



**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Dear Parents,

**From the Headteacher**

It is certainly an interesting picture at the moment in Devon and Cornwall with rising cases, hopefully it will have the minimum effect on Monkleigh. As ever we are doing all we can and continuing to be as vigilant as possible.

Obviously, our school dinners have been affected this week by the closure of GTS and on that note thank you for your cooperation this week with sending in packed lunches! We are hoping to resume with our normal menu next week (subject to GTS re-opening)

Class 2 also had their tennis trip cancelled this week due to a positive case at the tennis centre, however in true Monkleigh fashion we had a plan B and the children had a super day! They left the school yesterday morning on their 'school trip' and walked down the lane and came back into the school field, into their new tennis venue! They have had tennis themed games and activities and mini tournaments, ate their lunch outside at the 'venue' and even got to watch/ umpire/ be a ball person or line person to the tennis match of the year (all played to Wimbledon music) when Mr Sussex took on Fraser (year 6) both very good tennis players. It was a close match with a lot of tension but Mr Sussex just won it! So, a great tennis day at the Monkleigh tennis centre!

LONDON RESIDENTIAL – a quick update. Year 6's are in the process of being refunded for the residential that couldn't happen! We are busy rearranging the trip for June 2022 for our Year 5s and current Year 4s. The trip price will remain the same for those attending. The price has gone up for the school, but we are not prepared to increase charges further – there has been enough disruption with this trip! Governors have agreed that the school will foot the bill for the additional cost that will be incurred.

[Parent/Carer Questionnaire](#) - The form will be live until noon on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June. We really appreciate and value your feedback. The form can be completed anonymously.

Karen Reeves

☆ **"STARS OF THE WEEK"** ☆

Caterpillars	Charlotte & Isla
Butterflies	Freddie & Harley
Class 1	Annabel, Demi & Sebbie
Class 2	Caz
Class 3	Ollie

**From the Office**      *Office hours are currently 08:00 - 16:00 Mon; 08:00-12:00 Tue; 08:00-14:30 Wed, Thu, Fri.*

Details for Year 6 residential refunds have been sent to county – these are in the process of being actioned.

**Class 3 News**      *Class 3 children need to come to school in their PE kit on Wednesdays.*

Please save any toilet roll and kitchen roll tubes over the weekend, we are starting our marble run project on Monday!

Parent/carers of Year 6 – please check ParentMail and respond to the email with a suitable attachment.

**Class 2 News**      *Fridays – Class 2 come to school in PE kit*

**Class 1 News**      *Thursdays – Class 1 come to school in PE kit*

## **FSU News**

***Mondays – FSU need their PE kits – please wear kit to school.***

Sadly, due to the rising number of COVID cases in the area, we are going to have to cancel the planned Stay & Play session planned for Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July. We are still aiming to hold the planned meetings on the 8<sup>th</sup> (Face to Face for those who are completely new to us, and virtual for those moving into Reception in September)

## **Sport**

***Please remember a change of shoes for PE every day. Thank You.***

*Class 2 were amazing yesterday at Monkleigh Tennis Centre. A great time was had by all.*

*We are having great fun during our PE lessons getting ready for our Sports Week. Relay changeovers are slick, our tennis is ready for Wimbledon and our running times are world class!*

Sports week. This will take place week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> July. Each day, all pupils will take part in a challenge earning themselves points (and stickers!) P.E kit can be worn all week and we will post daily pictures to keep all up to date.

Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Lane run	Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Tennis	Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	High 5	Thu 15 <sup>th</sup>	Throwing	Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Track Races
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All of these events will be made suitable for all year groups and we are looking forward to a week of fun!

## **For Your Diary**

Tue 29 June	Deadline for completing <a href="#">Parent/Carer Questionnaire</a>
Thu 1 July	Class 3 Tennis
Wed 7 July	<del>September FSU intake Stay &amp; Play Session</del> CANCELLED Class 3 – Day Trip (Ultimate Adventure)
Thu 8 July	Parent meeting for new to FSU families (Zoom meeting for new Butterflies) Class 3 – Day Trip (The Big Sheep)
Fri 9 July	Class 3 – Day Trip (Beach)
w/c 12 July	Sports Week (see Sport section of newsletter)
Wed 21 July	Year 6 Ten Pin Bowling
Thu 22 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (probably via Zoom)
Fri 23 July	Last Day of Term

**COVID** - Do not send your child to school if they are displaying any symptoms of COVID:

(New persistent cough, or High Temperature, or Loss of smell/taste). You will need to get a COVID test – siblings of a child displaying symptoms will also need to isolate until a negative test result is received.

We have also been advised that symptoms of the Delta variant are a headache, sore throat, and a temperature (very similar to a normal cold so quite a challenge) we would urge that any children showing these symptoms are kept off school and a test carried out. Thank you.

In line with our guidance – if we need to send a child home with any of the aforementioned symptoms, we will also need to send home any siblings.

Our most up to date COVID Risk Assessment / information can be found [here](#).

**FOMS** – Notice of the upcoming AGM will be sent out soon.

**B&T Club** - Please book (B Club only for remainder of this term) 8 days in advance please using the “**Accounts**” option within ParentMail. Please ensure that children attending B Club arrive at **8am**.

**DINNERS** - Bookings need to be made 8 days in advance please. You cancel / amend within the set timescale. If you miss the deadline, **phone the office before 8am on a Friday** and Mrs Beer will update the register for the following week. Fridays– salad will be served alongside the Fish & Chips on Fridays (not as shown on the ParentMail choices)