



Hartley Wintney  
July 2018

## Monkey Puzzle Nursery News

### Dates for your diary

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September is the first day of the Autumn term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December  
INSET DAY (Nursery will be closed for staff training)

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

### Employee of the month

Employee of the month for June was awarded to.....

Amber Holbrough (Squirrels Room) for often using her initiative and being extra thoughtful towards a fellow member of staff. She has also been an especially good team player recently.

Congratulations and well done Amber!

### The nursery theme for August is.....

People who help us.

If you know any firefighters, doctors, lollipop people, police officers or any other wonderful 'people that help us', please get in touch as we would love them to come and speak to the children about their profession, and in which way they can help us.

### Special visit from a Dental Nurse

One of our lovely mums came to speak to the children in Squirrels and Owls about healthy eating, and the importance of brushing our teeth. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and went home with a new toothbrush, some

stickers and colouring information sheets.



### Staff News

We would like to welcome Becky to our Owls team. She is the Owls Deputy Room Leader and Third in Charge within the nursery too. Becky has lots of experience working with children and has a BA (Honours) degree in Early Childhood Studies. She is very keen to share her knowledge and experience with the staff and children.

## Transitions

Transitional visits will be starting at the end of August/ beginning of September for Hedgehogs and Squirrels. Keyworkers will work closely with you, the parents, and your children's new keyworker to ensure that all of the children have smooth transitions into their new rooms. We will let you know when your children's settling in visits will be.

## Inset day

Staff had a fulfilled day of training. We covered Observation, Assessment and Planning, then Alison gave us a wonderful session on outdoor play and how we can cover all seven areas of learning even outside in the garden. Eloise and Dani encouraged everyone to think about which schemas the children are going through at the moment, for example, a child who likes to throw or kick repeatedly is likely to be going through a trajectory schema. Feel free to ask staff for more information on schemas. Jae has created a 'Loose Parts' room for the whole nursery to use. Children are natural scientists who have an instinctive drive to investigate their world

around them. Loose parts give the children an excellent opportunity to express their curiosity and explore natural and upcycled materials.

## Hedgehogs News

Last month, we looked at different sports that use balls. We have looked at different shapes and sizes, and the children have enjoyed kicking and throwing them.

Throughout August we will be learning about 'People who help us' for example teachers, nurses, soldiers, etc. We will be doing a display board of photos of people we know, such as parents of our Hedgehogs children in their uniforms!!

## Squirrels News

This month in Squirrels we have been learning about sports. We have been doing various sports activities, such as yoga and gymnastics (roly polies). We had a special visit from a dental nurse, during which we were able to brush a large set of teeth, and we used dressing up clothes as part of role play.

Next month we will be looking at 'People who help us' through doing various activities to support our

children's learning and understanding. Please feel free to ask us for more information.

## Owls News

Some of Owls have been getting ready for starting primary school in September. They have had visits from their new teachers and have been talking about what to expect when they start. They also enjoyed a Teddy Bear's Picnic Leavers' Party.

We have enjoyed fruit tasting - pineapple, avocado, lemon, tangerine, pomegranate and apple - in connection with reading the story 'Handa's Surprise', which the children enjoyed listening to.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed playing, and have been able to extend their imaginations even more, within the new loose parts room too. Please feel free to look.

