

Monkey Puzzle Tatsfield News



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Dear Parents / Carers

Happy New Year! Welcome back for 2017!

Staff



We would like to welcome **Bel Sharp** who has joined us as Bank Staff. She will be mostly covering our lunch break period. She has a lot of experience working with children of different age groups and has recently been employed as a

Learning Support Assistant for a child with Special Educational Needs.

Curriculum – what the children have been learning

Sparrows

Since returning from Christmas, we have been learning about the farm. The children made a display board with farm animals and a farmer, using natural materials such as grass, mud and seeds as our background.



They also made a 3D tractor! They have been joining in singing 'Old MacDonald', completing farm puzzles, playing with ducks in a makeshift pond, using the Small World farm toys and playing with hay.

With Chinese New Year approaching, the children tried some new foods at meal times, including spring rolls, prawn crackers, sweet n' sour chicken and egg fried rice. They also explored red paint spaghetti, attempted their own Chinese writing and we even had a special visit from Robbie the Rooster (for Chinese Year of the Rooster).



The next theme Sparrows will be learning is about vehicles - buses, cars, planes and trains. The children will be printing toy

tyre marks, making a 'road' for our display board and singing-a-long to 'The Wheels on the Bus'.

Robins

In Robins we have been talking about the winter season, exploring the ice and snow in our garden. The children collected natural objects from the garden; we poured water on them to encase our found objects in ice. The children investigated the ice, talking about



what it feels like and observed the ice melting and changing. Working in small groups, the children made a Small World winter wonderland, investigating white and shiny objects. They constructed an ice palace using cardboard tubes, boxes, glitter and white and blue paints, using a range of brushes and sponges to paint. We've also made paper 'ice crowns', dressed up with our friends and taken part in dance and movement to our Disney CD (mostly "Frozen" of course!).



We've been looking at friendship, kindness, rules and boundaries, refreshing the children's knowledge on our routines and expectations whilst at nursery. They have been showing off their sharing, turn-taking and good manners.

Finally, we celebrated Chinese New Year, making lanterns, drums, dragon puppets, red envelopes and even cooking and tasting our very own Chinese stir-fry, as well as having a visit from Robbie the Rooster.



Important Notices / Reminders

- Please ensure the children are well-equipped for outside play in this cold, wet weather and that all items are labelled.
- We can only administer medication prescribed by a doctor, with the child's name on a prescription label.
- If your child has to bring in an asthma pump, please hand it to a member of staff on arrival – don't leave it in their bag.
- Please be aware that the last meal we provide to the children is served at 4pm, therefore they may still need a snack or meal when they get home, before bedtime.
- Please do not use the road next to the nursery for stopping to pick up or drop off children. This is a private road and the neighbours do not permit us to use it.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to....

ELIZA	6 January
JAMES	6 January
TYLER	9 January
BECKY (Staff)	12 January
JESSICA	13 January
LAUREN (Staff)	14 January
JAKE	20 January
ELLA	27 January
TED	31 January
PIXIE-LACE	10 February
KATRINA (Staff)	20 February
CHELSEE (Staff)	23 February
JUDE	25 February
MEGAN (Staff)	25 February



Wishing you all a very Happy Birthday!

Sasha's Fund



Sasha is a mother of two from Bromley who has leukaemia. She needs a second stem cell transplant to give her the best chance of survival, but this is not funded by the NHS. Her family are crowd funding to raise £130,000 to fund her treatment and we are

helping by pledging £1 per "Like" on our Facebook page. So – if you haven't already, please "Like" our Facebook page and please consider donating to Sasha's fund directly. We have a jar in the nursery reception you can put cash in, or donate online at:

<https://www.gofundme.com/rvg4m54m>

World Book Day – 2nd March



It is World Book Day on **Thursday 2nd March**. If the children would like to, we would love to see them dressed up as their favourite storybook character for the day.

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