

# Monkey Puzzle Ware

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## Dates for your diary

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Party 2pm-4pm  
(only children in on the day)

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Film Day

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Dinner Day

### **23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> December**

Nursery Closed

### **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

Inset Day (nursery not open to children)

### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

Toddlers and Pre-School Parents Evening

### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

Baby Room Parents Evening

Dear Parents,

Funding forms are due in on the last day of term (20<sup>th</sup> December), parents should of now received emails to let them know whether we require a new form, if they just need to sign the existing form or if we have everything we need. If your child has funding or is due to have funding from January and you haven't received an email to let you know what to do, please call the office and they will advise.

There seems to be some confusion over the Christmas party, this is just for children that attend that day unfortunately. The nursery is so busy now that we're unable to open it up to everyone. If your child is due to finish at 3.30pm on that day then they can stay until the end of the party provided someone stays with them between 3.30pm and 4pm. If your child is due to stay until 6.30pm then there's no need for parents to attend.

Kind Regards,

The Management Team

# Mel's kitchen...



Hello lovely parents,

I am Mel, and I enjoy making scrumptious meals for your little monkeys... I hope you like my menu for next week, but if you do have some suggestions or recipes you would like to add do let me know 😊

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Cereal + Toast Fruit selection  <i>Gluten, Dairy</i>	Cereal + Toast Fruit selection  <i>Gluten, Dairy</i>	Cereal + Toast Fruit selection  <i>Gluten, Dairy</i>	Cereal + Toast Fruit selection  <i>Gluten, Dairy</i>	Cereal + Toast Fruit selection  <i>Gluten, Dairy</i>
AM Snack	Hovis biscuits and cheese <i>Gluten, Dairy</i>	fruit selection	Malt loaf <i>Gluten, Dairy</i>	Fruit selection	Bagels with jam or marmite <i>Gluten, Dairy</i>
Lunch	Spaghetti bolognese  Yoghurt  <i>Gluten, Dairy</i>	Lamb Tagine and cous cous  Fruit Salad  <i>Gluten,</i>	Cheesy vegetable pasta bake  Pineapple polenta fingers  <i>Pineapple, Gluten, Dairy</i>	Homemade pizza and salad  Yogurt  <i>Dairy, Gluten, Raw tomato</i>	Jamaican fish curry and rice  Carrot cake  <i>Gluten, Dairy,</i>
PM Snack	Fruit selection	Bread sticks & Humous <i>Gluten</i>	Fruit selection	Rice cakes with cheese spread <i>Dairy</i>	Fruit selection
Tea	Ham wraps and salad  Banana cake <i>Gluten, Dairy, Raw tomato</i>	Jacket potato with beans  Yogurt <i>Dairy</i>	Mixed sandwiches and salad Watermelon fingers <i>Gluten, Dairy, Raw Tomato</i>	Tomato Soup & crusty bread  Chocolate and Banana cookies <i>Gluten, Dairy, Egg</i>	Chicken pittas and salad  Yogurt <i>Gluten, Dairy</i>

# What's on in Baby Room...

## This week...

This week in baby room we have working on our pincer grips when exploring pom poms with pots and pans, we have also enjoyed emptying and filling the containers.

We have also been mark-making using vegetables and exploring metal objects in gloop.



## Next week...

Next week in baby room we will be exploring story sacks, the children will have puppets and props to extend their knowledge and vocabulary. We will also be bathing babies, this will encourage our role-play and understanding. We will continue to make our Christmas decorations for the nursery along with some winter snow sticking pictures. We will also have the opportunity to work on strengthening our wrist muscles using jungle themed playdough.

## Our songs of the month...

1. There's a Worm at the Bottom of the Garden
2. Big Red Bus
3. Miss Polly

## Baby sign of the week...



cold

## Things you can do with me at home to extend my learning...

- Read some stories with me at home, use props where possible, take me to the library to listen to a story and read some books
- Explore playdough with me at home, make this more fun by adding scents or textures

# What's on in Toddler Room...

## This week...

This week we have been making crocodile pictures using shapes, we have also been feeding Connor the Crocodile specific shapes.

We have been making our Christmas decorations too, this week we started our salt dough handprints and wreaths.



## Next week...

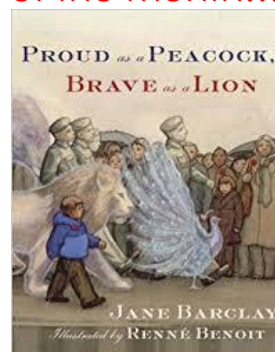
Next week in toddlers we will be looking closely at similarities and differences, we will be making masks of our faces, looking in the mirror to create them. We will talk about our hair colour, skin colour and features.

We will also be having water play, we can add whichever resources to the water that we want, this activity is about supporting the children to follow instructions such as wearing an apron while playing.

## Our songs of the month...

1. 5 Little Dinosaurs
2. If You're Happy and You Know It
3. The Farmer Wants a Wife

## Our story of the month...



## Things you can do with me at home to extend my learning...

- Go on a shape hunt with me, ask me to point out any circles etc
- Look in the mirror with me and talk about the similarities and differences in our appearances

# What's on in the Pre-School Room...

## This week...

This week we have been loving the tumble tots CD, we have been practising all the actions and keeping our bodies moving.

We have also started our Christmas decorations including stockings, paper chains and wreaths.

During circle time we have been speaking about our emotions using flash cards.



## Next week...

Next week we will be focusing on potty and toilet training again using the Little Princess stories to promote our understanding

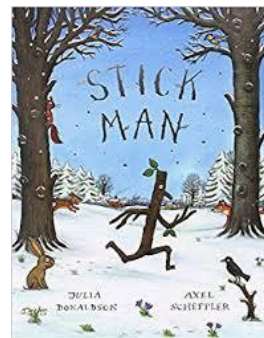
We will also be looking at numerals and quantities using pom poms and a number line.

The children have been interested in colour again since painting their Christmas decorations. Stacey will be exploring colour using milk, creating a fun science experiment.

## Our songs of the month...

1. Old McDonald
2. Twinkle Twinkle
3. Wind the Bobbin' Up

## Our story of the month...



Our letter sound of the month is.... n (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQsCAyq-axU&t=53s>)

## Things you can do with me at home to extend my learning...

- Explore quantity and numerals with me at home, see if I can match the numbers to an amount of toys or food
- Help me to use the toilet at home and read some toilet training stories with me