

Newsletter May 2015

Hello Everybody! We hope you all enjoyed the first of our Bank Holiday Weekends this month. Hopefully the weather will be a little hotter for the next one!

We would like to congratulate Kimberley on the birth of her son Ethan, who weighed in at 9lb and 10 oz.

We would also like to congratulate Claire Sharkey on her pregnancy, she is expecting a little girl and is due in October.

Some of you may have read about us in the local paper but for those who did not, we are proud to announce that we have been shortlisted for a TES school award in the category of 'Best Early Years Setting' We will find out if we have won at the award ceremony that will be taking place in London on the 19th June. A letter will be coming out shortly, to request permission to use photographs of your children as part of the presentation for this award.

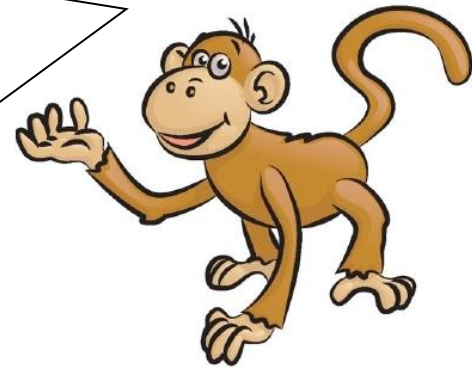
Messages from the rooms...

Monkeys, little and big!!

We would like to welcome our new starters and their families. We hope they are settling well into nursery life. You may have noticed Lucy has returned to the room and Corrine has transferred to the Zebras.

If you have not already, please could you send in a photograph of your child with their family to be displayed in our room.

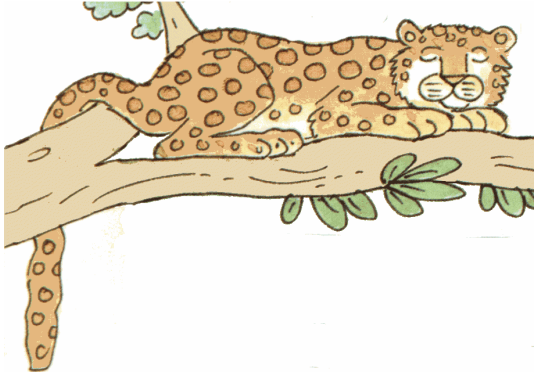
Also any donations of toys would be gratefully received.



Zebras

We would like to welcome Corrine to the Zebras and say goodbye to Lucy who has moved back into the Monkey Room. Our story of the month is 'Don't wake the Baby' and our song of the month is 'The bear went over the mountain'





Leopards.

Our story of the month is 'Walking through the Jungle' and our song of the month is '5 Little Speckled Frogs' We are also looking at the number 8 and the colour green. We are focusing on shapes and would be grateful if you could talk about shapes that you see at home or out and about in your local environment. . Please see our notice board for more details.

Giraffe.

The Giraffes next interest is around fish and creatures that live in the sea. They will be using the 'Rainbow Fish' as a theme. The indoor role-play area will be converted into an aquarium and the outdoor role-play area will become a boat. The children are very excited about this.



Wish list!

- Books suitable for children aged 3-5
- Outside play equipment
- Old pots, pans and utensils for our mud kitchen

Housekeeper

Andrea would find it really helpful if you could put your child's class along with their name on lunches brought from home as we have had a lot of children transitioning recently.

Front door

Thank you for your patience when it comes to us answering the door. We all have busy roles and do our best to get there as fast as possible, unfortunately sometimes there may be a slight delay in us letting you in.

Lunch pots

Please can you collect lunch pots/tubs from the box by the front door each day. We will throw away any that have been left on the 29th May, thank you.

Nursery dates

25th May - Bank holiday - nursery is closed

25th to the 29th May - Half term

17th July- Last day for funded places

21st July - Last day for term time only children

3^{1st} August- Bank Holiday Monday - nursery is closed.

Warmer weather

Please ensure you provide your child with weather appropriate clothes, as we do go outside in all weathers. All items must be clearly named.

Sun cream

The nursery will again be providing sun cream to use on the children when playing outside, but please can we remind you that your child should come to nursery with sun cream already applied and we will top it up during the sessions. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in the matter.

Buggy shed - Reminder

Please ensure you collapse your child's buggy each day. We have cleared the buggy shed and put in some shelving to help create more space. Please do not leave

them in the nursery hallway as they would be a hazard if we had to evacuate in an emergency.

Labelling food

When dropping off food/lunch bags to the kitchen, please ensure it is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Collection and dropping off times.

Please can we request that you keep to your booked nursery times. We only staff for the children that we have booked in, so collecting children late means staff are late going home or having their breaks. If this continues, late charges will be issued! We are aware that unforeseen circumstances can cause lateness so, please call the nursery to advise them of this.

The nursery is almost full.

Please be aware that the nursery is almost at its maximum capacity, so extra sessions and swaps will now be limited. Spaces for September and January 2016 starts are also limited.

If you know of any friends/family members who are planning to join the nursery either this year or next, we would encourage them to get their registration forms completed and returned as soon as possible to secure their space and avoid disappointment.

Extra sessions during the holidays.

If you would like to book any extra sessions throughout the holidays, please come to the office and we can book it in for you.

Fees:

Full days (7:30-18:00) £44

School day (8:30-3:30) £31

AM/PM (9am - 1pm or 1pm to 5pm) £19

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