



# Monkey Puzzle

## April 2017

Dear parents/carers!

Happy April! Firstly we would like to thank all the parents, staff and children for bringing in and buying cakes for Red Nose Day. We made an amazing **£134.25!!!** So thank you and well done everybody!

### LAST CALL!

As most of you know we currently have a lost property box outside the office, please come and check if any of your children's things are in it. Anything left will be taken to the shop on 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

Jenna, Alice, Sheba and Fillicia



### Dates for your diaries!

Monkey Puzzle Easter parade! – 12<sup>th</sup> April

Good Friday – 14<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Sunday – 16<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Monday – 17<sup>th</sup> April

St Georges day – 23<sup>rd</sup> April

**NURSERY CLOSURES:** The nursery will be close on Good Friday (14<sup>th</sup> April) and Easter Monday (17<sup>th</sup> April) for public holidays! The nursery will reopen on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April as normal.



### April Birthdays!

This month we have 3 special birthdays to celebrate!

**13<sup>th</sup> April** – Owen will turn 2 years old!

**20<sup>th</sup> April** – Aleksandre will turn 2 years old!

**23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Rees will turn 2 years old!

# What we will be doing this month!

## THEMES: Easter!

### Baby Room

This month baby room will be focusing on Easter. The babies will be making Easter cards along with Easter nests to take home! They will also be learning about sensory Easter objects such as tissue paper and little chicks. We will also be celebrating St. George's day on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April.



### Toddler Room

In toddler room we will be decorating Easter eggs and Easter nests. We will also be collecting leaves and learning about the different colours and sizes! We ask all toddler parents and carers to please bring in any recycling that we can use and ask parents and carers to bring in pictures of us outside and on walks to discuss in circle time!



### Nursery Room

In nursery room this month we will be making lots of things for Easter! We will be making Easter nest cakes to take home! We will also be making Easter baskets to take our Easter cakes home in. We will also be making Easter cards.

### Preschool Room

Preschool room will continue focusing on life cycles this month looking at plants and trees. They will also be doing some gardening! For Easter, preschool room will make Easter hats and will be having an Easter egg hunt.



# What's Coming Up!

## Easter parade

Monkey Puzzle will be having their annual Easter parade this year on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

During our Easter parade all children will be asked to wear their homemade Easter bonnets! We please ask parents and carers if they can make their child an Easter bonnet to wear and bring this in on the big day! (Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April) Please do not bring them any earlier as we have nowhere to store them.

There will be 8 prizes up for grabs! Each room will have a boy and girl award for the best had made so try and be as creative as you can!



## Goodbyes!

Sadly we are saying goodbye to the lovely Donna in baby room who is leaving us on 24<sup>th</sup> April.

We are all going to miss her very much however wish her all the best in the future!

Parents will be contacted in regards to Donna's key children and who will taking over.

## Opening and Closing of the Nursery

Just a reminder to all parents that the nursery opens at 7.30am and closes at 6.30pm. At the beginning of each day and at the end of each day different groupings of children may be placed altogether. This is only for a short period of time and helps the staff correctly supervise and care for the children why there is a changeover of staff and prep or tidying up is taking place.

This is in the best interest of the children.

## Parental Feedback

Just a quick reminder to all parents and carers that we really appreciate your feedback here at Monkey Puzzle and really wish to hear from you all!

We have recently updated our parental survey which can be accessed here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R86HQH9>

Additionally if you wish to make a face-to-face appointment with either Sheba or Jenna, then please contact the office directly and we can arrange a 15 minute appointment.

## Parental Partnership

Another reminder that here at Monkey Puzzle we really love to encourage partnership between parents and staff. We do this through learning journal and daily feedback. We also do this through assessments every 6 weeks.

Our next set of assessments will be being released by the end of this week, this will be discussed during handovers and will available to take home to photocopy but must then be returned to the nursery so then can be placed in the children's files.