

Newsletter June 2014.

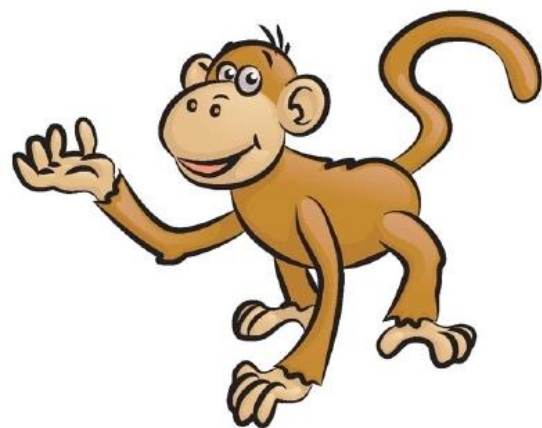
Where is the year going? We are approaching the end of June and the sun is shining which makes everyone smile more. Hopefully this summer we will see lots of blue skies and sunshine. We are still buzzing from our Ofsted result of (in case you didn't know) 'Outstanding'! We are all really proud to have achieved this amazing status.

Messages from the rooms...

Monkeys, little and big!!

We would like to welcome Katrina in to the team. She is settling in well and has adapted to the routine and is getting to know all the families. A couple of other new faces you may have noticed are Sam and Bobby, our 2 new apprentices, who will be with us while they complete their NVQ 3. They will also be working throughout the nursery to gain experience with all ages.

We have been working hard on our garden area recently, so if you haven't been out there lately please pop out and see what we have been up to.



Zebras

The zebras have been enjoying both the garden areas.

We have nearly got all our toothbrush consent forms back, but if you have not returned this please do so as soon as possible.

There are lots of children who will be going to the Leopards in September. We need your paperwork returned so your child can start their visits. It is really important that we receive these so your child can visit and start the transition process, so they will be ready for September in their new room.





Leopards.

Thank you to all of you who booked an appointment and came to parents evening. It was lovely to have the time to sit and discuss your child's development and to find out more what they are doing at home and what they are enjoying outside of the nursery.

We have been busy making glittery flags to decorate the room for the world cup, we have been really enjoying the garden

We are talking about families at the moment and would like you all to draw a picture with your child of all the people in your family. We will use these pictures to talk about your family in small group time and then they will go up on a display board.

There will be lots of children transitioning up to the Giraffe's in September. Your key worker will be in contact if this affects your child. Once all forms are completed they will go on small visits, with friends and a staff member, to help them get familiar with the environment.

Giraffe.

We are over half way through the last term before the summer holidays and most of our giraffes leave for school.

We have sports day coming up on the 4th July. We need you to bring a plain white t-shirt for the children to decorate as soon as possible. Thank you.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big and sad farewell to all those children who are going to big school. We will miss each and every one of you and wish you all the best for school.

Don't be strangers, pop in and see us, especially in your school uniform, as we would love to see you.



Wish list!

- Moses basket
- Baby walker
- Travel cot
- Large paddling

Summer Fayre

We will be hosting our Summer Fayre on the 4th July from 2 till 4 pm. We are planning cake stalls, tombola, games and competitions. As well as a fantastic raffle filled with some great prizes. We hope to see you all there. All monies raised will be going towards outside play equipment.

Sun cream.

We have invested in sun cream for your child to use at nursery. We have Nivea children's colour spray 30+ and Nivea sensitive skin factor 50. The monkey room will be using the factor 50 (unless otherwise requested by the parents) and the other rooms will be using the 30+. If you would like your child to use the 50+ please speak to a member of staff, or if you still wish to provide your own sun cream, please bring a bottle in clearly named.

Please ensure that you provide a clearly named sunhat for your child to wear when at nursery.

Recommendations

We still need more recommendations on www.nurseries.co.uk. This is a search engine used by parents who are looking for childcare in our area. Thank you in advance for your comments.

Collection and dropping off times.

Please can we request that you are keeping to your booked nursery time. We only staff for the children that we have booked in and collecting children late means staff are late going home or to have their breaks. If this continues, late charges will be issued! We are aware that unforeseen circumstances can cause lateness but, please call the nursery to advise them of this.

The nursery is almost full.

Please be aware that the nursery is almost on its maximum capacity so extra sessions and swaps will need to be limited.

If you know of any friends/family members who are planning to join the nursery either this year or next, to avoid disappointment, we would encourage them to get their registration forms completed and returned to secure their space.

Extra sessions during the holidays.

If you would like to book any extra sessions throughout the summer holidays, please come to the office and we can book it in for you.

Fees:

Full days (7:30-18:00) £44

School day (8:30-3:30) £31

AM/PM (9am - 1pm or 1pm to 5pm) £19

Chat with Collette

On Friday 11th July at 10 o'clock Collette will be holding her Chat with Collette session. This will be for a general chat about what you would like the sessions to be about, if there are any items you and your family would like more information on or support with, please come along and voice them. If you cannot join her for this event but would like to have an input please email Collette on c.thomas@arkalphanursery.org.

Dates for the diary:

Giraffe's sports day - Friday 4th July 1:30-2:30

Summer Fayre =- Friday 4th July 2-4pm

Giraffe's parents evening - 9th July and 10th July (see the room to book an appointment)

Giraffe graduation Thursday 24th July (time slots available)

End of 2, 3 and 4 funding - 18th July

End of Summer Term 23rd July

Enjoy your summer in (hopefully) the sunshine.

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