

# Monkey Puzzle May 2017



Dear parents and carers!

We hope you are all well! The time has come for our monthly newsletter and this month lots happening!

Firstly, we would like to introduce two new members of staff, firstly Muna, she is a new lunch time member of staff who will be primarily based in toddler room, and she is starting with us from 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Muna has a level 3 NVQ in childcare. Additionally we also have Konstantina starting, she will be our full-time preschool teacher, and based in preschool room she has a degree in Education Science and Early Childhood Education. She will be starting with us on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. Please say hi and make them feel really welcome!

We also have our nursery photographer coming to take the annual photos of the children! Please scroll to the bottom to see more!

Best wishes,

Jenna, Alice, Sheba and Fillicia.

## Dates for your diaries!

1<sup>st</sup> May – May Day

1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May – Children's book week

23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> May – Monkey Puzzle photographer

## **NURSERY CLOSURES:**

The nursery will be closed on both Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May and Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May due to two bank holidays. The nursery will resume back to normal and reopen on both Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May.



## May Birthdays!

This month we have lots of birthdays to celebrate!

3<sup>rd</sup> May - Zoe will be turning 2 years old

8<sup>th</sup> May – William will be turning 3 years old

12<sup>th</sup> May – both Safa and Walter will be turning 2 years old

18<sup>th</sup> May – Emile will be turning 2 years old

23<sup>rd</sup> May – Georgie will be turning 2 years old

26<sup>th</sup> May – Jules will be turning 2 years old

29<sup>th</sup> May – Federico and Eden will both be turning 2 years old

# What we will be doing this month!

## THEMES: Favourite Stories!

### Baby Room

In baby room we will be reading out favourite stories which are 'Ahhh Spider!' and 'Dear Zoo'. We will also be carrying on with learning about all different animals and looking at what sounds they make and what they look like!



### Toddler Room

This month toddler room will be looking at their own favourite books and asking parents and carers to bring in their favourite books to all discuss together. We will also be looking at new life such as baby animals and talking about any new baby brothers or sisters we now have in our family!

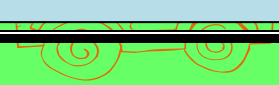


### Nursery Room

In nursery room we will be looking at different books starting off with Rainbow Fish. As we all love hearing that story! We will also be looking at different textures and will be also looking at recognising different numbers.

### Preschool Room

In preschool room we will be looking at a specific book each week and will be making something in relation to that book! We will be starting off with Winnie the Witch and will be making witch hats!



# What's Coming Up!

## Nursery Photographer

On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of May our annual nursery photographer will be coming to the nursery to take the photos school photos. Each room will have an allocated day for their individual and group photos which we will inform you of very soon.

We encourage dressing your children up beautifully! Either wearing their best clothes to nursery or packed in their bag which we can change them in to.

We will also be clarifying with Anthony the photographer regarding how the photos can be purchased; as soon as we know this year's process we will inform all parents.

## 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/R86HQB9>)

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 be available to take home to photocopy but must then be returned to the nursery so then can be placed in the children's files.

## Goodbyes!

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to the lovely Yulie in preschool room who is moving to a new nursery closer to home! She's going to be leaving us on the 13<sup>th</sup> June.

We wish her all the luck in the world at her new nursery!