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**Weekly Bulletin**

Dear Parents,

We were very pleased to welcome back our children and their families this week. The children have settled back happily into the nursery routine. As you are aware, we have adapted our nursery schedule, which means that children are able to spend longer hours within the setting. We made this decision to benefit the children because many children did not attend the setting during lockdown and increased hours at nursery provide staff with the opportunity to spend additional time with the children.

Many of our children in the Chestnuts room (3-5 room) will be transitioning to Reception in September, our focus is to ensure that each child is prepared to make this transition smoothly. This means that we are working on building their recognition and understanding of numbers and letters as well as focusing on the children’s independent self care skills (putting on and taking off shoes and coats independently, toilet training etc)

We would like to ensure parents that strict hygiene measures are being maintained within the setting. Regular risk assessments are carried out and are available upon request.

We have received lateral flow Covid tests from the government this week, which means that all members of staff will now be tested for Covid twice a week.

If you or your child require a Covid test, you can request this on the government website

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

**If any members of your household displays any symptoms of Covid-19, please DO NOT attend the setting. Instead, book a test online and follow government advice regarding self-isolation.**

**Symptoms include-**

**Fever**

**Loss of taste and smell**

**New and continuous cough**

Please can all your children’s belongings be named clearly, including lunchboxes and water bottles.

Next week our topic of the week will be Gardening. We will be doing lots of planting and digging in the garden. Please ensure that your child has a pair of wellie boots at nursery to prevent shoes from getting too muddy.

Our story of the week will be The Little Red Hen.

Links to the story will be shared on the Whatsapp page.

Have a lovely weekend; we will see you next week.

The HoneyBee Daycare Team