



Monkleigh Primary School - Newsletter

Friday 7th February 2025

From the Headteacher

Update on Mrs Reeves:

Thank you to everyone for thinking of and enquiring about Mrs Reeves. Mrs Reeves' recovery is going well and she looks forward to seeing everyone back in school soon. We are keeping in close contact with her and she is enjoying hearing about all of the exciting things that have been happening in school.

Staff News:

Miss Desbois will be leaving us next Friday to commence her maternity leave. We wish her all of the luck in the world for the safe arrival of her new baby. We wish Miss Desbois and her family well and cannot wait to hear news of the new arrival - and look forward to meeting him or her very soon!

We would like to welcome Miss Amelia Barnes to our Monkleigh Family. Miss Barnes is working primarily with Class 2 as a Teaching Assistant. She has settled in well and everyone in the school has made her feel very welcome.

We would also like to welcome Miss Chloe Mayne who will be joining us as a Teaching Assistant in the Foundation Stage Unit. She will start after half term but will be popping in to meet the children before the holidays.

Early Career Teacher Visit:

We welcomed a group of Early Career Teachers to Monkleigh for a morning this week. They came to visit Monkleigh to learn more about the curriculum taught at school and to learn about the teaching and learning strategies that we use. They really enjoyed their visit and commented on how polite and welcoming the children and staff were. They were impressed with how hard the children worked and the high level of their learning - it was really good to see our Monkleigh values shining through.

Adventures Next Week:

Next week is shaping up to be very busy - with Class 2's residential to Skern Lodge on Thursday and Friday; Class 3's Civil War tour in Torrington and Parents Evenings and Pupil Progress and Play Meetings in FSU. We hope that Class 2 have a wonderful time at Skern - it's such a lovely introduction to residential visits and is always such fun!

I wish everyone a very happy, healthy and safe half term, when it arrives, fingers crossed for some sunny days!

Mrs Emptage

Attendance...

Class average for this week: Butterflies: 90.28% Class 1: 85.02%; Class 2: 93.55%; Class 3: 94.64%
School average for this week: 91.35%; this term: 92.41%; this academic year: 91.44%

Sport

Workout Wednesday is staying! Please come to School in full PE kit, no School uniform is needed.

Good luck to our 2 High 5 teams who are taking part in a tournament at GTS on Wednesday.

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

Residential Class 2.

We are so excited for our residential trip to Skern Lodge. Please message me if you have any questions and I will meet with anyone who needs medical forms on Wednesday from 3pm.

Mrs Wilson.

FSU

Please remember Butterflies Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 11th February and Caterpillar Progress and Play Meetings on Monday 10th February and Thursday 13th February.

We currently have one space available for a Sunflower (2-year-old) from after Easter - please spread the word.

Dates for your diary:

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

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| 13th - 14th February | Class 2 Skern Lodge |
| 14 th Feb | Last day of term |
| 24 th Feb | Return to School |
| Thursday 6th March | World Book Day - all children in school invited to dress up as their favourite book character and bring in their favourite book. |
| March 11– April 22, 2025 | Burton Art Gallery - Annual Schools' Exhibition - the children's art work from Monkleigh will be on display |
| 14th March | Butterflies visit to The Burton Art Gallery |
| 19th March | Butterflies visit to Rosemoor |