



Hartley Wintney  
November 2018

## Monkey Puzzle Nursery News

### Dates for your diary

**Monday 24th 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**

**Christmas Jumper Day** for Action for Children is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Children can come in with their Christmas jumpers on. The recommended donation is £1. A collection box will be in reception on the day.

**Christmas Parties** We are doing separate room parties this year. **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** will be our **Hedgehogs** room party. **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** will be our **Squirrels** room party and **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** will be our **Owls**

room party. They will start with a tea at 4pm and then a visit from Father Christmas to receive a small gift. If your child does not attend on the day the party is held please feel free to come in with them to enjoy the festivities. We ask that parents remain with their children for staffing reasons.

### Children in Need

Thank you to all who took part in our fundraising for Children in Need. From spots to stripes, to pyjamas and cakes, we all had a wonderful week. Fleur and Esme from our Owls room won the teddy, who was called Rainbow! Peaches won the sweets in the jar. There were 40 stuffed in the jar and she guessed 43. We raised a total of £97.31. Thank you for all your kind donations.



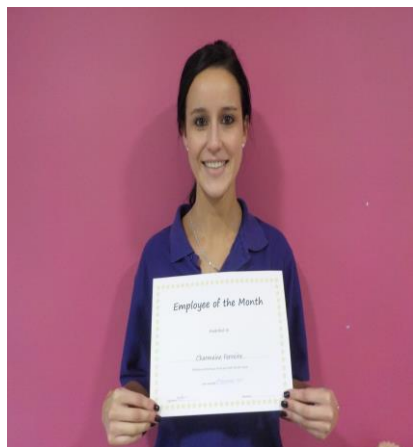
### Staff News

We would like to congratulate Cherry and Andy on the arrival of their new baby boy. Cherry will be taking some time off from the nursery to enjoy their new bundle of joy, and to give them time to adjust to their new family life. All the best to Cherry, Andy, Chester and Albie from us all at Monkey Puzzle!



## Employee of the month

Well done to Charmaine for being our Employee of the month for October! Charmaine works in our Baby room (Hedgehogs). Enjoy your vouchers Charmaine!



week! The children also took part in activities held in the room such as create your own Pudsey Bear and count the spots on Pudsey's ears to encourage number learning.

Lastly the Hedgehogs have helped us create our winter display, which we are all very proud of.



Hedgehog winter display

## Hedgehogs News

This month Hedgehogs have been focusing on our winter theme. The children have been busy taking part in activities regarding Remembrance Sunday and Guy Fawkes night. For Remembrance Sunday the children created a poppy using paper plates, red and black paint. For Guy Fawkes night the children created firework pictures using straws and coloured paint.

For Pudsey week the Hedgehogs took part in many different activities throughout the week including wearing red, spots, stripes and pyjamas, and then a cake sale to put the icing on the top of the



Squirrel Winter display

## Owls News

Owl's have had a very busy month!!

The children's interest has been glasses. We turned the role play area into an Opticians. Children tried on old glasses that had been donated to us. They looked at number and letter charts to help develop their letter and number recognition.

Children have also taken part in firework craft, exploring mixing colours and using different tools and brushes, and printing to create art work.

We have remembered all the things the soldiers do for us by making poppies in various art and craft activities.

We helped to raise money for Children in Need by introducing the children to Pudsey Bear. There were lots of activities, arts and crafts on offer throughout the fundraising week.

## Squirrels News

This month in Squirrels room we have been getting into the wintery mood by creating a winter display. The children have helped to make some excellent art work to display on our board.

The children have also been exploring colours and have used play time to take part in our coloured water experiment. This is displayed on our new 'A day in the life of' picture board.

Finally we have had road safety week. We are teaching the children how to cross the road safely and the traffic light sequence.

We have had a very 'crafty' month!!!



Owl Remembrance Craft

## Other News

Please could you telephone the nursery if your child is going to be absent as we do not always look at emails first thing in the morning, thank you.