

St Benedict's and the Venerable Bede.

Our Christmas Charity.

The Honeypot Children's Charity

Can you imagine what it must be like to be at Primary School and being a principal carer for a sick or disabled parent? Imagine such a young age having responsibility for their drugs and personal care, for ringing the emergency services if things go wrong. Imagine how difficult it must be to have friends round to play or to take part in the 101 activities that are available to our young people. It must be hard, even a childhood lost.

Our Christmas Charity is the only charity in the UK offering support to young carers from the age of 5 until the age of 12. which offers both respite breaks and outreach support to young carers, many of whom would otherwise have nowhere to turn.



One of their two houses is Honeypot Pen y Bryn, children are welcomed with fresh countryside air and amazing landscapes of mid Wales. Honeypot Pen y Bryn is equipped with a large playing field, art and drama studio, the Galleon — an amazing adventure playground for children to climb, swing and build dens around —, trampolines, a hard-surfaced area for bikes and go karts, and new for 2019, an indoor swimming pool available for use all year round. Honeypot Pen y Bryn accommodates up to 13 children plus 4 staff, and welcomes children from Wales, the West Midlands and the North West. Our sites are like mini hotels for children where they can make new friends, have fun and take a break from their caring role. Typical activities include swimming in our onsite pools, riding bikes and go karts, trampolining, building dens in the forest and going on bug hunts, looking after the Honeypot pets, arts and crafts, pyjama parties, bedtime stories, and trips to the beach or a local theme park.

Each break is designed to support young carers and vulnerable children with social and emotional aspects of learning (SEAL) and provide an accredited programme of fun team-building and problem-solving skills that allow children to still earn learning credits out of school.



Breaks run throughout the school holidays and every week end, enabling children to play, have fun, and make happy memories which they can cherish for years to come. Children are invited back each year until they are 13 years old so they always have their next Honeypot adventure to look forward to. The children are visited throughout the year and the children are invited to come and join us for a play session in their local area and reconnect with friends they made on their Honeypot breaks.

Every Honeypot child receives a birthday card and a Christmas present. Our Christmas Road Show begins every year in October, travelling the country to hand deliver as many Christmas presents as possible.

Lots more information on their website

www.honeypot.org.uk



Honeypot Pen y Bryn



Children on respite break