



## Newsletter:

Well here it is, our first newsletter of 2017! We have had a busy start to the New Year with lots of exciting things happening.

Welcome to all our new starters, we hope that you are settling in well and enjoying your time so far.

We have had a change in our staffing recently. Abi Broom has moved to another setting for some new challenges, Chloe Webb has taken on an exciting new role at Mary Rose School to gain experience in working with children with disabilities and Sheila Butland has taken on a term time only role at her previous setting. We wish them all lots of luck.

We are also very sad to announce that Collette Thomas will be leaving her role to go and work in a school as a teacher's assistant. Collette has worked for Paws and now Ark Alpha for 14 years and has brought massive amounts of knowledge and support to us all in her role. We will miss her a lot but we know that she will keep in touch.

With these changes, Lucy Ketley was successful in applying for the pre-school Room Leader Position and we will be advertising for a new deputy and room leader.

Julie has returned from maternity leave and will be catching up on nursery business until Collette's final day.

Dates to remember -

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Easter Holidays

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Closed for Good Friday

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Closed for Easter Monday

## Messages from the rooms...

### Monkeys, little and big!!

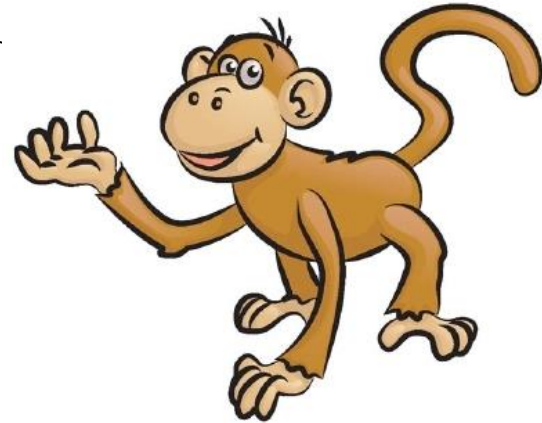
Welcome to Billy who has moved over from the Giraffe Room, he will start to introduce himself to all parents over the next couple of weeks.

Fledglings is up and running again so we will be asking parents for an email address where we can send you daily updates about your child's day.

Song of the term: Row Row Your Boat

Please can we have some Family photos, including pets for our Family Board.

Reminder: Could all the babies come to nursery with warm clothing and shoes so we can play in our garden.



### Zebras

Parents Evening will be taking place on 28<sup>th</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March. Please see your child's key worker to book an appointment.

Valentines stay and play, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 10-11.

Story of the term: Monkey Puzzle

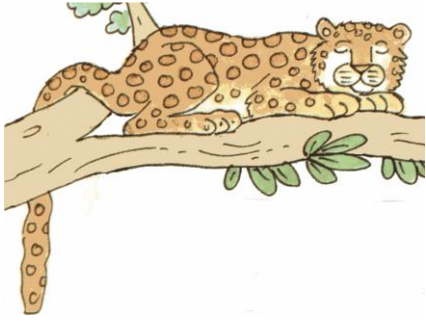
Song of the term: Tommy Thumb.

You can find song words on the notice board outside of the Zebra room.

Yas has joined the zebra room from the Leopards and she will begin to introduce herself.

Gemma Paddon is now Room Leader as Maternity Cover until July.





## Leopards

Welcome Lauren who has joined us from the Zebra Room, she will begin to introduce herself to parents over the next few weeks.

Valentines Day activities 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Mothers Day stay and play, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2-3. All welcome to join in.

The children have really enjoyed our Story of the Term, The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We have been tasting, different yummy fruits and vegetables, including pickles which has made the children make some very funny faces. They have also created some colourful butterfly pictures which are displayed outside the leopard room.

Please can we have some family photos for our family book.

## Giraffes

Welcome to Lucy as the new Giraffe Room Leader and Millie who has moved over from the Monkeys.

Please could parents provide appropriate wet weather gear as it has become very cold and the children are still enjoying some outdoor play. This includes wellie boots.

The giraffes are creating a family photo book so could you please bring in photos of family members including pets.

Please don't forget to check the parents information board in the Giraffe room and if you would like to purchase a book bag, please see a member of staff.

Any parents who have taken home a NEG form, please return it as soon as possible.



### **Labelling children's belongings**

Please remember to label all clothes, bottles, tubs etc. clearly with your child's name.

The weather is getting extremely cold so can we ensure that the children are appropriately dressed for the weather.

Please can parents remember to book and pay for children's hot lunches in the office and to stick to your session times. If you require your child to come in early, you will need to book and pay for any additional sessions up front.

Arts and crafts - Could we ask all parents to collect different boxes or milk cartons for the children to use for junk modelling.

Thank You

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