

# HONEYBEE TALK



My name is Meriet Duncan, I am a beekeeper and author of the children's book *Betsie Valentine And The Honeybees*. I am currently doing a tour of schools, communities, libraries & businesses in the UK, starting in the home counties, giving talks to key stage 2 children and above about the honeybees.

The talk is about the life cycle and importance of the honeybee. A honeybee, in the height of the summer, only lives for about 6 weeks, of which 5 of those weeks are spent in the hive. In the winter months she lives for up to five months. I explain what is happening inside the hive before they become the ultimate – the flying bee – and what they do when they finally become flying bees. I bring with me a Virtual Hive and my beekeeping equipment and show them inside the hive and how it fits together.

When appropriate I do a brief reading from my book, **“Betsie Valentine And The Honeybees.”** At the end of my talk I have a question and answer time and invite children/people to look at the equipment and go through the hive for themselves and ask any more questions they may have.

This normally takes about 45 minutes but I can make it shorter or longer if required. I charge £25.00 for smaller groups/organisations and £40.00 for larger ones.

If this is something you think the Brownies and Girl Guides would be interested in taking part in please visit my website [www.BetsieValentine.com](http://www.BetsieValentine.com) and contact me to get a date in the diary.

I very much look forward to hearing from you.

