



Busy Bees

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable half term.

This half term the children will be taking part in a range of activities to cover all areas of learning and development but our emphasis is on physical development and our theme is mini beasts. We begin this half term by finding out about spiders and we have a dark den role play area. Next week we will be learning about ladybirds, followed by a week of looking at caterpillars and butterflies. We have some real caterpillars that we will be observing transforming into butterflies. In week four, we will be discovering all about snails and hope to have a trip to the environmental garden at Skyswood School on Thursday June 27th (to be confirmed). In our final week on mini beasts we are having a Winnie the Pooh role play area and will be finding out all about bees! For the last week and a half of term, we will be supporting your children's transition to 'big' school, with a range of activities, including making a school bag, school dressing up, emblem colouring and lots of great stories. We will also have our annual visit from Bookstart Bear who will be handing out book bags to the Nursery children. You will be invited to come and share this event with your children. We finish the term with a Leaver's party on the 17th July.

We will be continuing with our phonics table and each day will have a different sound phoneme. We start today with 'a' and then follow alphabetically- we will keep you updated via twitter! We have also decided to change our library session and have instead a drama session where the children get to act out different stories! There will be a daily library box in the small room where parents/carers and children can choose a library book together and return it to the box when they have finished with it.

It has been delightful to see how much your children have enjoyed our 'Forest School' sessions. The feedback from them and the enthusiasm that they have displayed has been wonderful and their behaviour has been exemplary. We are all looking forward to sharing further 'forest' activities this half term. On Tuesday 4th June, we will be creating a tree collage, on Friday 14th June our activity is ladybird numbers, whilst on Tuesday 18th June we will be flying butterfly planes! On the 28th June, we will be releasing snails into the woods that we have raced earlier on in the morning! We have a scavenger hunt on Tuesday 2nd July and our final 'Forest School' session on Friday 12th July is a bear hunt and a teddy bear's picnic!

Our 'fun morning' is on **Wednesday 10th July**. It is open to everyone and starts at 10.00am and finishes at 12.00noon. The children will be supervised in the Church and will need to be collected from inside the Church by you. If you are unable to come along, please let your child's key person

know, so they can ensure your child is able to take part in all the activities on offer. Lunch club will also be available. On **Monday 15th July** we will be hosting our annual Busy Bees Sports Day! The Nursery Sports Day will take place from 10.45am-12noon in Sherwood Park and parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to come along and cheer on the children. There might even be a parent's track event!

The Busy Bees group photos are now available to order. The Nursery presentation pack contains a photo of your child, a large group photo and nursery group photo with the children's names printed and is a great reminder of your child's time at Busy Bees! There is a proof pack for you to view. Orders need to be in by Friday 14th June.

Many thanks for all your Sainsbury's vouchers. We will enjoy purchasing a range of equipment that will support the children's physical development-we might even use our purchases on Sports Day!

In case of good weather, please could you provide your child with a named sun hat and, when necessary, apply sun cream before arriving at Busy Bees. We are happy to top up sun cream you provide-please ensure that it is clearly named.

This is a six and a half week half term and we finish for the summer on **Wednesday 17th July**. The Nursery contribution is £99. If your child stays for lunch club or for the extended sessions, the cost of these may be added to your fees. Lunch club is £5 and the afternoon session is £10 each. Please could you show the break-down of your payment. Cheques should be made payable to Busy Bees (Marshalswick) Ltd. If paying directly into the Busy Bees bank account or with vouchers, please use your child's name as a reference. Please can you also ensure that you have booked your children into lunch club or the extended sessions.

We hope you and your children enjoy their final half term at Busy Bees.

If you have any queries or concerns, please let us know.

Thank you.