



Little Chimps news

THE NEWSLETTER FOR LITTLE CHIMPS AT MONKSPATH SCHOOL

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**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back after what we hope has been a wonderful Christmas for everyone. May we take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Happy New Year. Within our newsletter we will be highlighting the different themes the children will be learning and also celebrating what has gone well. Everyone in Little Chimps is delighted to share this with you and we hope you find it useful. Don't forget if you have any specific questions please do speak to a member of staff at any time.

If there is anything we can help you with or you need answers to any queries, please come and see either myself or Miss Penny at the desk within Monkspath Family Centre where our Little Chimps nursery is situated any morning, or alternatively email me on 62monkeys@monkspath.solihull.sch.uk or call me on: 0121 703 1820.

Kind regards

Lesley Pinner – Manager



What is happening this Half Term?

We have a very busy time ahead of us this half term starting with our 'Winter Wonderland', Frozen and learning about penguins and polar bears. This will be closely followed with Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday and Valentine's Day. As we are thinking about winter we might hopefully have some snow to build a big 'Little Chimps' snowman. During the term we shall also be learning about 'penguins' and learning a dance and lots of songs about winter, penguins and polar bears and of course, Frozen's 'Let it Go' song, which all the children love moving around to as well as singing. The children will also be persevering in putting their coats on independently!

So as you can see, it is going to be a very busy half term!



Charlie Chimp is going to visit different children every week. To reinforce excellent behaviour, kindness to others and personal achievements, a different child each week will have the exciting news that Charlie Chimp is going to go home with them for the weekend, along with Charlie's special over-night bag and memory book. Charlie Chimp loves to visit children in their homes and do some exciting things. Watch out for who Charlie is going with next week.

The topics are listed below and we would be grateful if your child brings in any items in linked to the themes that they are marked with your child's name on so they can be returned to you.

Week commencing – 9th – 16th January – We are going to learn about penguins. We are also going to be doing some early science experiments freezing and melting water. The children are also going to make some snowmen during our cooking activity.

Week commencing – 23rd January – 27th January - The children are going to be discovering polar bears and making igloos using sugar cubes! During this week we look forward to seeing you all during our Celebration Day and we will be thinking about Chinese New Year. As it is the year of the Red Chicken the children will be participating in lots of activities linked to chickens.

Week commencing 6th February – Lots of fun is going to happen this week as the children help to make stew and dumplings, I am sure you will all get the opportunity to taste when the children bring this home.

Week commencing – 13th February – 20th February - The children will be talking a lot about feelings especially as we will have just been celebrating Valentine's Day. We will be discussing what makes us happy, sad, excited, cross and many other feelings.

To help encourage children to learn lots of new vocabulary and enhance their speech and language we have a special Treasure Box where we keep the children's pictures and objects. Children are welcome to bring in different objects to share with their friends each week.

January and February Birthdays – Gracie and Ava celebrated their 3rd birthday on 7th January, closely followed by Isaac on the 17th, Cian 22nd and Jessica on the 25th. In February Affan was 3 on the 22nd, Rayhaan 21st and Sireena 20th. They will all enjoy blowing the candles out on our special birthday cake.



What has gone well last month?







Wow, what a busy month it has been, we started off practising lots of new Christmas songs and performed these with Monkeys children to all our families, it was wonderful to see so many families joining us.

Our Christmas Party was an exciting and busy one, we joined Monkeys children and Yellow Group and had a fantastic party and even Father Christmas came to see us! We ended off the school term looking very festive as everyone wore their favourite Christmas jumpers or outfits.

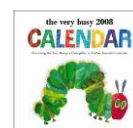
We turned our role play into a magical castle whereby the children used fantastic imaginations to recreate their favourite special story. The children also visit the school studio for a PE sessions on a Friday morning alongside walks around the local community.

Reminders

Your child will need the following items this term; please can you remember to name all items:

- Nappies (unless in the midst of being toilet trained) 
- Spare clothes (in case they get messy and wet – whilst having fun!) 
- Wellingtons (please name them) 
- Coat or Waterproof 

Diary of Events



February

- **Thursday 2nd February – Celebration Day** The theme of the day is going to be Chinese New Year. More details to follow shortly.
- **Friday 3rd February – Event to be confirmed**
- **Week Beginning 6th February –** Parent's Consultation Days. More details to follow shortly.



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