

Dear Parent

Welcome to the new year of Monkleigh FSU! We warmly welcome all of our new families to life at Monkleigh School. We look forward to you and your family being part of our Monkleigh Family. Welcome back to families who already have children in the unit or who have younger children starting with us. Welcome back to all of our wonderful Caterpillars and Butterflies. We would like to say a special welcome to our new Sunflowers - Sunflowers are the youngest children in our setting and have their own dedicated space to help them settle into Monkleigh FSU slowly and confidently.

We are looking forward to an exciting term of learning. Our FSU curriculum page on the Monkleigh School Website has a number of informative links. Please visit the link below for the Parent Information Booklet and other supporting documents:

<https://monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk/classes/class-r>

You will also find a blog which is updated weekly and shows the most up to date learning and experiences that have been on offer for all three age groups - scroll down the page below all supporting documents and you will find this.

The links on FSU Curriculum Page give an overview of the learning which will take place each week for Sunflowers, Caterpillars and Butterflies. The overview provides information about key books that we will be reading and songs that we will be learning. There is a section which shows possible, experiences, visits and visitors. We are already looking forward to visits from Torrington Dental Practice and a nurse this term. If you have any particular interests or skills that you would like to share with our children or you know of someone please do get in touch as it is lovely to have visitors.

You can find the detailed overviews of our learning here:

Sunflowers [https://monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk/images/Sunflowers Autumn 1 Overview Me and My Community.pdf](https://monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk/images/Sunflowers_Autumn_1_Overview_Me_and_My_Community.pdf)

Caterpillars [https://monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk/images/Caterpillars Overview Autumn 1 Me and My Community.pdf](https://monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk/images/Caterpillars_Overview_Autumn_1_Me_and_My_Community.pdf)

Butterflies [https://monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk/images/Butterflies Overview Autumn 1 Me and My Community.pdf](https://monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk/images/Butterflies_Overview_Autumn_1_Me_and_My_Community.pdf)

Please ensure that the children have coats, full waterproofs, wellies and a change of clothes in school every day. They will also need to bring their book bag and water bottle into school every day. Please make sure that all Sunflowers, Caterpillars and Butterflies have a book bag that they bring into school every day.

Mrs Emptage teaches the Butterflies on a Monday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Hinchliffe teaches the Butterflies on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

This term, Mrs Baker is on placement at Westcroft School. Mrs Kingdon leads the learning for the Caterpillar children and is assisted by Becky.

Nikki leads the learning for the Sunflower children and is assisted by Julie.

All children in Caterpillars and Butterflies take part in a PE lesson on a Monday. Children in Butterflies can come into school in their PE kits on Mondays. Children in Caterpillars can come into school in clothes that are comfortable and suitable for PE. Butterflies and Caterpillars take part in outdoor learning on a Thursday afternoon. Please make sure that children have long sleeved clothes and trousers, full waterproofs and wellies. Children can come to school in old clothes on a Thursday.

If you ever have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us via dojo.

We look forward to an exciting and successful year for all of your children.

### **\*\* NEW ADMISSIONS EMAIL \*\***

**From 6th September we are launching a new FSU Admissions email address.  
Please email this address for:**

- **Applications for new pupils and all supporting paperwork.**
  - **Queries from parents/carers of prospective pupils.**
  - **Requests of changes to sessions for current pupils.**
    - **Any general admission enquiries.**

**Please note that this email is monitored on a weekly basis.**

**For any issues regarding pupil attendance, lunches, B & T club or general admin please contact the Office.**

#### **Some Dates for your Diary:**

**Friday 15th September - Butterflies Day trip - Around the Houses**

**Thursday 21st September - FSU Open Morning from 10:30 - please spread the word to family and friends who need a wonderful provision for their children.**

**Thursday 21st September 2:45pm - Parents of Butterflies - Supporting your child's learning meeting**

**Thursday 5th October - Afternoon - Younger Caterpillars - those who will still be Caterpillars in September 2024 Parent Meetings**

**Thursday 19th October - Older Caterpillars - those who will be Butterflies in September 2024- and Butterflies Parent Meetings.**

**Monday 30th October - Photographs - Children will need to come into school in full school uniforms on this day.**

**Thursday 9th November 2:45pm - Parents of Butterflies - Supporting your child's learning meeting.**

**Tuesday 12th December - School Christmas Lunch**

**Wednesday 13th December FSU Christmas Performance at Monkleigh Village Hall - early morning. The time will be confirmed soon. We will ask for children to arrive at the Village Hall in their costumes ready to perform.**

Yours Sincerely

The FSU Team