



Hartley Wintney
July 2020

Welcome back everyone! It has been wonderful to hear joy and laughter in the nursery again, and to see the children's happy little faces every day. They have all settled in very well, and I am sure you will agree, the children are enjoying the activities and seeing their friends. As a nursery, we are still following government guidelines and, even with the new guidelines allowing us to cease operating in 'bubbles' from Monday 20th July, we will continue to clean vigorously and rigorously. We will still ensure that Owls and Squirrels take turns in using the garden, and we ask that you continue to drop off and pick up your children from the front door or Hedgehogs garden. We review the restrictions and guidelines on a weekly basis so if anything else changes, we will let you know.

family.

Most of you are using Famly now which is our new programme for administration, invoicing, communication, recording and tracking learning and development and daily care routines. Please bear with us while we get to grips with this new system, it is new to us too, so please contact us if you have any questions or queries. It would be most appreciated if you could email manager@monkeypuzzlehartleywintney.co.uk with your views of how well or not it is working for you, too.





Summer is here, but with the variant weather conditions we need to make sure we are prepared. The children have access to outdoor play every day so please make sure that they have wellies and a raincoat (named of course) and please apply sun cream before you come into nursery. We will apply it again in the afternoon if needed.

We are closed on Monday 31st August

I'd like to say a huge "thank you" to our wonderful staff team for working so hard to get the nursery up and running ready for all our families to return. It has been a difficult and long process, but everyone has risen to the challenge and I think it has made us stronger as a team.



Wonderful wildlife



We currently have at least two wren chicks nesting in our playhouse with their mummy. The children and staff have been fascinated by mummy wren flying to and from the nest, and hearing their little chirps calling for her is beautiful. We are giving them plenty of space as they will grow and develop over the next couple of weeks in preparation to leave the nest.

New Staff

You may have seen a few new faces since we reopened. Georgia is a level 3 qualified practitioner who has joined Charmaine and Carlie in our Hedgehogs team. They also have an apprentice, Yazmin, who has joined them this week too. Yazmin is keen to learn and she has three wonderful role models to support and mentor her in Hedgehogs room. Rebekah, a level 3 qualified and experienced practitioner, will also join the Hedgehogs team in August. Rebekah has worked in a variety of settings with children, and we look forward to her sharing some of those experiences with us.

Amy, who was due to join our Squirrels team at the end of March and who has waited very patiently for our reopening, finally took her place in Squirrels team when we reopened in June and is enjoying getting to know our children and making strong bonds with them. Charleigh has joined our Owls team as an apprentice and will be starting her level 3 NVQ studies soon. Finally, Luke will join the nursery as an apprentice in August. Please do say "hello" (even though it is from afar at the moment) and join me in welcoming them all to our Monkey Puzzle family.