

# Happy Summer Term in Busy Bees!



*and a special welcome to Coen, Demi-Rose, Edward, Juno, Lexi and Orin!*

## Staff

There are four members of staff in Nursery – Mrs Davies, Mrs Febrey, Miss Smith and Miss Meldon. In addition, Mrs Page is here 8 – 9am to run Breakfast Club, and Mrs Booth comes to help with Lunch Club.

## Dropping-off and collecting your child

The Nursery does not open until **9.00am** and **1.00pm**. This gives staff a chance to set up activities and games for the session. When parents/ carers have left the classroom, we lock the main door and side gate for security. Please note, at pick-up time at 11.30am or at 1pm, you will not be able to access Main School and Nursery from the side gate on Old Church Road.

*Before you leave, please make sure you have let a member of staff know who will be collecting your child. This is especially important if you have arranged for a person unfamiliar to us to do the collecting.*

The children are ready to be collected at **11.30am** and **3.30pm**, when we will unlock the door for you to come into the foyer area. We like to accustom the children to sitting on the 'going home train', making sure that they have all their belongings and waiting until their name is called to be dismissed.

So that Busy Bees children are not distracted, and to give us a little more space, *please do not allow siblings to knock on the door or to come into the cloakroom area at hometime.* Thank you for supporting us in this.

We enjoy a relaxed atmosphere in Busy Bees and thrive on the good relationships and communication we share with parents. We do not want you to worry about the time they spend away from you. If your child is a little upset at dropping-off time, sometimes it is easier to stay awhile until they settle. For others, it is sometimes harder to settle if the separation from you is prolonged. What is best for your child is our shared priority, and we want to work with you to make this a rewarding and fun time for us all.

## Term Dates

Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>. We re-open after the Whitsun break on **Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup>**.

We are **closed** for the Bank Holiday on **May 7<sup>th</sup>**.

## Medical information and Parental Consent

*Please inform a member of staff as soon as possible if there are any changes to the information you provided last term. (See return slip at the end of this letter).*

In addition, please refer to your welcome handbook with regard to shared information with other settings – if your child attends another preschool and you do NOT wish us to share information regarding your child's learning and development, please inform your key worker. Thank you.

### **Comfort toys and Personal Belongings**

Unfortunately, some special things do get lost or broken. If your child likes to bring a comfort toy, please encourage him/ her to place it in his/her book bag, so it will be safe until hometime.

On Wednesdays and Fridays, we share our **news**, and this is also a time when the children can show a toy, or something they have made at home. We have a basket on the carpet area for storing our special items for showing. We would be grateful if you please support us in limiting showing to one item only.

As our cloakroom space is very limited, we kindly ask that you place any large change of clothes bags on the floor, underneath your child's peg.

### **Fruit, Milk and Hot Dinners**

Until the age of 5, the children receive free fruit and milk daily. If you have not registered your child for milk, please ask a member of staff for a Cool Milk application form.

A hot school meal can be ordered at a cost of £2.20. Orders are made by the parents directly with the supplier, Aspens. If you wish to order any hot meals, your child must be registered. Please see a member of staff, so that we can request a personalised registration code on your behalf. You will then be able to access your online account to complete your order and make payment. Thank you.

### **Breakfast Club**

Our early morning club is up and running. This is usually booked on a termly basis, with flexible drop-off times (between 8 and 9am). We do have spaces, so if you would like to book in and have not already done so, please let us know.

### **Clothes and shoes**

We want all children to learn to be independent in dressing and undressing, including for regular playtimes and PE sessions. For this purpose, we kindly ask you to help us, by sending your child to nursery in easy pull-on/ pull-off clothing, and slip-on or Velcro-fastening shoes. In addition, please provide mittens rather than gloves, when the weather is cold.

If your child is toilet-training, or has accidents from time-to-time, we encourage you to send in a set of spare clothes in his/ her book bag. We do have a limited amount of spare clothing (navy joggers and shorts/ red and yellow polo shirts/ red sweatshirts). **If you borrow Busy Bees clothing, we kindly ask you to return it straightaway so that it will be available for another child when needed.** Also, to keep our carpet as germ-free as possible, please can you provide a pair of named slippers or soft indoor shoes for your child. Thank you for your support.

### **PE**

On **Monday mornings**, the older children will use the main school hall for our PE and dance sessions. For PE, please send in a simple drawstring bag containing a T shirt and a pair of shorts. **Please make sure that the bag and your child's kit are clearly labelled.**

### **Cake sale**





The PTA organises class cake sales throughout the year to raise funds for special resources for the children. Each term, Busy Bees cake sale takes place on a rota basis and parents are invited to contribute a small batch of cakes, homemade or shop-bought. These are sold for 50p each at the end of the day under Hazel Class canopy, in main school.

We are very grateful to all parents for supporting this event – whether you bake or just come along to buy – and the proceeds enable us to buy special things for nursery.

**If you would be willing to help out selling cakes once a term, please let us know** (the cake sale starts at 3.20pm and finishes around 3.50pm). Thanks very much.

## Key Families

We have four key families in nursery. Your child's key person is a point of contact should you have a query, wish to pass on information, or discuss day-to-day matters. If you wish to discuss any sensitive issue, you are most welcome to see Mrs. Davies. Please see below for the name of your child's key person:

<b><u>Mrs Davies's</u></b> <b><u>FAMILY</u></b> <b>caterpillars</b> 	<b><u>Mrs Febrey's</u></b> <b><u>FAMILY</u></b> <b>ladybirds</b> 	<b><u>Miss Smith's</u></b> <b><u>FAMILY</u></b> <b>butterflies</b> 	<b><u>Miss Meldon's</u></b> <b><u>FAMILY</u></b> <b>dragonflies</b> 
Martha Elson Joseph Callow Penny Emery Harry Norwood Jennifer Curnow Jack Paige Isla Sweetland Edward Winspear Matilda Heappey Elliott Comer Harrison Packer Orin White Lexi Smith Demi-Rose Thompson-Duggan	Mabel Norman Elijah Williams Juneau Laing Ebony Hamlyn Owen Murphy Jason Perry Leah Clarke Enya Smith Matylda Stankiewicz Poppy Waring Noah Gray-Thomas Isabel Charman Coen Britton	Chloe Garside Vincent Parsons Safia Karim Leo Rees Freddie Crummey Phoebe Adams Coco Conroy Emilia Williams Christopher Nellis Ronnie Dair Freddie Winchester-Snell Edith Kavanagh Edith Edmonds Edward Hael	Finley Goodman Dora Gaunt Tallulah Giles Beatrix Bright Jack Wild Harry Collings Harvey Sims Leonora Dutton Angel-Eloise Bell-Simmonds Harvey Whittington Isaac Tiffin Gabriel Clarkson Juno Garbett

## Topic

Each half-term, we take on a new topic as a framework for our learning. A topic web is pinned up on the big noticeboard to keep you up-to-date with what we are doing. In addition, you will receive a half-termly newsletter from Busy Bees and Main School. Our current topic is:

**LET'S GO!**

### **weeks 1 and 2 – Mr Gumpy's Motor Car**

printing with wheels  
 journey pictures for display: cutting out pictures of different forms of transport  
 telling our journey stories  
 t for truck, v for van

### **weeks 3 and 4 – Up, Up, Up!**

recognising and sequencing numbers: kite number lines  
 exploring how things work and why things happen: blowing bubbles, balloon play  
 letters and sounds: initial balloons  
 k for kite, u for up

### **weeks 5 and 6 - Whatever Next!**

exploring shape: building rockets and spaceships  
 cosmic mobiles: marbled / spatter print planets  
 2D and 3D shapes feely bag game  
 z for zoom

### **week 7 – We're Going on a Bear Hunt**

building dens and caves; sharing a picnic in the woods  
 counting: making bear print trails  
 exploring shape & texture: making bear toast, bear



We will be taking to the skies in our hot air balloon role play area too!  
If you would like to send in anything relevant to our topic or letter tray, please do so.

### **Playdough**

We would be very grateful to any kind volunteer who would be prepared to make a batch of playdough for us. We have a recipe pinned on the noticeboard. Thank you.

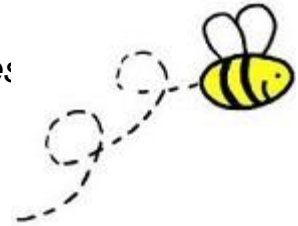
### **Contacting us**

We have a direct telephone number in Nursery: 732897.

If you need to contact Axbridge Main School, the number is: 732391.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns at any time please do come to talk them over with us.

Helen Davies (*Nursery Teacher*)  
Kate Febrey, Nadine Smith (*Nursery Nurse*)  
Zoe Meldon (*Nursery Assistant*)  
Patricia Page (*Breakfast Club*)  
Becky Booth (*Lunch Club*)



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## Busy Bees Nursery personal Information update



My child's name is:	
change of address	
change of contact number	
medical condition & information	
other important information	

*Signed:*

*Date:*