



Monkleigh Primary Newsletter

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Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

From the Headteacher

Parents evenings - Our “meet the teacher” parents evenings will take place before half term. This is a chance for you to meet your child’s new teacher if they have moved to a new class.

We will do another parents evening in spring for parents and carers to look at work and discuss progress etc.

Parents evenings for class 1, 2 and 3 will be on 11th Oct from 2.45 – 6pm and for butterflies on 20th Oct 2.15 -415pm.

If you have been unable to book a slot and wish to meet your child’s teacher please dojo them to arrange a time to come into school for a meeting. Parent evenings will be bookable from 6pm this today (Friday 30th Sept) via PMAIL shop.

FundRaising - Lydia Hobbs had her long hair cut today in assembly, her hair will be donated to the Princess Trust and any money raised split between this charity and Edukid.

Money for Edukid will help fund the 2 children we sponsor to enable them to attend School in Ghana and Cambodia. Thank you for the donations that we received, if anyone would still like to donate please do bring into school next week.

After Arthur Bix last month, with his epic cycle ride, this is our second pupil to undertake a charity fundraiser themselves to help not only the school but other charities too. We are immensely proud of them and grateful.

Author Visits - As part of Appledore Book festival we are very much looking forward to welcoming some authors into school next week to talk to the children..

Class 1 will be meeting John Doherty on Wednesday and classes 2 and 3 Tamsin Cooke on Friday.

Thank you to Mrs Slocombe for organising this.

Pick up and collection - We do understand how difficult parking near school is. Please make use of our drop and go service, dropping and collecting children from the gate and driving on down the lane. If you do need to park, please ensure that access for our neighbours is kept free so that they can get to and from their homes.

Please also remember that we offer a walking bus service, you can drop your child off at the village Hall at 8.45am and they will be walked to school by members of staff and brought back to the village Hall at the end of the day at 3.45pm approx. If your child attends a club please park near school and come and collect your child as clubs may run over a little and we do not want to block the road with a line of cars at this time of the day as well. Thank you for your help and support with this.

FOMs - The AGM for FOMs will be at 6.15pm on Tue 11th Oct at School. We would like as many people as possible to come along and get involved in whatever capacity you can. This is an invaluable group that raises money for many exciting things at school. All Friends of Monkleigh school (parents, carers, friends and relatives) are part of this group, so please do come along and join in.

Equality Questionnaire - We are carrying out an Equality Consultation (all pupils, staff, parents). Children will be anonymously completing this in class. You have your opportunity to pass on your views, so please complete the [Parent Equality Questionnaire](#) by no later than noon next Tuesday (4th Oct). Thank you.

Tempest Photography - Individual photos - Friday 21st October (you can also have family groups taken) Children will still have Forest School on this day, but will need school uniform with them (we will update you with timings once they have been confirmed)

Jeans for Genes - we raised £89 last Friday. Thank you everyone.

Karen Reeves

★ STARS OF THE WEEK(S) ★

| FSU | CLASS 1 | CLASS 2 | CLASS 3 |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Tommy Delilah | Sofie Zoobie | Sid Delilah | Jaya Lennie & Jack M |

Parent Governor vacancy

A letter regarding a vacancy on the Governing body was emailed on 21st Sept. A reminder that nominations close at noon next Weds, 5th Oct.

From Mrs Beer in the Office

Pupil Premium - could your child be eligible? - The Pupil Premium funding that schools receive is based on the number of eligible children on the October census date (next **Thursday, 6th Oct**). If you feel that there is a possibility that your child may be eligible, please check and let us know before then. There is more information regarding Pupil Premium funding at the end of the newsletter.

Flu vaccinations - these are scheduled to take place after half term - more details to follow.

Di Beer

Burton Art Gallery trips - Class 2 workshop/trip is coming up first. Very few have responded to the email sent out earlier in the week. Please check and submit the form if you have not yet done so. Thank you.

Sport: - Please remember PE shoes everyday.

Congratulations to Harry, Jack M, Daisy and Elsie for achieving Gifted & Talented in PE.

Lots of events coming up, please keep checking Dojo.

Any questions please do message me sport@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk

AfterSchool Clubs

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

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Club</u> | <u>Years</u> |
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| Mondays | Keep Moving (< 5 December) | 1 to 6 |
| Wednesdays | Football (< 7 December) | 1 to 6 |
| Thursdays | High 5 (< 8 December) | 3 to 6 |
| Thursdays | Art & Craft (< 20 October) | 1 to 6 |

Dates for your diary:

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| Tue 4 Oct | noon - deadline for Equality Consultation form responses |
| Wed 5 Oct | noon - Deadline for Parent Governor nominations Full Governing Body meeting in school (3:45pm) |
| Tue 11 Oct | Class 1, 2, 3 Parent Evening (to 6pm) 6:15pm FOMS AGM |
| Sat 15 Oct | Monkleigh Village Hall Quiz |
| Thu 20 Oct | Butterflies parent evening (to 4:15pm) |
| Fri 21 Oct | Tempest Photography - Individual/family group photos |
| Sat 19 Nov | Monkleigh Village Hall - Christmas Craft Fair |

Monkleigh Village Hall - FUN QUIZ

15th of October @ 7:30pm - £6 per person to include a Hot Dog supper.

This is not mastermind! Just a fun quiz and a good laugh with a great crowd

Phone Lyn & John on 01237 429012 for tickets, Alternatively from Monkleigh Garage

Taking bookings for our Christmas Craft Fair on Nov 19th anyone interested please ring Lyn on 01237 429012

What is the pupil premium?

Introduced in 2011, **the pupil premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of disadvantaged children.**

This is based on research showing that children from low income families perform less well at school than their peers. **Often, children who are entitled to pupil premium face challenges such as poor language and communication skills, lack of confidence and issues with attendance and punctuality.**

The pupil premium is intended to directly benefit the children who are eligible, helping to narrow the gap between them and their classmates.

Is your child eligible?

Primary schools are given a pupil premium for:

- Children in Years R to 6 are **currently entitled to free school meals** based on family income: £1345 per pupil, per school year
- Children in Years R to 6 who were **previously entitled to benefits-based free school meals, even if they're no longer eligible**: £1345 per pupil, per school year, for six years after they stopped qualifying for free school meals
- Children in care: £2345 per pupil, per school year
- Children previously in care who have been adopted, or who have a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order: £2345 per pupil, per school year
- Children recorded as being from service families: £310 per pupil, per school year

How is it spent?

Schools can choose how to spend their pupil premium money, as they are best placed to identify what would be of most benefit to the children who are eligible.

Common ways in which Monkleigh Primary School has used pupil premium funding:

- Extra small-group support for children within the classroom.
- Running catch-up sessions before or after school, for example for children who need extra help with maths or literacy.
- Subsidising B&T club to improve attendance.
- Subsidising educational trips and visits.
- Investing in resources that boost children's learning, such as laptops or tablets.

Often, all of the children in a class will reap some benefit from how the school spends its pupil premium: e.g., if the money is used to fund additional support across the whole class, rather than providing one-to-one support. But research shows that the fund does help to narrow gaps between disadvantaged children and their peers, particularly in English and maths.

Can parents influence how the pupil premium is used?

There is no obligation for us to consult you about how we use the money we claim for your child, although some schools involve parents. However, **we do have to show that we are using the pupil premium fund appropriately.**

This is measured through Ofsted inspections and annual performance tables showing the progress made by children who are eligible for pupil premium.

In addition, we have to publish details online, including how much money we have been allocated, how we intend to spend it, how we spent their previous year's allocation and how it made a difference to the attainment of disadvantaged pupils.

How to claim your child's pupil premium

Children who currently qualify for FSM based on family circumstances are entitled to PP. This applies if you receive any of:

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

Children who are **or have been** in care, and children who have a parent who is or was in the armed forces, are also entitled to pupil premium.

In addition, pupils who have qualified for free school meals on the above grounds in the past, but are no longer eligible, continue to receive pupil premium for the next six years.

Schools are responsible for recording the children who are eligible for pupil premium in their annual school census - you don't have to do anything yourself, other than making sure you return any paperwork that relates to the benefits you receive or your child's entitlement to free school meals.

If your child qualifies for free school meals or has at any point in the past six years, it's important that you tell us – even if they're in Reception or KS1 and receive universal school meals for infant pupils, or are in KS2 and take a packed lunch – as this enables them to claim pupil premium.