

News from HONEY LANE CARE HOME

Dear friends

We have been enjoying the Christmas festivities and reflecting on the love, laughter and memories made over the year. We hope you enjoy our round up of the past few months.



A cosy autumn

October brought lots of fun to Honey Lane. Our lively Halloween celebrations began with a visit to Hurley's Farm in Chelmsford to choose pumpkins to decorate our home. We were spoilt for choice with thousands of all different colours, shapes and sizes! Later we donned our finest witches hats for a party courtesy of local entertainer, The Pearly King, who took us down memory lane. We then sat down to a delicious afternoon tea with spooky treats made by our talented chef team. But the seasonal celebrations didn't stop there, as Bonfire Night rolled round just a few days later. This time we snuggled under our blankets with hot chocolate to watch the fireworks outside. We do love to embrace this cosy time of year!

Remembrance Day

November 11th is always a poignant time for Honey Lane when our residents and team members come together to remember all those who served in the world wars. This year we spent the week leading up to Armistice Day doing a range of mindful activities, from crafting poppy wreaths which we displayed as tributes round our home, to sharing personal photos and memories. We shared musical memories too, with our favourite nostalgic wartime tunes that celebrated the love and hope born from this time. On Remembrance Sunday itself, we all then gathered together in our lounge to watch the ceremony live from The Cenotaph and raised a toast of gratitude.



Minibus Mondays

Our weekly day trips are a great opportunity to explore local attractions. We recently took a walk on the wild side with a visit to Paradise Wildlife Park! There were endless smiles as our residents got up close with lions, camels and penguins. Our trip brought up some wonderful childhood memories and some surprising animal trivia, which we shared as we went round! Everyone laughed as we watched the playful otters rolling in the mud and were captivated by the enormous aquarium where we could watch the fish from beneath the surface! After all that excitement we finished the day as we always do; with a trip to the pub for a hearty meal and warming tippie!



Step into Christmas

It was a busy Christmas filled with joy, cheer and charity! As soon as December arrived we headed to our favourite garden centre for some festive inspiration before transforming our home into a Winter Wonderland! Who needs Santa's Grotto when you live at Honey Lane, adorned with its glittering wreaths, pine garlands and Christmas trees, all decked out in sparkling lights and ornaments. Then, like Santa's Elves, we got to work crafting some delightfully playful sock puppets to give as gifts for children at Sunshine Day Nursery. Of course, we made sure there was plenty of celebrations too with live performances from local entertainers, carol singing in the lounge and screenings of everyone's favourite festive films.



Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our home to yours!

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We always love reading your comments on Facebook! Here are a few recent ones:

"Just love seeing everyone smiling and encouraged to join in with the activities... it makes all the difference to their day... it's also reassuring our loved ones are ok and being well looked after too. Thank you Honey Lane!" Julie

"The children were delighted to receive these amazing sock puppets from Honey Lane. They are so excited to be able to play with them and use them to enhance their storytelling." Debbie



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