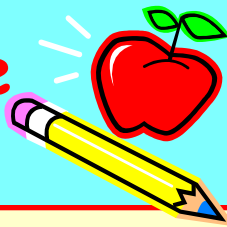




# Monkey Puzzle News



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Happy New Year to all of our existing families and children and a very warm welcome to all of our new families and children. I hope everyone had a great Christmas break. Since the last newsletter the nursery has been expanding with lots more children joining us. We have been extremely busy over the past few months with lots of activities going on.

## Goodbye

At the end of December we sadly had to say goodbye to Sian, one of our level 3 practitioners, who has decided to take some time out and go travelling around the world. We would like to say thank you for your hard work and happy travels.



Two new members of staff will be joining the Monkey Puzzle team at the beginning and end of February. Both are level 3 practitioners and both are bringing a vast amount of experience and knowledge of early years with them.

## Christmas Party

We would like to thank all of the parents that attended our first Christmas party at Monkey Puzzle and made it a special day for the children. The children had lots of fun creating and colouring in the table cloth. After the children had enjoyed all of the yummy food and party games, we had a special visit from one of Santa's elves. Who had come down especially to see the children and read them a Christmas story. She also brought them all an early Christmas present straight from the North Pole!!!



## January News

January started the same way December finished, busy, with new children and families joining us here at the nursery.

This month the theme of the nursery has been winter, which is quite appropriate considering the cold weather recently. The children have been busy making lots of art work that represents winter.



The children have also been using their investigatory skills and looking at the effects of snow and ice. They have been looking at the different snow texture of snow and ice and also how they are formed.



### Reminder to Parents

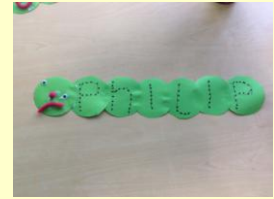
As the weather is changing, we would like to remind all parents to provide their children with the appropriate clothing especially coats, hats and gloves. Can parents also provide appropriate footwear as we take the children into the garden and on local trips.

We would also like to remind parents to supply at least one change of clothing due to messy play inside and outside.

Please can all parents provide photos of family member's for our family board.

## Our book of the Month

This month, the children have been reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. The children have been munching their way through the book and even making their own caterpillars.



February's book of the month is going to be *The Gruffalo*.



Happy New Year - How lucky are the children to be able to celebrate another New Year in January. With it being the Year of the Rooster, the children have been tucking into lots of tasty food in celebration of the New Year. The children have also been making their very own lanterns as part of the festivals.



### Upcoming Events

#### February

14<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Day

17<sup>th</sup> - St Patrick's Day

28<sup>th</sup> - Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday)

#### March

10<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening