



Little Chimps news

THE NEWSLETTER FOR LITTLE CHIMPS AT MONKSPATH SCHOOL

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**HAPPY
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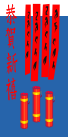
Dear Parents and Carers,

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', including the Frozen characters 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 be learning a dance and lots of songs about winter, penguins and polar bears and of course, the Frozen '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 that if your child brings in any items linked to the themes that they are marked with your child's name so they can be returned to you.

Week commencing – 8th – 15th 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 –22nd January – 29th January - The children are going to be discovering polar bears and making igloos using sugar cubes! 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 it when the children bring samples home.

Week commencing 5th February – 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 Rooster the children will be participating in lots of activities linked to roosters.

Week commencing – 12th February – 19th 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.

Goodbyes and Welcomes - Some of our children have moved into Monkeys room this month as they are ready for their next step in learning, so we say goodbye to; Freya, Aarhi, Arjan, Aizah and Leeyah. At the same time we welcome two new children into Little Chimps, they are Jessica and Albie.

It is with great sadness I have to inform you all, that one of our Little Chimps has lost her battle with an illness and passed away just before Christmas. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this heart breaking time.



January and February Birthdays – We do not have any children with birthdays in January. In February Elise will be 3 on the 8th and Ayva on the 21st. 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 their families during our Christmas activity morning, 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.

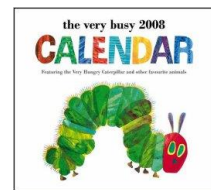
We turned our role play into a magical castle whereby the children used fantastic imaginations to recreate their favourite story. The children also visit the school studio for a PE sessions on a Friday morning alongside walks around the local community.

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

- **Tuesday 6th February – Celebration Day** The theme of the day is going to be Chinese New Year. More details to follow shortly.
- **Week Beginning 12th February** – Parent's Consultation Days. More details to follow shortly.



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