

Monkey Puzzle Tatsfield News



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Dear Parents / Carers

We hope all our mums had a wonderful Mother's Day, the children had great fun making their pot plants for you. With Easter fast approaching, fingers crossed a warm sunny long weekend.



Staff

We are delighted to announce that **Kelly Lee-Smith** will be joining the Monkey Puzzle Tatsfield team on 12th April 2016. Kelly comes with a wealth of experience in Early Years, having worked for over 20 years in the industry and 11 years in her current setting. She is Level 3 qualified and she has all round experience with particular expertise in working with 2-4 year olds. Kelly will be joining Robin's room.

Rosy Kingdon has also joined us as Bank Staff. Rosy is level 3 qualified and has had 5 years' experience working with all age groups within Early Years.

Curriculum

Sparrows

Over the last month, our weather display board has evolved. With the yearly celebrations, including **Valentine's Day, Mother's Day,** and **Easter**, we have created pieces of work around the room and out in the corridor. Next month, Sparrows will be focusing on fruit and vegetables. We will be eating a variety of fruit, printing the fruit and vegetables using paint, exploring the different textures and beginning to create our new display which will be "**Around the World**".



Robins

During **March** we have been learning about Spring time and Growth. The children have been planting watermelons to start growing. The children have loved seeing their Sweet peas and Dahlia's sprout up into lovely little seedlings. The children are enjoying Jack and the Beanstalk as well. We are looking forward to celebrating **Easter** with lots more fun activities, and learning about wildlife habitats. In **April** we will be learning about Health and Hygiene, focussing on personal hygiene and healthy living.



Look out for photos of the children taking part in topic work on our Facebook page.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to....

ROSY (Staff)	9 March
OLIVER	20 March
EVIE	21 March
MILLIE	7 April
FRANKIE J	16 April
RAFFERTY	21 April
CALLUM	22 April
HENRY	28 April



Wishing you all a very happy birthday!

Inset Day

Our first staff training day this year will be on **Friday 27th May 2016**.
The nursery will be **CLOSED FOR CHILDREN ALL DAY**.



Children's Development Reports

If your child started at nursery on or before 31st January 2016 you will be receiving their development report in the

next few days. The report outlines your child's progress according to the Early Years Foundation Stage. If you have any questions concerning your child's report or his/her development in general, please mention it to your child's key person and she can make an appointment for you to discuss it in more depth. Please could you fill in the comments section, sign the report and return the second copy to the Nursery Office.

Children who started from 1st February 2016 onwards will not have a development report as the baseline assessments will have only just been completed. However, of course, if you would like to see your key person for initial feedback, please feel free to make an appointment.

Key Person System



As you know, we operate a key person system which is vital in ensuring the best possible outcomes for your child. As the nursery grows and new practitioners join, it may be necessary to change the key person for certain children at times other than when they move to a new room. As we are currently recruiting, it will almost certainly be necessary to

make such changes in the near future. If your child's key person has to change, we will, of course, keep you fully informed and give sufficient time for the transition to take place successfully.

New Roles

Megan has now completed the training to become our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). She takes over from Jane who will become the Deputy Lead. If you ever have cause for concern about the welfare of a child (not just at the nursery) you can speak to one of them in absolute confidence.

Jenni has now completed the training to become the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator for the nursery.

Thanks to Janet (Nursery Cook), the children were treated to some lovely **homemade** hot cross buns – which they thoroughly enjoyed – Happy Easter everyone!



Reminders

- **Monkey Puzzle Tatsfield will be closed on Good Friday (25th March) and Easter Monday (28th March).**
- Please ensure your child has at least one change of clothes in his / her bag each day. Despite the weather we are still using the garden as much as possible, so appropriate clothing is essential. A waterproof all-in-one is a great idea for all over protection!
- If your child is sick, please ensure that you keep him or her at home for **at least 48 hours** after the last instance of diarrhoea or vomiting, in line with our sickness policy.



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.

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HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!



