

Busy Bees Preschool



Charity no; 1014692

Upcoming Events & Important dates

During all of November,

Trussell Trust food collection to support their Christmas campaign



Friday 11th December, Christmas raffle draw-
tickets will be on sale in December

Last day of term 2;
Friday 18th December

1st day of term 3;
Monday 4th January

Welcome back to you all and I hope you all had a lovely half term break.

National Lockdown- Thursday 5th November

As you will be aware there is a national lockdown starting on Thursday 5th November. Schools and early years settings are remaining open so it's business as usual for Busy Bees. We will, of course, keep you updated of any changes as we are notified.

Sessions for January

If you haven't done so already please reserve the sessions you would like your child to attend in January if you would like to increase or change sessions. Sessions are available to book on a first come first served basis.

If you need any information about funding or need to apply for 30 hour funding go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Thank you



Busy Bees Preschool are supporting a government campaign which supports and encourages parents to engage in activities that support your child's early learning development- called Hungry Little Minds.

We will be sharing useful tips and fun activities to do with your child which will support their development particularly around their talking and early reading skills.

Even the simplest of activities such as playing games in the car on a journey- such as I spy- are really beneficial to broaden children's vocabulary and thinking skills.

Keep a look out on Facebook, our website and the notice boards for some great ideas!

www.hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk



General Information

Primary School applications

Calling all Preschool parents-

Please remember that if your child will be starting Primary School in September 2021 you will need to apply for a school place.

The deadline is midnight on 15th January 2020

Complete or download an application form online at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-online>

Call Customer Services on 01225 713010 to be sent a paper application

The above website also provides an information booklet which you may find useful, including admission criteria

Contact the school/s directly for more information if required



How you can help us

During your child's time at Busy Bees you will not be asked to pay for additional activities and experiences, however there are lots of ways you can support the preschool;

Donations

Snacks;

- crackers, biscuits such as digestive rich tea & cheddars
- dried fruit
- cheese
- Large pots of yoghurt

Other items;

- Christmassy bits and bobs- wrapping paper, cards & sparkly craft
- Flour, shaving foam,

There is a donations box in the lobby. If you would like to make a cash donation just pop it in the bee money box in the lobby.

Thank you for your support

Safety in the Local Community

Last term there were several reported incidents of school and preschool parents parking irresponsibly when dropping off and collecting children. Politely we ask that all parents are mindful of how busy Highbury Avenue, and the surrounding rounds, are at these busy times and park safely and with respect for residents. If time allows park a little further away, perhaps in St Gregory's Avenue, and walk a little further to avoid Highbury Avenue becoming unsafe for parents and children walking home.

Also...

- The 8 o'clock breakfast club has ended due to very low interest. This may be something we revisit in the future if demand is sufficient to be sustainable.
- Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for the weather particularly when it is cold or wet, including named wellies and **waterproof coats.**
- The website www.familylives.org.uk offers a wealth of information and advice on a wide range of parental challenges. It's aimed at children all ages, from birth right through to secondary age children and also families dealing with difficult and traumatic situations. Family Lives also offer parenting advice videos and online courses. There is also a free confidential number- 0800 800 2222