



MONKEY PUZZLE

January 2018

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year! We are excited to start a brand new year at Monkey Puzzle and look forward to everything we have to come!

As parents are aware, Sheba is unfortunately leaving us this month but we are looking forward to introducing our new manager Jesmin. She will be starting this week on a part time basis in the afternoon.

Please have a look through our newsletter to find out about different activities we will be doing this month in the nursery! Our theme this month is all about me and my family.

Please also see below for information for new staff joining us at Monkey Puzzle, birthdays this month and dates for your diary!

Please also send through any photos of your children and their family for us to display for this month's theme!

Have a lovely January,

Alice, Jenna, Sheba and Fillicia.



January Birthdays!

1st January – Misaki will turn 3 years old!

4th January – Sophia Y will turn 1 year old!

10th January – Nathan will turn 2 years old!

15th January – Max G will turn 2 years old!

21st January – Mariia will turn 2 years old!

Dates for your diaries!

6th January – Christian Epiphany

14th January – Hindu Makar Sankranti

25th January – Burns Night

30th January – National Story Telling Week

What we will be doing this month!

THEMES: All About Me and My Family

Baby Room

In baby room we will be discussing our families in circle time. We will be discussing our family tree and members we have in our family! We will also be looking at family photos of members of family so we ask all parents to please bring in pictures!

Toddler Room

In toddler room we are going to be doing lots of art and craft activities! We will be painting our families! We will also be looking at our family board in circle time and discuss our family members! Lastly we will be making little mini me figures to take home!

Nursery Room

In nursery room we will be discussing our families and our friends; we will be discussing the similarities and difference between us and our friends! We will also be discussing the difference family members we have. Lastly, we will be drawing and painting out own self portraits to take home and display in the nursery!

Preschool Room

In preschool room we will be doing lots of activities revolving around this month's theme! We will be making special mirrors, as well as a handprint family tree. We will also be doing self portraits as well as reading our two books of the month: 'The Family Book' and 'Who's in My Family'.

What's Coming Up!

Goodbye Miss Sheba!

As many of you know Sheba is sadly leaving us this month after many years at Monkey Puzzle. She has decided to follow a career in teaching which we all know she is great at! We wish her all the best with everything in the future!

Her official last day is Wednesday 10th January. From now onwards she will only be in the nursery in the afternoons providing a handover to our new manager so please do try and pop in and say goodbye!

Good luck Miss Sheba! We will miss you!

New Staff

We are very excited to also introduce new staff working joining us!

Amy – Amy is our new afternoon room leader in baby room. She will be working 12.30-6.30pm every day. Amy has worked in childcare for the past 9 years and has leadership experience working in the past as a nursery officer.

Maude – Maude is a new member of our bank staff team, she is currently studying a degree in Psychology and speaks English, French and German all fluently!

Extra Curriculum Activities

Please don't forget to sign your children up for extra curriculum activities this term!

**Movement and Development –
Monday Mornings**

Dance – Tuesday Mornings

**Football – Wednesday
Mornings**

**If you wish to sign your child up
please inform the office!**