



Monkleigh Primary School - Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers
From the Headteacher

Matilda

What a wonderful job all the children did on Tuesday with our amazing production of Matilda. It was truly a magical afternoon and evening and I am so proud of each and everyone one of them. I feel sure we have some future stars of stage and screen in our midst!

Thank you again to all the staff for all their hard work in putting this together and for all the support and help from all of you.

Last week

We have a busy last week coming up; with our Christmas lunch on Tuesday, on Wednesdays Year 1 - 6 are at the Queens theatre to watch the pantomime - please remember that we will need to leave school at 9am, so please can all children be in school by 8.50am Thank you.

FSU will be doing their Christmas play at the village Hall on Wednesday morning which I am sure will be amazing. On Thursday we have class parties and the Butterflies are going to Kenwith care home to sing to the residents. Party outfits can be worn on Thursday for class parties. So, lots happening.

School uniform

Just a polite reminder that we do expect everyone to be in school uniform, we are getting a few variations coming into school at the moment. I appreciate that some things may have been grown out of, as it is the end of term and I am sure everyone will be smart and in uniform to start the new term in January.

Thank you

Happy Christmas

This will be the last newsletter before the end of term so I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and all the best for a very happy and joyful New Year. We will see you all back on the 4th January 2024.

Karen Reeves

Friends of Monkleigh School

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas fayre, it was lovely to see everyone. The total so far raised is £700.00.

Attendance...

Class average for this week:

Butterflies: **94.87%**; Class 1: **97.44%**; Class 2: **94.25%**; Class 3: **95.29%**

School average for this week: 95.49%; this term: 96.55%; this academic year: 96.55%

FSU

Childcare Funding for Two Year Old Children:

From 2 January 2024, eligible working parents can apply for 15 hours of childcare for their two-year-old. Parents have until 31 March 2024 to apply for a code, with mid-January to the end of February being the optimum time to apply in case they need to provide further information to support their application. To apply for a childcare code each parent needs to be working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours a week at national minimum/living wage and under £100,000 adjusted net income per year. This means that each parent needs to earn from just over £8,600 per year to be eligible for 15 hours a week of childcare during term time.

There is more information on the childcare support available to parents on the [Childcare Choices](#) website, where they can explore the early education entitlements and other government help with childcare costs.

Changes and Improvements to Monkleigh FSU Extended Hours

As you will have seen on the FSU models for Nursery that we have sent out, we are setting up extended hours provision within FSU from January 2024. This will initially be for Sunflowers and Caterpillars. Butterflies will continue to access B and T Club until September 2024 when Reception children will also start to stay within FSU for extended hours.

This brings about some changes to booking for extended hours:

Parents of Sunflowers: Please use this link to book regular requirements – if you haven't already contacted us:

<https://forms.office.com/e/9Bbgm1j0C8>

Alternatively please contact Mrs Baker via Dojo or Mrs Emptage via FSUadmissions@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk

If you have a one off or different requirement please contact Mrs Baker via Dojo or Mrs Hobbs in the School Office.

Children in Sunflowers who will be with us between 12-1 will have the main option of lunch booked for them and this is included in the hourly rate. If you have any dietary requirements, please talk to Nikki and she will liaise with Chef Louise.

Parents of Caterpillars: Please use this link to book regular extended hours provision:

<https://forms.office.com/e/xHjfYjfc2c>

Alternatively please contact Mrs Baker via Dojo or Mrs Emptage via FSUadmissions@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk

If you have a one off or different requirement please contact Mrs Baker via Dojo or Mrs Hobbs in the School Office.

Parents of Butterflies: PLEASE CONTINUE TO BOOK B and T CLUB VIA PARENTMAIL – if you have any questions or queries please contact Mrs Hobbs.

Lunches – Parents of Butterflies and Caterpillars – Please continue to book your child’s lunches via Parentmail.

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Emptage
Thank you

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 doo 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 11 Dec	Tuck shop all week
Tue 12 Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Wed 13 Dec	FSU Christmas performance Queens Theatre Sleeping Beauty – Classes 1 - 3
Thu 14 Dec	Christmas class parties – No school dinners Butterflies trip to Kenwith
Fri 15 th Dec	Last Day of Term
Wed 3 rd Jan	Non pupil day
Thu 4 th Jan	School term starts