



Hartley Wintney  
April 2019

## Monkey Puzzle Nursery News

### Dates for your diary

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019, the nursery will be closed for a staff training day.

Hartley Wintney Festival and Procession Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Bank Holiday closures are Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

### Hedgehogs News

This month we have been very busy doing various Easter activities. The children have been decorating chicks, Easter bunnies, carrots, Easter eggs and Easter cards in their own creative way (aided by members of staff).



The children have each made their own Easter baskets using shredded paper for the grass, a chick and a bunny. The children added stickers on the handle for decoration. Finally, the children took part in an Easter egg hunt around the Hedgehogs garden and found an Easter egg to take home. They all enjoyed the hunt and couldn't wait to eat their eggs!

### Squirrels News

This month in Squirrels our theme was EASTER. We created lots of Easter artwork including chicks, Easter egg paintings and bunnies for our display.



We also enjoyed an Easter egg hunt in the garden! We made Easter nest cakes with cornflakes and chocolate, which the children loved making.

## Owls News

We sent our children home with bird watching cards from the RSPB to tie in with our bird topic last month. The RSPB sent a letter back to us to let us know how many different species had been spotted by the children. Good spying pre-school, well done!



We also focussed on Easter. We hung eggs and bunnies on our Easter tree. The children made Easter baskets with their names on to take home after they had to find them in the garden. This helped with the key skills of name/letter finding.



We talked about what happens when you mix colours while doing our Easter crafts, and also discussed baby animal names, matching them to their parents - for example, a baby cow = calf, a baby sheep = lamb etc. This ties in

nicely with our theme of "Animals" for next month.

The children have loved playing and exploring in our new mud kitchen within the garden area!



Earlier in the month we also did some food testing to tie in with our "Things that grow" topic. The children loved trying new tastes and flavours, and exploring what different fruit and vegetables looked and felt like.



## Other News

The Hartley Wintney Festival takes place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019. We will be taking part in the procession this year and will have a stall with various games/activities for everyone to enjoy. On the stall we will run a tombola and a teddy raffle. If anyone has any teddies they would like to donate, or any prizes we can add to our tombola, we would be very grateful.

Please could we ask that parents and carers do not let anyone into the nursery that you do not know or recognise when you are dropping off or picking up your children. This is to prevent a potential security risk to the children and staff. Thank you.

Please can you inform the nursery if your child is going to be absent by telephoning at the earliest opportunity. We do not always check emails first thing in the morning. Also, please notify us of any planned holidays as early as possible.

Are your contact details and emergency contact details up to date? Please ensure you notify reception or send an email to [admin@monkeypuzzlehartleywintney.co.uk](mailto:admin@monkeypuzzlehartleywintney.co.uk) to notify us of any changes you need to make, so our database is up to date at all times in case of an emergency.