



Monkleigh Primary School - Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

From the Headteacher

Well it has been a cold week at school but at least it has been dry. There may not have been much snow around to play in yesterday but the children made the most of it, scraping up what snow they could off the playground to make miniature snowmen!

Children have enjoyed all the clubs that restarted this week, even a very cold running session yesterday. Please note that the calming club is now open to class 1 as well.

Retirement

Mrs Slocombe has made the difficult decision that after 38 years in teaching and 8 of those years with us, it is time to hang up her teaching hat and enjoy a well-deserved retirement. Mrs Slocombe has brought so much to Monkleigh school and these are big boots for someone else to fill. Luckily Mrs Slocombe is not leaving us until the end of the summer term so we have plenty of time to find the right person to fill this position. I will write a proper goodbye and thank you to Mrs Slocombe nearer the time, at this point I just wanted to make you aware of the situation as I will be putting an advert out in order to give us the maximum amount of time to recruit the right person to join our dedicated hard-working team at Monkleigh. I have to say that I have taught in lots of schools during my career and I have never worked with such a dedicated team of people as we have at Monkleigh, who always go that extra mile to get it right for your children which is why it is always so important to get any new recruitment right to maintain and grow the amazing team we have. Mrs Slocombe will be back after she retires to help out in many ways or to just come and see us all for a chat and catch up, so I am sure you will still see her around now and again next year, she can't quite bear to leave us completely! I will keep you updated with the recruitment process as and when there is any news.

Karen Reeves

Message from the office

I have sent some dojo messages out this week about clearing outstanding accounts, please can you check dojo messages.

The final payments for Skern Lodge are due please can these be paid, any issues please phone the office.

Calming Club is now open to Class 1 and is in your basket to purchase. All Clubs are £10.00 for all of the sessions.

Attendance...

Class average for this week:

Butterflies: **88.41%**; Class 1: **97.64%**; Class 2: **98.58%**; Class 3: **95.09%**

School average for this week: **95.80%**; this term: **96.42%**; this academic year: **96.44%**

Sport

Please remember PE shoes every day, a dry pair of socks and full PE kit for any after school sports clubs.

Any questions please dojo or message me sport@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk

Dates for your diary:

Some dates may be subject to change - Keep checking on each newsletter!

Mon 22 nd Jan	Drawing Club Year1-6
Tue 23 rd Jan	Football Club Year 3-6
Wed 24 th Jan	High 5 Year 3-6 Calming Club Year 3-6 Lunchtime Year 1-2 Football Club (This one is no charge)
Thu 25 th Jan	Running Club (Parkrun Style) Year 3-6
Thu 8 th Feb	Class 2 Skern Lodge Residential
Fri 9 th Feb	Class 2 Skern Lodge Residential
Sun 25 th Feb	Monkleigh Village Hall Table Top Sale