

# Monkey Puzzle Tatsfield News



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Dear Parents,



A very warm welcome to all our new families, and to our first Monkey Puzzle Tatsfield Newsletter! We will be sending out newsletters on a regular basis to keep you informed and up to date of all aspects of nursery life.

## Staff

I would like to take this opportunity to officially introduce you to our staff.



**Jane Martin** is our Manager. She is a qualified Montessori Teacher with 15 years' experience in Early Years; her previous position was as a Deputy Manager in a Tunbridge Wells Nursery. She has Early Years Professional Status (Level 6), she is our Child Protection Lead and a qualified first-aider.

**Megan Groves** – Nursery Practitioner. Megan has a Level 3 Diploma in Early Learning and Childcare and she is currently studying for her BA (Hons) in Early Years (Level 6).



**Esther Penver** – Nursery Practitioner. Esther has a Level 3 Diploma in Early Learning and Childcare and four years' experience; she is a qualified first-aider.

**Jenni Harben** – Nursery Practitioner. Jenni has a Level 3 Diploma in Early Learning and Childcare and 5 years' experience; she is a qualified first-aider.



**Chelsee Theodore** – Nursery Practitioner. Chelsee has just completed her BA in Early Childhood (Level 6) at Canterbury Christ Church University. She joins us from Tinies' Childcare UK.

## Dates for your Diary

We will be holding another **OPEN DAY** on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August from 10am until 2pm**. Appointments can be booked on 01959 928427 – Please tell your friends!

The nursery will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015.

The nursery will be **CLOSED** on **WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** for a Staff Training Day. There will be two training days arranged each year, the next of which will be in Spring 2016 (date to be advised).

The nursery closes for the Christmas period each year. This year we will close at **3pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2015** and re-open at **7.30am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016**.

## Key Person

All the children have been allocated a key person who takes first responsibility for the care, learning and development of a small group of children. All of you should have already been introduced to your child's key person, but please don't hesitate to ask if you are unsure who she is.



### **Birthdays**

JENNI (staff)	24 <sup>th</sup> August
FRANKIE M	5 <sup>th</sup> September
BENJAMIN	15 <sup>th</sup> September
ESTHER (staff)	26 <sup>th</sup> September

**Wishing you all a very happy birthday!**

### **Children's Learning and Development**

The Government have issued a document for parents of children in the Early Years Foundation Stage (0 – 5yrs) entitled “**What to expect, when?**” It gives comprehensive guidance about your child’s learning and development through the EYFS. Please follow the link below:



[http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/4Children\\_ParentsGuide\\_2015\\_WEB.pdf](http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/4Children_ParentsGuide_2015_WEB.pdf)

The children have been busy enjoying all our lovely resources both in and outside the nursery. We have introduced a mud kitchen in the garden, which gives the children endless and hugely valuable opportunities for experimenting with mud, water and natural materials, enriching their learning and enhancing well-being. They have also been planting carrot seeds and harvesting our fantastic crop of cherry tomatoes!

The ‘*By The Sea*’ theme has seen the children investigating spaghetti ‘seaweed’, gluing Rainbow Fish and starfish collages and exploring the texture of shells, pebbles and magic sand!

### **Facebook Page**



Please make sure you visit (and Like!) the Monkey Puzzle Tatsfield Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Monkey-Puzzle-Day-Nursery-Tatsfield/1402126603425204>

or Search : Monkey Puzzle Day Nursery Tatsfield.

We will be regularly updating it with photos, links and information.



### **Reminders**

- A polite reminder to please collect your child **on time**. The Late Collection Policy is displayed on the Parents’ Notice Board and applies to both morning and afternoon collections. Late collection will result in an additional charge.
- Please notify us **in advance** if anyone we do not ordinarily see is collection your child. We need photo’s of everyone who is on your ‘authorisation persons’ list.
- As the weather is very changeable at present, please ensure your child has the correct clothing and footwear for outdoor play.
- Please name your child’s clothes and any personal items such as dummies.



### **Suggestion Box**

We’ll be putting a suggestion box in the reception area. Please feel free to post any comments, concerns or suggestions – we would love to hear from you.

**Tel: 01959 928427**

**Email: [manager@monkeypuzzletatsfield.co.uk](mailto:manager@monkeypuzzletatsfield.co.uk)**

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