



Hartley Wintney
August 2018

Monkey Puzzle Nursery News

Dates for your diary

Friday 28th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning

Monday 24th December
INSET DAY (Nursery will be closed for staff training)

We will close for Christmas from Tuesday 25th December, re-opening on Wednesday 2nd January 2019

Employee of the month

Employee of the month for August is awarded to.....

Ellen Finney (Squirrels Room)
Ellen has been very good at setting the toddler/preschool garden up thoroughly in the morning covering all seven areas of learning ready for the children.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding a Coffee Morning on Friday 28th September. It would be wonderful if you could find an extra five minutes before you dash off to work to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and of course a piece of cake. All donations will go to Macmillan. If you would like to donate any baked goodies for our sale we would be very grateful!

GDPR Compliant Registration Forms

Please could we have the completed forms back as soon as possible. If you have misplaced it and need another copy, please ask.

Special thanks...

to Sue for all her wonderful help and hard work while Jack has been absent, and for her continued support over the coming weeks until our new Chef starts in October.



Welcome new children

I would like to say a very warm welcome to all of our new families that have joined the nursery in the last month. We have had five new children start in Hedgehogs, two in Squirrels and one in Owls. They are all settling in well and enjoying nursery life.

Hedgehogs News

Over the last month we have been learning about 'People that help us'. Huge thanks to all the parents that sent in photos of themselves in their uniforms. We have enjoyed looking at and talking about the photos of Doctors, Soldiers, Royal Engineers, Teachers, Vets and more. There have been many craft related activities, the children have enjoyed playing with the emergency vehicles, and building and construction toys, talking about what sounds they make and what job they do.

We will be looking at Autumn this month and incorporating the book by Julia Donaldson, 'Stick Man'.

Staff News

Kate will be starting a Business administrative role within the nursery as from Monday 10th September. She will still be working closely with staff and engaging with the children daily.

Squirrels News

This past month we have been learning about 'People that help us'. We had lots of fun making lollipop people using different materials such as tissue paper, stickers, glue and coloured pencils. We enjoyed watching videos of professionals such as police, fire fighters, nurses, vets and lollipop people. We enjoyed making lots and lots of handprints to create a fire display in the main room.

This month, we will be celebrating all things Autumn. We will be exploring the garden to find leaves, sticks and look for minibeasts that come out at this time of the year. Using the leaves, we will be doing some rubbings, and making collages with any other outdoor debris we find. Please come into our room to look at our huge tree that we have made using our hand prints.

Owls News

Following the theme of 'People that help us', we have been sharing Ladybird books of Teacher Tina, Truckdriver Tom, Hannah Hairdresser, PC Polly, Nurse Nancy, Fireman Fergus and Queen Clara. We created a role play doctor and dentist surgeries, and the children showed their caring natures whilst playing. People don't just help us on land, so we looked at the work of the RNLI and watched a video of a rescue, following which the children had many questions.

To end this month, one of the children brought in an elephant moth and following this interest, the children investigated the life cycles of moths, and helped to create a wall display of the information they found.