



**Busy Bee
Preschool**

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The Buzz

November & December 2022

School Term Dates

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

19th December - 2nd January

SPRING HALF-TERM

13th February - 17th February

EASTER HOLIDAYS

24th March - 14th April

SUMMER HALF-TERM

29th May- 2nd June

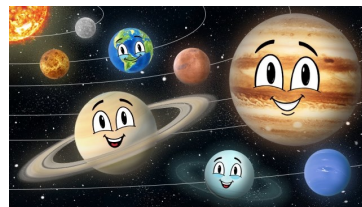
SUMMER HOLIDAYS

24th July - 4th September

What are we doing this half term?

Light and a dark

We will be looking at night and day and making comparisons. We will be thinking about shadows and create them with torches.



We use this time of year to think about the universe and things that may exist up in space!!! The children will look at the different planets in our solar system, we may even make our own rocket ships to fly to the moon.

Books: whatever next

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cVmjFOOLMbE>

Rhymes:

5 little men in a flying saucer

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-five-little-men-in-a-flying-saucer/z6qgscw>

Christmas



We will be having lots of fun making glittery pictures, decorations, listening to Christmas stories and playing games.

We will think about how children in different countries celebrate.

Books: Dear Santa
Gingerbread man
Nativity stories

Rhymes:

When santa got stuck up the chimney

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0IcSuv9tZow>

Groups and the staff

Honey Bees 2s

Supervisor - Joann

Team - Vicky, Kelly, Kelly

Bumble Bees 2s & 3s

Supervisor - Kate

Deputy -Manjinder

Team - Lianne, Anita, Kim,
Hazel, Edith

Learner Bees 3s & 4s

Supervisor - Michelle

Team - Serena, Eva, Joann,
Sam, Hannah

Manager

Tina

Deputy Manager

Laura

Special Needs

Coordinator

Debbie

Observations

You may have noticed that we have not been updating your child's learning journal as often.

The reason behind this is that inputting the information is very time consuming which means staff having to take time away from the children to do this. We would

rather spend our time doing what we love and that is helping and supporting your children while they play and learn. We aim to update monthly from now on, we will add wow moments as they occur and can talk to you at any time about what your child has been getting up to day to day.

Preschool Fees

Just a reminder that all fees remain payable even when your child is absent through illness or holidays. All sessions are booked monthly in advance to ensure we maintain safe staff ratios. We ask that where possible fees are paid in advance, either monthly or weekly. Invoices are issued at the beginning of each month. All accounts must be cleared by the end of each month. If payment is not made we will have no choice but to drop sessions.

Non Funded Sessions

Early arrival

8.15am-8.45 am

£3.00

(must be pre-booked)

8.45-11.45 / 12.00-3.00

£15.00 per session

All day 8.45-2.45

£30.00 per day

Collection times

The end of the session is an important time of day where the children have stories, rhymes, yoga and music and movement opportunities, often children miss out on these important learning opportunities by leaving early everyday.

Please can you let us know if you are going to collect early to minimise interruption during these times.

We will open the gate 5 minutes before the end of each session.

We understand some parents have other schools to get to so this should allow enough time to get to those too.

Choking Hazards

Please remember to cut grapes, olives and cherry tomatoes into quarters. These types of food are healthy but pose a choking hazard to young children. We have lots of children with these items in their lunch boxes and have not been cut.

Events

World nursery rhyme week

14th-18th November

Busy Bees have signed up to be ambassadors of nursery rhymes we recognise and promote the importance of nursery rhymes in the early development and education of our children.

We will be encouraging children to take part in our 'Rhyme a Day' challenge by singing the nursery rhymes and taking part in supporting activities.



Nursery rhymes are excellent teaching tools and can help to develop:

language and literacy skills
numeracy skills

social, physical and emotional skills
- they are so much fun!

Rhymers are readers

Did you know... If a child knows 8 nursery rhymes by heart by the age of 4, they are usually among the best readers by age the time they are 8.

We will be encouraging families to participate at home too. Each day we will post the daily rhyme on Blossom and would love for you to send us videos of you all singing along at home.

www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldNurseryRhymeWeek/>

Christmas Jumper week

Spooky season is over - you know what that means? The BEST time of the whole year is on its way! So dig out your favourite knits

That's when (almost) everyone in the whole entire country will wear their most Christmassy jumper to help kids everywhere get the best future ever.

As previous years we will invite the children to wear their festive outfits during December...why stop at one day!!

Since 2012, millions of people like you have put on their jazziest jumpers in December, donated money to Save the Children, and helped make the world better for children in the UK and around the world.

To help raise money and support the Save the children charity we will hold a cake sale on Christmas jumper day

Thursday 8th December

Further details will be confirmed nearer the time.

This year, the UK government's promised to give the same amount as we give. Every time we give £2 to Save the Children, they give £2 too!

Reminders

Birth certificates

It is a requirement from Southampton city council that we have your seen and documented your child's birth certificate number. If you haven't already done so could you bring a copy of the certificate for us to record the number, we no longer need copies due to GDPR

Attendance

If your child is not able to attend please let us know the reason on the first day. For safe guarding reason we have a duty to chase up any report periods of prolonged unexplained absence. Your funding may also be impacted if your child is absent for longer than 2 weeks without explanation.