



Weekly Round Up

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Welcome back to everyone after the half term. The children have all been pleased to be back joining in with activities and seeing their friends. As you are all aware the new national lockdown measures are in now place until Wednesday 2 December. There is little change in the way we operate and the Pre-School will continue to remain open unless advised to close for Public Health reasons. As always, do follow the current 'Hands, Face, Space' guidance and read the Covid information below about symptoms. This week, both rooms have been taking part in craft activities based on halloween and fireworks, using paint and glue. The children in Honeys enjoyed exploring bubbly water, using funnels and cups to scoop and pour. This activity supports children's mathematical development by helping them understand about shape, space and measure as they fill and empty containers. Next week, the children will be learning about remembrance day and making poppies. Some children in Bumbles have already been making cards this week to mark the end of World War one. Armistice Day can be difficult to explain to young children but there are many stories which can help them learn about why we remember those that died in the war. Click on the following link for a child friendly alternative to the 2 minutes usually observed - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOT5CDnYHEs>.

For those of you with children in the Bumbles room, the online applications process to apply for a Reception school place opens on 9 November 2020. Click on the link to get more information about this and remember you need to apply online before the 15 January 2021 - <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>.



Lateness

Unfortunately there has been an increase in parents collecting children late over the past few weeks. Children can be dropped off for sessions between 9.00 - 9.15am or at 12.00pm. They can be collected promptly at 12.00 if doing the morning session only or collected between 2.45 and 3.00pm is staying all day or in the afternoon. It is quite distressing for children if they are left waiting at the setting and it is important to remember that our fees remain low (or free in many cases) and will do so if we can reduce the need for staff to stay later. As per the terms and conditions, Pre-School will impose a fine if children are collected late. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.



Covid Information

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus they **MUST** not come to Pre-School. They **MUST** have a test as soon as possible and stay at home until you get the result. Symptoms are:

- a high temperature.
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Get advice from NHS 111 if you're worried about your child or not sure what to do.

