

## Hello Again

Welcome to our December edition. What a Wonderful Christmas Fair we had, thank you all for coming along, it was such a great atmosphere and big kick start to the Festive Season ! I hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did.

On the subject of Christmas please do take careful note of our closing and opening and closing times during this period.

Please do let us know in advance if your children will be attending on the 23rd and 24th so we can ensure they take all their Christmas Crafts home with them.

### Important Dates

Busikids will **Close at 1pm on Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December**

We will **Open on Wednesday January 2nd** at 7.30 am for Breakfast Club and 8am as usual

**PLEASE NOTE Term Time Only** children do not return until **Monday 6th January**, unless other arrangements have been made.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all your generosity with our fundraising events this year and of course for the Christmas Fair.

Particularly for the huge success of our "non sleep over" in aid of Children in Need—we raised **over £1'000** which is an awesome sum

(If there are any further payments not yet collected, it is never too late:)  
Once again many thanks and especially to the team who stayed for the whole duration!

Extra special thanks go out to April and Toni for organising this and maintaining the energy for its success, - well done !



On the following pages are all the details of our planned festivities for the week leading up to Christmas, we will have such a good time!

Please do take note of which activities are for which age group and particularly the activities where you are able to come and join in with us



So it is that time again when I take great pleasure in wishing you and your families  
a Very Merry  
Christmas and Happy New Year,  
from myself and the whole Busikids Team.



## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS DECEMBER 2019



Day/Date	Morning	Lunch	Afternoon
<b>Friday 13th</b>	Christmas Jumper Day All Day		4 pm Pre-School Nativity 2000 Centre, Hedge End
<b>Monday 16th</b>	10 am Visit from Father Christmas		Busikids MasterChef ! Parents Invited
<b>Tuesday 17th</b>	10.30 am Carol singing at The Grange Pre-school only Pyjama Drama for under 3's	Christmas Dinner	2.00 pm Visit from Jo our local li- brarian to read festive stories
<b>Wednesday 18th</b>	9.30 am Zoolab, festive visit For out under 3's  10 am for Pre-school		3.30 pm Christmas Songs around the Tree and Christmas Party - Pre- School, Parents Invited
<b>Thursday 19th</b>	10 am Stick Man Production Berry Theatre, Hedge End Pre-School Only Soft Play for Under 3's in Pre-School		3.30 pm Christmas Songs around the Tree and Christmas Party All our under 3's Parents are invited
<b>Friday 20th</b>	Making Festive Hats for the Christmas Party Tea		Christmas Disco and Christmas Party Tea for whole Nursery
<b>Monday 23rd</b>	Christmas Games Day For whole Nursery		Christmas Games Day For whole Nursery
<b>Tuesday 24th</b>	Fun Filled Morning For All		Busikids Closes at 1pm

**Friday 13th** - All pre-school parents should already have all the information for the **Nativity** please ask if you have not received this  
**Christmas Jumper Day** further details at the end of this newsletter—is as it says

**Monday 16th** **Father Christmas** ! If your child attends on this day please bring in a present for your child for him to give out. The cost must be under £10 the present must be wrapped and clearly labelled with your child's name.  
If your child does not attend and you would like to accompany them in to see Father Christmas, please do let the office know and bring in the present by 13th December.  
**All father Christmas presents need to be brought in by Friday 13th December ready for Monday**  
**MasterChef** - This will be where the children can bake different festive recipes, one room will be set up to accommodate this, so everyone can have a go! Please do let us know if you are able to come along and help with this lovely fun activity. Thank you

**Tuesday 17th** The pre-school children will walk to **The Grange**, permissions collected on the day.

**Wednesday 18th** For all pre-school parents please do join us to sing along with the children, joining us for **festive songs and refreshments**. Arrive at 3.30 for songs at 3.45

**Thursday 19th** All pre-school parents should already have all the information for the **Theatre trip**, please ask if you have not received this  
For all parents of our under 3's please do join us to sing along with the children, joining us for **festive songs and refreshments**. Arrive at 3.30 for songs at 3.45



# Giraffe Room / Pre-School

Hello Everybody



Over the last couple of months in pre-school we have been very busy focussing on weather and looking at changes, we have been going on walks to the woods and collecting lots of natural objects, some of us even found Mushrooms! Which were just there—growing! We did not touch them or eat them!

We have also been enjoying our re-arranged room, we have been busy moving the room around so the children keep stimulated when at Nursery, so it is not the same old same old all the time. We have really enjoyed the changes and have lots of new areas to play in and adapt to our imaginations.

We have also been focussing lots on technology recently and have been exploring our light table and computer with a particular fondness for the program 'Rainbow Street' which looks at different Occupations, this is the theme we based our festive board around also.

During October we looked at pumpkins and what we can do with them to decorate them for Halloween ! We went out for a walk to see what other decorations were in the neighbourhood. On the walk we saw a scary house all decorated we then came home back and decorated our own pumpkins.

Over November we have been looking and talking about fireworks night by making pictures and discussing why we have fireworks!

We have also had some more fires here at Busikids with our fire pit—we have 'magic powder' too that changes the colours of the flames !

During this month we have also talked about remembrance day and held a 2 minute silence, the children were great at doing this and we talked about why we did it.

Towards the end of the month we started focussing on practicing our Nativity about which we are all very excited — the children have been learning their lines and singing the songs in time with each other and are very excited to show you what they have to offer on the 13th :)

As always it is getting quite chilly so please pack enough clothes for at least one change as we can get wet and muddy outside, and a thick coat and all the accessories, gloves hats, wellies etc.

Thank You

Before we go we would like to take this opportunity to say Goodbye to Yasmin as she is moving on to work in a school working in a year 2 room, we would like to wish her well!

We are also pleased to be welcoming Pam who is joining us at the beginning of the year, Pam will be our new Senior in the pre-school and will be taking over the Green group of key children.

We will also be welcoming Natasha back from Maternity leave, she was previously in the Duckling room and will now join us for Thursdays and Fridays.

A big welcome and Happy New Year to both of you

We are all looking forward to spending Christmas with you all and see you all soon

**Love April, Sophie, Yasmin. Lou, Katie and Isabel**







# Monkey Playroom



**Hello All**

Wow! What a busy few months we have had here in the Monkey Room.

In September the children loved getting messy! We explored paint using a variety of different resources and tried mark making in different ways, making spotty pictures with cotton buds was a particular hit.

This was a great way to promote our fine motor skills which are part of the physical development area of the EYFS. We also really enjoyed making some yummy pizza' for dinner. We spoke about all of the different ingredients we have been using which sparked a conversation about our favourite foods.

October came and we were able to observe big changes in our natural environment. The Monkey room children enjoyed looking out of the big windows shouting out what the weather is doing. We have also been on lots of walks to collect natural resources such as sticks, leaves and conkers which we have used in different ways such as collaging and alongside playdough play. Doing this meant we have been able to carefully look at the world around us.



In November we have celebrated Bonfire Night. We were lucky enough to hear some lovely conversations between the children about their trips to see fireworks. They spoke about the colours and noises they made. This was a wonderful way of supporting children's communication and language skills.

We also enjoyed Nursery Rhyme week singing lots of different songs and making props to support our singing such as lots of little sheep

Please could I remind everyone that now the weather is changing, could we please have appropriate outdoor wear such as welly boots, hats, gloves and warm winter coats. Thank you

Finally there are a couple of staff changes here in the Monkey room, In January we will be saying good bye to Emma as she heads off to be a Nanny—good luck Emma.

Also we are very happy to welcome back Hayley as a permanent team member to the Monkey Room, Hayley has worked with us here at Busikids in the past so will be a familiar face to many of you.

Also a great big Thank you to everyone for being so welcoming towards me, especially to Ellie, Sean and Emma for 'teaching me the ropes' and helping me settle in :- ) xxx

**Seasons Greetings to Everyone from**

**Alice, Ellie, Emma, Sean and Hayley**





# Penguin Playroom

Hello



Welcome to the Penguins Winter Newsletter

Firstly A Big Welcome to Michaela (Kyla) as our new Permanent Room Supervisor—welcome back !

We hope you are all enjoying the mild weather (although it is changing rapidly!) we are still having as the children are and it is a pleasure that we taking every opportunity to go out into the garden and experience the changes that are happening around us.

The team have come up with some fantastic Autumn ideas over the past weeks, using the children's interests to introduce them into the room: we have blended different textures amongst the small world resources so the outside is being brought inside (leaves, twigs etc).

We have been on Autumn walks, chasing falling leaves and experiencing the sounds from beneath our feet as we crunched around. Within the room we have introduced activities that encourage the children to "listen and Understand" these activities were again based on the children's current interests (we all like to have a boogie whatever the moves are!) Dancing to action nursery rhyme songs, the children have their favourites ad their little eyes light up when shown the CD. We also really enjoy any ball games, so listening for their names being called out helps to "play co0operatively with adults" (PSED—making relationships) but also helps them learn that some things are theirs: some things are shared (PSED" managing feelings and behaviour)

Over the past few weeks the children have been drinking their milk from cups with no lids and as each day goes by we are getting less spillages. (drinking from cups with no lids helps to strengthen their mouth muscles which helps with speech development)

As Christmas approaches, new exciting ideas for the children to learn from will appear for you all to look at and enjoy and these will be posted on Busikids Instagram and Face Book, some are simple using resources that we use everyday and can be repeated at home

I would like to welcome Chill as a permanent team member here in the Penguin room, she is such a great asset. I would also like to thank Toran and Kira for their ideas that they contribute to the team to help the children move forward in their development.

In the new Year we will be looking more about Winter and being on this topic I would like to remind you to ensure the children have warm coats etc and also a spare change of clothes as we will get wet and muddy as we continue to play outside  
(The children do love a puddle to splash in, or mud to play with !)

**The Penguin room Team Wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
Kyla, Toran, Kira and Chill**



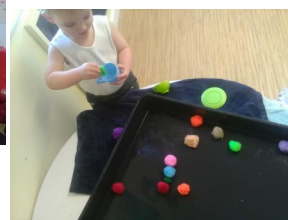
Helping with display background



Blending colours under cling film

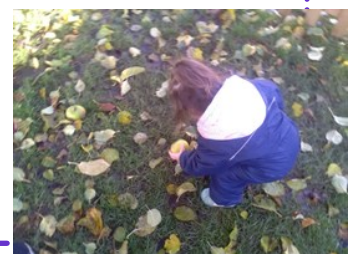


Apple Printing



Using hand eye coordina-tion and pincer grip to pick up pom poms and then squeezing water into the cups.. also scooping using cups

Row Row Row Your Boat



Garden Treasure

# Duckling Playroom



## Hello All

We would like to start by saying a huge welcome to all of our new ducklings! And a very sad goodbye to Michelle who has left to follow new ventures.

Over the last few months we have been enjoying many exciting activities. The Ducklings have loved exploring the "Room on The Broom" book, showing great interest in turning the pages.

We have been learning new signs and especially loved signing for 'Dragon' whilst reading Room on the Broom.

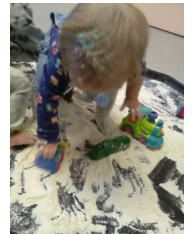
Please do try to continue signing at home, it is such fun and does make communicating easier—as times :)

You may like to sign up to - The Makaton Charity, [website@makaton.org](http://website@makaton.org) and receive new signs into your in box. Please do bring these in and also ask us if you are stuck with any signs.

We have been lucky enough to have some lovely dry days where we have been able to go out for walks, looking at the different colours of the leaves and being able to observe people, cars and animals.



We have also explored using dry foods to play with, you will have seen pasta to cornflakes in our tough trays for the little ones to explore. This has helped the babies hand to eye co-ordination and has been great for sensory play. We have also been using coloured sand to practise pouring and filling and scooping which will help prepare us for using a spoon at meal times.



We would like to say a big thank you for sponsoring us for Children in need. The children helped create our big Pudsey by sticking paper and finger painting—all in such a good cause.

Christmas is well underway in our room and we have the tree which the babies are really enjoying, especially the twinkly lights. We are going to be doing tonnes of festive, messy activities to send home so we would like to remind you not to send the children in their best clothes, as try as we might it is very difficult to stay immaculate.

**Thank you Have a fantastic  
Christmas!  
Toni Jade and Lucy**



## Christmas Jumper Day 2019

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

We would like to invite children and staff to take part in this year's Christmas Jumper day by coming in either a Christmas themed Jumper or outfit in exchange for a small donation.

Don't have a Christmas Jumper? Why not send in a plain jumper for decorating.

Have an old Christmas Jumper? Why not bring in your old Christmas Jumper for a Christmas Jumper swap!