



Monkeigh Primary Newsletter

A PLACE TO SMILE, A PLACE TO SHARE, A PLACE TO SUCCEED



Friday 26th November 2021

Dear Parents,

From the Headteacher

Staffing - Thank you for your patience if some things are taking a little longer to be sorted, I am doing my best to answer the phone and respond as quickly as possible, hopefully Mrs Beer will be back with us this week!

School Production – Tuesday 7th December, Weare Giffard Hall 1.45pm & 6.30pm



We will be selling tickets for the play until Wednesday morning, after that time the remaining tickets will be 'up for grabs' we will initially sell 2 extra tickets per family until Friday 3rd Dec then if we still have tickets left we will sell the remaining tickets to anyone who wants extras.

We are obviously keen for our Christmas production to go ahead, but also want to keep everyone safe. Therefore we are asking that everyone attending has to have carried out an LFT and have a negative result, everyone to sanitise their hands on arrival and to wear a mask throughout the performance. We will try and ventilate the hall as much as possible so it may be a bit chilly!

All children to be dropped off at Weare Giffard Village Hall at 9.30am on Tuesday 7th, hot school dinners will be served on site for those children that have ordered. All others, please bring a packed lunch. Children to be collected from Weare Giffard Village Hall at 3.15pm, and returned for 6pm please – for the evening performance.

Monkeigh Christmas Tree lighting and Lantern Parade – THIS FRIDAY!



The children have been invited by Reverend Marissa to take part in a special Lantern Parade leaving straight after school this Friday 3rd Dec. The children will be provided with Lanterns and **need to be accompanied by their parent/carer/appropriate adult**. They will form a procession, walk through the Churchyard and make their way to The Bell. Once there, they will perform a few of the songs from our Peter Pan performance and sing some Christmas carols before lighting the Christmas Tree. It would be lovely for as many children to take part as possible.



Visiting Author – Thursday 9th December

We have been very lucky to have been given 2 copies of a new children's book before they are released for sale. Mr Sussex and Mrs Slocombe have been reading – "Lifes crazy! Esme's story" to class 2 and 3 and they have really enjoyed it. The book is written by a local author – Danny Hughes and he will be visiting the school next Thursday. He will be reading a few chapters to the children and answering any questions. He will then be selling signed copies on the day for £8.99 so if you would like a copy for your child, please do send some money in a labelled envelope. There will also be an official launch of the book with music in the Plough at 6pm on 10th Dec.

FSU – Caterpillars – Sharing Learning Journeys Thursday 9th December 2-3pm

We would like to invite parents of Caterpillar children to come into FSU on the afternoon of Thursday 9th December to have a look at what they've been up to this term – Parents of Butterflies have been updated through the term thanks to Seesaw.

FSU – Headlice - Please make sure that all children in the FSU who have hair which is long enough to be tied back have their hair tied back every day. This includes boys please. We are trying to reduce the numbers of little unwanted visitors to the FSU! Thank you in advance.

Music lessons - Is your child interested in learning a musical instrument as you know we have one peripatetic music teacher giving piano and brass lessons, but we also have the opportunity to work with another teacher who teaches a whole range of instruments. So if there is an instrument your child is interested in please let us know. Lessons could then be arranged and you would pay the teacher direct.

School gate - If you are waiting to drop off your child in the mornings for breakfast club or any other time, please do not park across the gate on the yellow no parking signs as this block's visibility to the gate for those walking into school, if you need to park your car please move up or down the lane so the gateway is kept free and the drop off from cars can carry on safely from the road. Thank you

Flu Immunisation – Yrs R-6 Friday 10th Dec. Please remember to give consent (or refusal) for your child's flu immunisation by 1st December please. You can use this link: ms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2021/devon

Karen Reeves

□ **"STARS OF THE WEEK"** □

Caterpillars	Butterflies	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Daisy	Isla	Noah	Dylan	Genevieve

Sport

Our High 5 Team are representing our school brilliantly on Monday evenings at Langtree School. We have 3 more matches left in the league.

Well done to our Indoor Athletics Team who competed this week at GTS. It was lovely to take part in competitive Sport again!

Until our Christmas break, please can;

Class 1 Come to School in PE kit on a **Thursday** with outdoor learning clothes and boots.

Class 2 Come to School in PE kit on a **Friday** (no Forest School clothes needed) and please bring School uniform to change into at lunchtime.

Class 3 Come into School in PE Kit on a **Friday** (not on a Wednesday) and please bring School uniform to change into after our lesson.

Please remember PE shoes in School every day and if possible, a change of socks.

Please check your Class dojo or Class news above for days to come to School in PE/Outdoor clothes.

Any questions please find me on Dojo or message sport@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk.

From the Office Please complete this [online form](#) informing us of any positive COVID tests (both LFT & PCR please)

Thank you for your well wishes – I'm on the mend and am intending to be back later this week! Di ☺

B&T Club / DINNERS - If you have missed the booking deadlines, please can call the office before 2:30pm on a Thursday. (NB - accounts must be in credit by being topped up in advance for me to be able to do this.) Thank you, Di B

Friends of Monkleigh School (FOMS) - Easyfundraising



Raffle Tickets - Great to see raffle ticket sales going so well and the stubs coming back in to school - thank you all very much! It's less than 2 weeks before the draw now so if you would like more tickets then please let Kerry Tooley know or see Mrs Hobbs in Class 2. Also, could you return any unwanted tickets to school ASAP please so that we can redistribute them. Thank you!

Friday 3rd December will be a **non-school uniform day** for the children but rather than asking for donations of money, please could we ask for donations towards the fundraiser raffle. Items such as chocolates, biscuits, drinks etc would be amazing. Thank you!

Mondays	FSU need their PE kits – please wear kit to school
Mondays	After School Football Club
Wednesdays	Class 3 come to school in PE kit. Also bring waterproofs and wellies on that day.
Wednesdays	After School High Five Club (+ Tue 30 Nov in lieu of cancelled session 3 Nov)
Thursdays	Class 1 come to school in PE kit. Also bring waterproofs and wellies on that day.
Thursdays	Butterflies – come to school in old clothes and bring full waterproofs
Thursdays	After School Performing Arts Club (4:30pm finish)
Fridays	Class 2 come to school in PE kit. Also bring waterproofs and wellies on that day.
Mon 29 Nov	FSU trip to Xmas Tree Farm
Mon 29 Nov	High Five match
Tue 30 Nov	High Five after school club – replacement session
Fri 3 Dec	Class 1 Multiskills
Fri 3 Dec	Non school uniform (donations for FOMS raffle please)
Fri 3 rd Dec	Lantern Parade after school for children and their parents/carers (see poster attached)
Mon 6 Dec	High Five match
Tue 7 Dec	Christmas Performances (Year 1-6) performances at 1:45pm & 6:30pm at Weare Giffard
Wed 8 Dec	Whole School Christmas Dinner
Thurs 9 Dec	Caterpillars (FSU) Sharing Learning Journeys with parents 2-3pm
Thurs 9 Dec	Visiting author Danny Hughes. Copies of his book will be available to buy.
Fri 10 Dec	Flu immunisation clinic for those that have given consent (Years R-6)
Tue 14 Dec	FSU Nativity 11am
Tue 14 Dec	Panto Trip, Queens Theatre Barnstaple (Years 1-6)
Weds 15 th Dec	Class Parties
Thurs 16 th Dec	Last Day of term

