



# Monkleigh Primary Newsletter

A place to *Smile*, to *Share*, to *Succeed*



**Friday 25th March 2022**

Dear Parents/Carers

**From the Headteacher**

**Our Vision Statement** - Governors have refreshed the vision statement & logo for the school:

## Monkleigh Primary School

- A place to **Smile**, to **Share**, to **Succeed**.

We **Smile** by nurturing an honest and happy family that ensures everyone has the best possible mental and physical well-being.

We **Share** to build confidence, compassion and curiosity through a broad range of activities and experiences that ensure our pupils thrive in an ever-changing world, both near and far.

We **Succeed** by giving everyone the best possible chance to realise their potential and achieve a range of skills and knowledge for the road ahead.

**COVID** - Unfortunately our numbers are currently quite high (though thankfully still a lot lower than many schools). We have been in touch with Public health England and we are following their guidance which has already been sent out. If you have not already seen it please see the main details at the end of this newsletter.

**School Dinners** - Mrs Mayo and myself will be working on a new menu for the summer term that will be with you soon. Due to the rising costs we are having to put the price of our school dinners up by 10p to £2.40.

**Earrings** - Children are allowed to wear small stud earrings to school, but for their own safety nothing larger or different to this. They must also be able to take them out for certain PE lessons as we are no longer allowed to tape over earrings. After the Easter holidays we will be doing gymnastics and earrings have to be removed for this, so if you are planning on having your child's ears pierced we would ask that you wait until the summer holidays.

**Free school meals** - Please do check if you are eligible for free school meals, this will not only mean that all school meals are free for your child but also brings in invaluable money to the school to help your child in any way they need. An email was sent a few days ago with details on how to check/apply.

**School council Easter raffle** - School council are holding a raffle to raise some money for the school. There are numerous prizes on offer including tickets to a local attraction, beautiful Easter Hampers and lots of smaller prizes too. Tickets are available in the ParentMail shop from 6pm this evening. If you are selling tickets to other family members, Mrs Beer can provide you with a list of your ticket numbers for you to allocate.

**Front Gate** - I am sure most of you will have seen our smart new system on the front gate.

If no one replies when you use the buzzer this may be because there is no one in the office, if this is the case please phone the school as the phone will be heard and we can let you in.

Thank you. **Karen Reeves**

### ★ "STARS OF THE WEEK" ★

Butterflies	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Saxon	Esther	Sid	Freya / Isabelle H

**From the Office** Please complete this [online form](#) informing us of any positive COVID tests (both LFT & PCR please)  
 Absences - please phone office rather than using Dojo - please do not expect siblings to inform us.  
 Next year's [Term Dates](#) have been uploaded to the website.

**FSU** - 30 hr funding - please sign into your [Childcare Service Account](#) every 3 months to reconfirm your eligibility.

**Sport:** Don't forget socks and PE shoes everyday and remember your kit for clubs.

**\*\*\*\*Our Sports Stars last week were. \*\*\*\***

**All of our Butterflies, Denzel, Stanley, Shayla and Oscar**

**Each Week.**

*Class 1 - Monday - Please come to school in PE kit with waterproofs and boots*

*Class 2 - Friday - Please come to school in PE kit with school uniform to change into.*

*Class 3 - Friday - Please come to school in PE kit with school uniform to change into.*

**Clubs**

The clubs on offer after the Easter holidays will be as follows:

Monday **Sports Club** will be a different Sport each week, Tennis, Rounders, Football, Frisbee etc.

Tuesday **Gardening Club** is a new club for Key stage 1 children. **This Club is open to 10 children only.**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Mon	KS2 Sports Club with Mr Sussex & Mrs Wilson	3/4/5/6	9, 16, 23 May; 6, 13, 27 June; 4, 11 July
Tue	KS1 Gardening Club	1/2	3,10,17,24 May; 7,14,21,28 June

Available to book through the shop in ParentMail **from 6pm this evening.**

**Dinners**

We are experiencing a few supply issues at the moment, so there may be the occasional day where the menu needs to be changed slightly. Please accept our apologies.

Have you successfully applied for Free School Meals? If so, please let us know ASAP and we will get ParentMail updated for you straight away!

Advance notice that the menu will be changing & there will be a small price increase after the Easter Holiday break.

**B&T Club:**

Cancelling/amending sessions - please note that sessions cancelled on the day will still be charged. If you need to cancel/amend a future session outside of the 8 day window in ParentMail, please contact the office before 2pm.

**Friends of Monkleigh School (FOMS) - Easyfundraising**

Hi all, for a bit of fun our next FOMS fundraiser will be a little Easter Egg decorating competition.

Just using hard boiled eggs (or small ceramic eggs if you prefer), the children can decorate them however they would like (favourite character, colours, theme etc - doesn't need to be Easter related) and then bring them into school for judging on Friday 8th April.

Entries will be £1 each (bucket at the school gate) and there will be a little prize for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in each class. Enjoy and can't wait to see all the egg designs!

**Dates for your diary:**

<b>Mondays</b>	After School Key Stage 2 Sports Club
<b>Tuesdays</b>	After School Key Stage 1 Gardening Club
<b>Mon 28 Mar</b>	FSU - Church visit
<b>Thu 31 Mar</b>	FSU Open afternoon
<b>Tue 5 Apr</b>	B&T Club "Easter Event"
<b>Fri 8 Apr</b>	Last day of term - Judging of the FOMS Easter Egg decorating competition.
<b>Tue 26 Apr</b>	Children back to school!
<b>Mon 2 May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>Tue 3 May</b>	KS1 Gardening Club commences (8 weeks)
<b>Mon 9 May</b>	KS2 Sports Club commences (8 weeks)

We have been informed of a Casio CTK411 Midi keyboard that needs rehoming. It hasn't had much use and comes with a stand and case. Let us know if you're interested.

**Possible and confirmed case definition**

**Possible case:** A child or staff member with a new continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia) prior to **PCR** testing.

**Confirmed case:** PCR or LFD positive case with or without symptoms.

**LFD testing:** For people without the main symptoms of COVID-19. Staff and pupils in mainstream settings are no longer advised to undertake twice weekly asymptomatic testing. SEND settings advised to continue X2 weekly testing

People who test positive using a LFD test do NOT need to take a PCR test unless they have been advised to do so (e.g. to access early treatment)

