

## Aintree – May 2022

St Giles Church, Aintree Lane, Aintree Village,

### General News

#### Staff Recognition

This month's Staff Recognition goes to Ella from our Bizzy Bees room. Ella has recently completed her level 2 apprenticeship. Ella puts 100% into everything she does and has been preparing to make sure our Bizzy Bees children have a smooth transition moving onto Primary school.



#### Big Bad Barry

As many of you know, Barry was our goldfish and was a very big part of nursery life. The children loved to feed Barry and watch him swim around and he has also helped the children develop their speech and care for other living things. It is with great sadness that we tell you that unfortunately Barry passed away on 26/04/2022. We are sharing this information with you so you are prepared if the children ask you about what happened to Barry, as we know he also helped children come into the nursery if they were a little unsettled. Barry was a wonderful age of 14 years old and he will be greatly missed by us all.

#### Parent Information

Did you know you could be eligible to claim Tax Free Childcare? The government will pay up to £2000 per year per child (aged 11 years and under). This could be as high as £4000 per year per child if you already claim DLA.

Research has shown that 75% of eligible families are not using Tax Free Childcare. It only takes about 20 minutes to check your eligibility and apply. Basically for every £8 you pay into an online account, the government will add an extra £2. It is definitely worth 20 minutes of your time to check your eligibility! Please visit the following website for more information and how to apply [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

#### Diary Dates, Celebrations & Events Calender

- National Children's Day – 5<sup>th</sup> May
- Mental Health Awareness week – 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May
- World Bee Day - 20<sup>th</sup> May

#### Nursery Closures

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - May Bank Holiday
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Half Term
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June- Spring Bank Holiday
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June- Queens Platinum Jubilee



### **Baby Bees**

This month in Baby Bees we have been having lots of fun celebrating Easter. The children took part in sensory messy play activities using different materials to develop their fine motor skills and hand eye coordination.

We also went on an Easter egg hunt using shredded paper and baskets to gather as many eggs as we could.

The children loved taking part in an egg decorating activity. We got very messy rolling the eggs through paint and shaving foam.



### **Honey Bees**

This month Honey Bees have been enjoying working on their fine motor skills by playing toy rescue. They have helped to release cars, animals and other small object from the tuff tray using tweezers.

We have also been making the most of the nice sunshine and spent a lot of time outdoors.

We have been using the big garden to go on bug hunts and to do exercises around the obstacle course.

### **Bizzy Bees**

This month we had a very eggciting visit from the Easter Bunny. He snuck into the garden when we had all gone for lunch and left us some lovely bunny treats. The children enjoyed going on an egg hunt around the garden, we also used this to develop the children's number recognition and counting skills.

We have also been developing our early writing skills by building on all our muscles. We have been doing this using the large outdoor chalks and cars to make marks outside.

