



# Monkeys Wraparound news

THE NEWSLETTER FOR MONKEYS WRAPAROUND AT MONKSPATH SCHOOL

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January - February 2018

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 Monkeys 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.

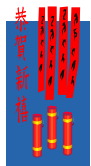
If there is anything we can help you with or you need answers to any queries, please come and see either myself or Miss Penny at the office within Monkspath Family Centre where our Little Chimps nursery is situated any morning, or alternatively email me on [62monkeys@monkspath.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:62monkeys@monkspath.solihull.sch.uk)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

Please remember to book a weekend to take Henry bear home with you. He loves to visit everyone's homes and do some exciting things with the children. There is a sheet to sign your child's name, on Monkeys door.



Kind regards

Lesley Pinner - Manager



## What is happening this Half Term?

We have a very busy time ahead of us with various celebrations, starting with Chinese New Year closely followed by Valentine's Day. This half term we will be thinking about winter and hopefully have some snow to build a big 'Monkeys' snowman. During half term we shall also be revisiting lots of traditional stories both familiar and new ones.




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



**Role Play** – Our role play area is going to be a combined house which doubles both as a 'Winter Wonderland' and Fairy Tale Cottage.



**Numbers and Counting**  – There will be a variety of daily number games and group activities both inside and outside with number rhymes and songs. This will help improve and reinforce the children's counting skills.



**Literacy** - We are going to be reading and looking at a variety of books about Winter and lots of traditional stories; Jack and the Beanstalk, Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, encouraging children to retell these famous stories. If your child has any special books they would like to share with their friends they are welcome to bring their books in.



**Hot Dinners** - Parents who choose for their child to have hot dinners, the price per day is £1.90. Please remember, that this cost must be made via Parentpay in the drop down box for 'School Meals'.



**January and February Birthdays** – We have lots of children who will be 4 years old during the month of January; Ethan on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Ava and Gracie 7<sup>th</sup>, Issac S. and Charlie J on the 17<sup>th</sup>, closely followed by Elisa 18<sup>th</sup> and at the end of the month Zac on the 21<sup>st</sup>, Jessica 25<sup>th</sup> and Samuel W. 29<sup>th</sup>. Layaan will be 3 on the 4<sup>th</sup> and Arjan will be 3 on the 13<sup>th</sup> January. In February we also have lots of children who will be celebrating being 4; Issac N. 19<sup>th</sup>, Sirena 20<sup>th</sup>, Anoop 27<sup>th</sup> and finally Anushka 28<sup>th</sup>. They will all enjoy blowing the candles out on our special birthday cake.

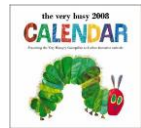
### What has gone well last month?

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



Our Christmas Party was an exciting and busy one, we joined Little Chimps 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.

## Diary of Events



### February

**Thursday 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.

**Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February – Half Term Holiday Club.** Booking forms are now out so please pop into Monkspath Family Centre office or the school office to collect one.

Monkeys will close on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February and reopen on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016



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