave soldiers who served during the war & what the poppy means.



### Coming up this Month

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Advent begins/Christingle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - International day of persons with disabilities
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Elf day in aid of the Alzheimer's society - Children are welcome to come to nursery dressed as an elf or in elf themed clothing. If you wish to donate to the cause, please donate straight to the Alzheimer's society.
- 4<sup>th</sup> - International cheetah day
- 6<sup>th</sup> - St Nicholas Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> - Hanukkah - Jewish festival of lights
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Save the children Christmas Jumper Day - Children can come to nursery in a Christmas jumper. If you wish to donate to the cause, please donate straight to save the children.



- 18<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Dinner Day!
- 21<sup>st</sup> - National Robin Day/ Winter solstice

\* Please note children who attend on a term time only basis will finish for Christmas on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** & will return to nursery on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

\* **The nursery is closed from Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.**

Please check out the blog for latest pictures of events at  
<http://blog.honeypotnursery.co.uk>



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## Room News (Busy Bees)



Busy Bees have had so much fun celebrating different events & learning lots of new things! They enjoyed painting outdoors on a large scale, doing lots of splats & splashes to create a beautiful firework scene! They also celebrated Remembrance Day, creating poppies from loose parts & playdough. The children created their own diva lamps for Diwali, they were fascinated by the patterns they could create & especially loved dressing up for the occasion! The children also enjoyed exploring a variety of themed tuff trays for nursery rhyme week including incy wincey spider & humpty dumpty. The children were eager to help put humpty back together after he fell off a wall!

## Room News (Wraparound)



Wraparound have been very creative over the last month! They have enjoyed using their own space in the hub for independent arts and crafts, making some fantastic creations & they also created their own interpretation of poppy wreaths for remembrance day. The children also enjoyed completing word searches based on the themes anti bullying and road safety. They discussed about being kind to others & ensuring their safety when crossing the road & playing outdoors.

## Room News (Worker Bees)



Worker Bees had a very busy November! They explored a large variety of different themes & events including bonfire night, Remembrance Day, children in need, world nursery rhyme week & Diwali. The children have enjoyed learning about one of Deb's relatives who bravely served during the war. They also enjoyed making edible sparklers & firework pictures for bonfire night. They also enjoyed a pudsey bear spot hunt & making diva lamps for Diwali. The children especially loved using their imagination to open up their very own Honey Pot Salon when Deb introduced a box filled with hairdressing items!

## Birthdays

### Busy Bees:

Luna's birthday is on the 18<sup>th</sup>  
Christine's birthday is on the 31<sup>st</sup>

### Worker Bees:

Bea's birthday is on the 5<sup>th</sup>  
Bobby's birthday is on the 8<sup>th</sup>  
Joel's birthday is on the 9<sup>th</sup>  
Felix's birthday is the 18<sup>th</sup>

### Wraparound:

Willow's birthday is on the 12<sup>th</sup>  
Beatrice's birthday is on the 25<sup>th</sup>  
Isaac N's birthday is on the 29<sup>th</sup>  
Manel's birthday is on the 30<sup>th</sup>

We wish you all a very happy Birthday & hope you have an amazing day! xxxx



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## Staff Information

Last month we welcomed Jessica to the team. She will be studying for her level 2 childcare qualification with us. We have also welcomed Naomi to the team, who is joining our wraparound staff team.



Jessica



Naomi

## Staff Holidays

Megan will be on annual leave from the 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Leanne will be on annual leave from the 21<sup>st</sup> December.

Ashley will be on annual leave from the 21<sup>st</sup> December

## Staff Training

Megan & Jessica will continue to study for their level 2 qualification.

Leanne recently attended a senco masterclass, which gave her lots of knowledge to implement into her senco role.

Naomi, Megan, Amanda & Jessica will be attending a paediatric first aid course.

We all recently completed training on 'In the moment planning' & we are extremely excited to implement it into the setting!



## Employee of the month

### Leanne

Leanne has worked consistently hard over the last month to provide exciting & stimulating activities for the children in line with their interests & events. She also supports her team in doing the same so that all of the children benefit & is proactive in sharing her practice with staff across all of our Honey Pot sites.

Leanne also ensures she maintains excellent communication with the parents, keeping them informed of any room news & upcoming changes. Well done!



## Room of the month

### Worker Bees

Rhiann & Deb have done some lovely activities with the children over the past month. They have celebrated a variety of events in the room & provided lots of opportunities for the children to learn & expand their knowledge further.

They have been extremely keen to implement new strategies that they have gained from training & this has been really beneficial in the running of the room & for the children. Well done!



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## Message from central support

This month we have hosted two whole team training events via zoom. We've been learning more about planning in the moment with young children which essentially is a new planning method we are switching to which enables practitioners to spend more time observing and playing with children and less time completing paperwork. We are looking forward to all of the excitement which December brings. We hope to make Christmas as normal as possible for the children this year under the circumstances and we have lots of exciting festive activities in store for them.

## Other news/information

\* Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal - Thank you so much to everyone who donated to this appeal. We were able to donate a total of 16 shoeboxes in time for the deadline!! There were a few donations left over so we have donated them to the Cash for Kids Mission Christmas toy appeal!



\* If your child has recently turned 3, they may be eligible for 30 hours funding from January. Visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> for more information & to see if you are eligible. Please also remember that it is important to renew your code if you are already receiving funding. If you are not eligible for 30 hours, your child will still receive 15 hours funding. If you have any queries in regard to how funding works, then please do not hesitate to contact Ashley or Fatima.

## Reminders

- \* Don't forget we have a parent's group on Facebook, please search **Honey Pot Childcare Parents** to request to join. Staff will be sharing lots of ideas, challenges & reminders! Also don't forget to follow Honey Pot's main social media pages too for lots of ideas & updates.
- \* **Extra sessions** - Please be aware that when booking any extra/additional sessions for your child/ren, they must be paid for in advance of the session
- \*\* **Just a reminder to be aware of the measures that are in place at nursery due to covid-19;**
  - All parents must wear a mask when dropping up and picking up their children (Unless exempt), the children will wash their hands upon arrival and be taken to their play rooms by a member of staff.
  - To limit the time spent in contact with staff at the front door, handovers to parents will be strictly limited, staff will send out messages/diaries on eylog or call you if they wish to discuss anything with you or pass more information on. We also encourage parents to post an observation via eylog or ring/text the nursery if you wish to speak to a member of staff/pass on information.
  - In addition to this, please remember that children's accident forms & medication forms are completed on eylog; if your child has an accident in nursery you will get a notification. Please remember to inform staff if your child has had any medicine or accidents prior to nursery, you can do this via eylog or by calling the nursery.

**We wish you all a Merry Christmas & a happy new year!!**



**Ashley, Fatima & the HP Childcare team xx**



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