



## Bees Knees Newsletter

### January 2021

*We hope you all had a lovely break over the Christmas period. All of the children have settled back in really well and have welcomed our new children starting. We have lots planned over the next coming months and look forward to sharing these experiences with your child.*

### Upcoming Festivals/ Events



*Chinese New Year – Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Year of the Ox*



*Valentines Day – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Wc 8<sup>th</sup> February – All children are welcome to wear something red, white or pink.*



*Shrove Tuesday – Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – The children will have pancakes in Nursery on this day.*



*St Patricks Day 17<sup>th</sup> March*

*Holi Hindu Festival – Celebration of the start of Spring 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and ends 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021*

*Mothers Day - 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021*

*Half Term - 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> February*

### Home Learning

Given the current situation with regards to Covid and the uncertainty of when we have to isolate daily activities will be placed on your child's account. Please ensure you can access this. If you are experiencing any difficulties please let us know so we can help. There will also be zoom story and song time sessions

The following sites are offering free access to all families to support with home learning.

**Baby Ballet** are offering 8 themed weeks of exciting content to help through this new lockdown. Sign up for free using the Link Below

[https://babyballet.co.uk/free-lockdown-programme-registration/?fbclid=IwAR0CZlo9SV5LshR\\_vekfiJWiQ4GRLovXA0DFhtHZDYIQXVRsuqM0ZaZte7U](https://babyballet.co.uk/free-lockdown-programme-registration/?fbclid=IwAR0CZlo9SV5LshR_vekfiJWiQ4GRLovXA0DFhtHZDYIQXVRsuqM0ZaZte7U)

### **Phonics Play**

Phonics play are offering free access during lockdown please see link below

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>

## Reading Eggs

Reading Eggs are offering a 30 free day trial

<https://readingeggs.co.uk>

These programmes are very good especially for pre-school age children.

## Upcoming themes and focuses

### Baby Room and Butterfly Room

Our Babies are going to be exploring the babbling babies programme with Olivia and Kimberlee where they will experience a range of activities to support their early communication skills.

### Buttercup Room

Our Buttercups will be exploring environmental sounds and will be exploring Phase 1 of Phonics. They will also be looking at arctic animals as their overriding theme.

### Bluebell Room

Our Bluebells will be exploring people who help us i.e the emergency services. We will be looking at all the different job roles and how they help us. We will also be able to support what we have learnt through role play. Bluebells will continue with phase one phonics expanding to phase two.

**Reminder: If your child is due to start Reception in September please be reminded that you must apply for your school place before the 15th January 2021**



30 Hours Childcare Funding

Do you think you are eligible for the 30 hours? If so please apply online at [www.childcarechoices.co.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.co.uk)

**If your child is eligible for 30 hours funding please ensure that you reconfirm your code.**

**IF YOUR CHILD IS ELIGIBLE FROM APRIL YOU MUST APPLY NO LATER THAN THE 31ST MARCH. PLEASE GIVE YOUR CODE TO KELLY OR KIM.**



Tapestry - Please make sure you have the app to make the most of your child's learning experiences in Nursery and Home Learning. If you don't have this please email Kim on [kim.parkins@ppse.org.uk](mailto:kim.parkins@ppse.org.uk)



With the cooler weather we are asking if you can ensure that your child comes in with a warm coat, hat and gloves. We go outdoors everyday and want all of the children to enjoy this experience by

ensuring they are warm.

**PLEASE BE REMINDED CHILDREN NEED TO HAVE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SHOES (preferably wellies for outdoors)**

**COVID SAFETY - Please can we remind all parents/ carers to ensure that a face covering is worn on drop off and collection of children. We are trying our best to keep the setting as covid secure as possible and need everyone to support with this to keep our children, families and staff safe. Thankyou for your continued support.**