



Monkleigh Primary Newsletter

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Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

From the Headteacher

Welcome back to the start of a new school year.

It is lovely to see all the children back in school all looking so smart and eager and ready to learn and play, all the classes have lots of exciting things planned and I am sure it is going to be a wonderful year at Monkleigh.

Friends of Monkleigh School

FOMs is our fund raising organisation run by parents, carers and friends of the school, everyone can get involved in it. It is a really invaluable part of the school and raises funds for many exciting things for the school. In the past this has included the school minibus, money towards the new front playground, play equipment for outside, forest school equipment, books and much more. Without this there are many things that we would not be able to do at school and we are so grateful for the parents and friends of the school who give up their time to help.

Anyone can be part of this in any way that works for them, being part of the committee or helping with events when possible.

The AGM will be held in the next few weeks (date to follow) and it would be lovely to see lots of old and new faces there.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in the past.

Mrs Jones

Mrs Jones (class 3 TA) made the decision over the summer holidays to hang up her TA boots and move on to new things. We thank her for the many years she has worked at Monkleigh and wish her lots of happiness in whatever she decides to do.

Staffing

Mrs Bennett will be working in class 3 as the class TA every morning and will continue with her invaluable interventions in the afternoon.

Miss Turner will soon be going on maternity leave and Mrs Guy, who has been volunteering at the school most of last year and is a qualified teacher will be covering for Miss Turner in class 1.

Term Time Holidays

Due to the disruption of covid and cancelled holidays and lack of chance to see family and friends we have been very understanding with term time holidays. As we move forward Governors feel it is time to tighten up on these. Taking children out of school does have a big effect on your child's education, they can miss big chunks of work and then find it difficult to catch back up when they return. We would urge you to really try to avoid taking your child out of school if at all possible. In certain circumstances Governors have asked that term time absence should be sent to county and may result in a fine.

Thank you for your understanding with this.

Dropping off and collecting - Please help this run as smoothly as possible, by dropping/collecting and moving swiftly on.

Jeans for Genes - [jeansforgenes.org](https://www.jeansforgenes.org) - Wear your jeans to school on Friday 23rd September (suggested £1 donation please)

Karen Reeves

From Mrs Beer in the Office

Signing pupils in and out - we have a new system in the reception area for signing in and out! If a child arrives late, or needs to be collected / returned from an appointment etc. you need to come to the office and do this on an iPad. The same applies if anyone is visiting (for a meeting etc.) It's quite simple to use, but I can help if necessary.

Informing us of absences etc. - a polite reminder that children's absences are to be reported via a telephone call if possible. Please do not send absence information via siblings - the information must come directly from a parent/carer. *Please be aware that if there are any concerns, we will check the accuracy of information provided.*

Walking bus - we will continue to use the previously submitted forms, however if you would like to make any changes, please [re-submit the information](#). The afternoon timings will now be a little later to stay in line with the new end of school day time of 3:30pm. If forms are re-submitted for a child, the previous submission will be removed.

Permissions for the new school year & **Offsite activities** - please submit these essential forms ASAP to ensure that we are up to date with details - this is our way of recording any allergens etc. so please do not ignore them.

Data Collection Forms will be sent home via Pupil Post in the next week or so. Please check all details carefully, making amendments as necessary - pay particular attention to address / contact telephone numbers (we often find families have moved and not told us). Please then sign and return to school (even if the information is all correct!). We are looking into moving to an electronic method of doing this, but are not quite there yet!

GTS Open Morning Tours (Mon 19-Fri 23 Sept - 09:00-10:50)

"This is an opportunity to take a tour of the school with a member of our leadership team. You will be a part of a small group of other parents/ carers and their children seeing our school as a full working school. We will offer an opportunity at the end of each tour for refreshments and a chance to speak to members of staff"

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-mornings-tickets-412941839157>

We would encourage parents to attend this on the Friday morning (23rd Sept) if possible to avoid as much disruption as possible here at Monkleigh otherwise they will miss important maths teaching- Please make sure you let us know if your child will be attending a session.

GTS Open Evening (Mon 26 Sept - 18:00-20:00)

"On this evening we offer a presentation where we introduce GTS and explain the transition process, then you have free reign of the school. Every subject area will be represented by staff and pupils, you are free to roam wherever you wish and ask as many questions as you like" <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-evening-tickets-412922411047>

Nursery fees - these should now be showing in the accounts section of parentmail. If you need to see what the charges relate to please navigate within the app / online to either:

A. Accounts

- a. PreSchool ½ Day (or Full Day)
- b. Statements
- c. The months should show transactions which enable you to see in more detail

or

B. Payments

- a. History
- b. The months should show transactions which enable you to see in more detail

B&T Club - you will see that the register has changed a little - this is due to the change in end of school time. There are now 2 registers - 1 for children in years R to 6, and 1 for those who are in the nursery. Depending on what ages your child(ren) are, you may be able to see both, or maybe just one register.

Session prices have been amended to reflect the new end of school time. Opening balances have been brought forward from those that were on the previous register at the end of last term. If your child has a sibling who has moved on to secondary school, you may see that their balance has been added to child(ren) who are still at Monkleigh (this also applies to dinner money balances). If you want to see a breakdown, please use the same method shown above.

Sorry to bombard you with lots of things straight away, but it is really important that the office holds up to date info.

Di Beer

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Upcoming trips - we are in the process of organising a few trips for Butterflies over this term. An email has been sent out to you via ParentMail

Sport:

Looking forward to a new year of lots of Sporting opportunities and having fun whilst learning new skills.

Please remember PE shoes in School everyday and as of yet we haven't decided which days we will change into PE kit so at the moment no PE kit is needed except our red hoodies which can be worn for PE lessons.

Please have PE kit in School on the days you are going to any of the Sports afterschool Clubs.

We are starting a new club this year "Keep Moving ". This club is for anyone who wants to go for a run, Jog or power walk!

AfterSchool Clubs

Here are details of the clubs that will take place this term (all will finish at 4pm - don't forget to book B&T for siblings)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Open to years</u>	<u>Price</u>
Mondays	Keep Moving (10 weeks)	19, 26 Sep 3, 10, 17, 31 Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 Nov	1 to 6	£10 (can be paid in 2 instalments)
Wednesdays	Football (10 weeks)	19, 26 Sep 3, 10, 17, 31 Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 Nov	1 to 6	£10 (can be paid in 2 instalments)
Thursdays	High 5 (10 weeks)	19, 26 Sep 3, 10, 17, 31 Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 Nov	3 to 6	£10 (can be paid in 2 instalments)
Thursdays	Art & Craft (5 weeks)	19, 26 Sep 3, 10, 17 Oct	1 to 6	£5

All clubs will be in the shop ASAP

Dates for your diary:

Wed 07 Sept	WELCOME BACK! Mrs Beer is back in the office from Mon 5th if you have any questions.
Tue 13 Sep	Full Governing Body - Annual Business Meeting
Wed 14 Sep	Butterflies trip
w/c Mon 19 Sep	GTS Open Morning Tours - 09:00 - 10:50 - let us know if your child is attending one of them All after school activity clubs start
Mon 19 Sep	Butterflies & parents walk
Thu 22 Sep	Butterflies parent evening
Fri 23 Sep	Our preferred day for GTS visits - make sure you inform us if your child is attending
Mon 26 Sep	Wear Jeans to school day (Jeans for Genes) - £1 suggested donation please GTS Open Evening - 18:00-20:00