

Monkey Puzzle Parents Committee Newsletter

As this is our first newsletter to you all we wanted to take the opportunity to introduce ourselves so that should you wish to speak to any of us about anything you will know who we are!

We had our first Parents Committee Meeting with Sarah on Monday 12th December which was very productive and we are already seeing our suggestions / discussions being taken into consideration and actions put into place.

We all agreed that our priority for the coming months will be on how we can support and help Sarah, Cherry and the team move forwards from the recent OFSTED visit and report. This will focus on providing helpful suggestions of what we would like to see and hear and also putting into place the right communication with parents (both frequency and level of information shared).

A lot of our discussion centred on feeding back to Sarah on how she and Cherry can improve communications with all parents and we hope you found the recent newsletters helpful and informative. We are actively putting into place several actions, such as a list of potential themes for 2017. We hope to incorporate this with making links within the village, so if you have any suggestions for this, please let Sarah, Cherry or any member of the Parent Committee aware.

In January we will be implementing the following:

- An Employee of the month award voted for by parents / children. More details to follow.
- A communication box for parents in reception. We are all aware how drop off / pick up time can be fast and frantic. We would therefore encourage feedback from parents and ask them to use this box to share concerns/suggestions/praise

The Parents Committee have agreed to meet monthly and we will be sending you an update of our meeting each time. Please do contact us or Sarah if you would like to provide any feedback, suggestions or to join our group, all are welcome!

Finally, we would like to wish all children, parents and staff at Monkey Puzzle, a Merry Christmas and Here's to an Excellent (OFSTED) 2017!

Your Monkey Puzzle Parents Committee 2017.



Name: Tara Dibble

Mum to: Henry age 2.5, Squirrels room.

Like most about M.P.: Support children's decision making (when Henry decided he wanted to go to the moon, they built and painted a space rocket)

Would like to see more at M.P: Recognition of all the hard working staff there. (Let us know if you have any ideas on how we can do this!)

Name: Beth French

Mum to: Verity French, 19 months old, currently in Hedgehogs and moving to Squirrels in the New Year.

Like most about M.P.: I know that Verity is happy and having fun. She enjoys going there, the facilities, activities and caring staff make me feel happy leaving her there.

Would like to see more at M.P: Ultimately an Ofsted rating that I feel reflects my experience of the nursery. But whilst that is a longer term goal, I feel communication between nursery and parents could be improved, via EyLog, newsletters etc.



Name: Natalie Leader

Mum to: Charlotte Leader, 3.5 years, Owls Room.

Like most about M.P.: Friendly, welcoming environment and the relationship Charlotte has quickly built up with staff and the other children. I like the drive of the staff to improve and maximise the great facilities on offer.

Would like to see more at M.P: More interaction with the village and better / quicker communication. Also consistency through-out the rooms resulting in good/excellent as standard, with all parents having the same positive feedback

for the nursery and staff.

Name: Janine Alli-Balogun

Mum to: Nicodemus Alli-Balogun, 16 months old currently in Hedgehogs and moving to Squirrels in the first quarter of the New Year.

Like most about M.P.: I know that Nicodemus is extremely happy there. He has lots of fun and enjoys being able to play and explore. He particularly enjoys painting and has brought home some great pieces of art. The staff make me feel at ease and I know that he is getting very good care.

Would like to see more at M.P: Ultimately I would like to see an Ofsted rating that I feel the nursery deserves based on my experience with them however I know that this is something we are all working towards. I feel that although it is a new and growing nursery it would be good to have better communication going forward and more information given on developmental actions for Nicodemus or things that he enjoys learning about.



Name: Tori Haller

Mum to: William age 2, Squirrels room.

Like most about M.P.: The great space & how it has been designed to encourage free flow & children able to move around & do the things they enjoy - especially the outside area which Will loves!

Would like to see more at M.P: Ultimately, I am really keen to see the whole nursery running smoothly with a huge positive buzz about the place. I know the recent OFSTED report has knocked the whole team for six & they are all working incredibly hard to make improvements. I think the more we can all support this

both with suggestions for improvements & positive feedback to reinforce the great work, the better nursery we will with Sarah collectively create!