

Friday 9th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

From the Headteacher

Welcome back to the last half of the summer term and what beautiful weather we have had to start the term off. This is always a busy half term with trips, sports day and lots going on and we hit the ground running this week with our class 3 residential to Torquay.

It is the first time we have used this PGL site and it was really positive. The amazing weather helped and all the children enjoyed a huge range of activities and had a great experience. Huge thanks to the super staff - Mr Sussex, Mrs Bennett, Ms Beasley and Mrs Wilson who took the children and looked after them so well.

School dinners - We welcome Mrs Louise Johnson as our new kitchen manager.

Louise is passionate about really tasty, healthy locally sourced food, including using our own forest school which the children have loved. All the meals are served with a range of salad and/or vegetables which the children select themselves as she believes in giving the children as much choice as possible. The children have been loving the meals and enjoyed trying new things e.g edible chive flowers which they found really interesting.

I appreciate that the choices are less than normal but I would urge you to encourage your children to try the meals as they are delicious. We will also try to give the children having packed lunches some tasters if they would like to so they can get a feel of what the meals taste like. I have been amazed this week already by the children's willingness to try new flavours!

I know that things will seem a little different but I am sure you will all embrace it and hopefully hear from your children about the new exciting things they are tasting.

Ms Desbois - We also welcome Ms Desbois to our TA team, Ms Desbois is working as a 1 to 1 TA in class 1.

Class 3 - As you all know we will be saying a very sad goodbye to Mr Sussex at the end of this term and wishing him well with his move to Wales. We are however pleased to welcome Mr Stevens to our Monkleigh Team, Mr Stevens will be our new class 3 teacher and many of you will have already seen him around as he did his last teaching practice with us in the Autumn Term and did a wonderful job.

Mr Stevens will be joining us from Tue - Fri every week this term to work with Mr Sussex and the children to ensure a smooth and positive transition.

We are collecting for a leaving gift for Mr Sussex so if you would like to contribute to this please just send some money into the school office in an envelope.

Thank you

Sports Teams / Leavers photos – A photographer is here on Monday to take photos of sports teams and leavers. Full PE kit needs to be brought in for anyone in any of our teams. Year 6 leavers will be having their year photos taken too.

Karen Reeves

Attendance...

Class average for this week: Butterflies: 94.0%; Class 1: 98%; Class 2: 98.48%; Class 3: 98.67%

School average for this week: 97.94%; this term: 96.48%; this academic year: 94.88%

From the Office:

Pre-school sessions for this final half term have been input in ParentMail - payments made via the Tax Free Childcare scheme may not yet be showing, so please [contact me](#) if you need to know details of how much needs to be paid.

Online payments - I am still seeing several parents paying for meals in multiple transactions carried out on the same day instead of adding them to the basket and paying in one transaction at the end. This is losing us quite a lot of money! **This will result in the cost of school meals having to be increased if this continues to happen.**

To show you again what this costs us (from previous newsletter):

Multiple transactions in ParentMail - add everything to your basket before checking out please.

To give an example of transaction charges (taken from recent meal purchases):

School Meals	1 @ £2.40	£ 2.40 paid (card)	Charges £0.38	School receives £ 2.02
School Meals	5 @ £2.40	£12.00 paid (card)	Charges £0.38	School receives £11.62

I can run a Free School Meals eligibility check – [email me](#) in confidence if you would like me to check for you.

Are you aware of some of the support that is available for families? Take a look at the links below:

[Free School Meals \(including the holiday voucher scheme\)](#)

[Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) programme](#)

[Healthy Start](#)

If you need to speak to me, my hours on site are currently: Mon < 2:30; Tue, Wed, Thu < 12:00; Fri < 3:45

Equality Questionnaire - Our Governors have put together an Equality Questionnaire, which we would appreciate if you could complete and return to us please (it is anonymous).

They have been sent home today via Pupil Post (you may receive more than one!). Please return it to school by the end of next week (Fri 16th June)

Friends of Monkleigh School (FOMS) - **Don't forget there is a meeting in school on Monday 3rd July**

Sport - Please remember PE shoes everyday, a dry pair of socks and full PE kit for any after school sports clubs.

Workout Wednesdays - **every week** - children to come to school in PE kit - school uniform not needed.

We will be getting ready for our Sports Day Friday 23rd June 2023. Please can we have our team colours ready for Thursday 22/7/2023. Hopefully everyone can remember their team colours, if not please contact me.

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

Forest School - **FSU Caterpillars & Butterflies every Thursday afternoon;** Class 1, 2 & 3 every Friday.

Please remember that all children need to wear long sleeved tops, full length trousers and hair tied back. As the weather is warming up please make sure the children choose appropriate clothing as they still need full length trousers and long sleeved tops. If it's raining they will need waterproofs and wellies, this will keep them dry.

The children also need their school uniform to change back into after Forest School.

Any questions regarding Forest school please message Mrs Hobbs via dojo.

Join our Facebook page and see what is happening in our forest school

https://www.facebook.com/groups/552504906352705/?ref=share_group_link

School Dinners

All served with leaves picked from the garden, tomatoes, cucumber, broccoli, peas and carrots. Fresh Fruit available every day

Day	Main	Pudding
Mon 19 June	Pasta with basil pesto (nut free) or basil & slow cooked tomato	Flapjack
Tue 20 June	Chicken or Quorn strips with wedges	Fresh Fruit & Plain Yoghurt
Wed 21 June	Cottage pie or Veg cottage pie with sweet potato & potato mash	Home-made Cookie
Thu 22 June	Macaroni cheese	Strawberry Smoothie
Fri 23 June	Fish kedgeree or vegetarian kedgeree with boiled eggs	Chocolate Muffin
Day	Main	Pudding
Mon 26 June	Creamy Green Pasta	Banana Bread
Tue 27 June	Mild chicken or veg curry with cinnamon rice	Crunches
Wed 28 June	Meatballs or veg, tomato sauce & spaghetti	Yoghurt & Fruit
Thu 29 June	Jacket potatoes with homemade baked beans & cheese	Carrot Muffins
Fri 30 June	Fish & Chips or Cheese Wheel & Chips	Ice Cream
Day	Main	Pudding
Mon 03 July	Tomato Ragu pasta	Berry Smoothie
Tue 04 July	Chicken or veg noodles	Cookie
Wed 05 July	Lovely Lasagne or Vegetarian Lasagne	Banana Bread
Thu 06 July	Cornish or Cheese & Onion pasty & wedges	Fruit Salad
Fri 07 July	Margherita pizza	Chocolate Mousse

Historical extracts taken from the old School / Headteacher Logbooks

11 June 1902	<i>A Chapel tea at Annery this afternoon. So few children attended school that registers were not marked, - children dismissed</i>
4 June 1907	<i>(A new headteacher commenced duties at end May) Eight boys punished with two stripes each for leaving school premises, without permission. The discipline of this school has been much neglected, and the moral tone is very poor. Boys especially have no idea of obedience or politeness.</i>
1 June 1910	<i>I have offered to give Silver Medals to the children who make Perfect Attendances for the year</i>
3 June 1925	<i>As all but 7 children are going to the opening of the Bideford Bridge this afternoon, the managers have closed the school</i>

Dates for your diary:

!Some dates may be subject to change - Keep checking on each newsletter!

Mon 12 Jun	Leavers / Sports team photos	
Tue 13 Jun	Butterflies Northam Burrows trip	
Wed 14 Jun	🏌️ Yr 5/6 Golf 🏌️	🏃 After School Sports Club 🏏 🏏 (KS2)
Thu 15 Jun	Yr 5/6 Golf	
Fri 16 Jun	Equality Questionnaires to be returned please	
Mon 19 Jun	FSU fancy dress sponsored walk	
Thu 22 Jun	Gifted & Talented event at GTS	
Fri 23 Jun	🏆 Sports Day 🏆 ⌚	
Mon 26 Jun	GTS Year 6 Transition (to Thu 29 Jun)	🏆 FSU Sports Day 🏆 ⌚
Thu 29 Jun	Bid. Coll. Y6 Transition (<30 Jun), Monkleigh Transition Day, New Butterflies Parents Info event	
Mon 3 Jul	Yr 6 - Bideford Blues (TBC)	FOMS meeting 3pm
Thu 6 Jul	Monkleigh's Got Talent auditions	
Fri 7 Jul	Yr 5 Taster day at GTS	Rounders festival (Winkleigh)
Mon 10 Jul	Butterflies Monkleigh walkaround	🚲 Yr 6 - Bike ride 🚲 (provisional)
Fri 14 Jul	Caterpillars (leavers) trip	Monkleigh's Got Talent
w/c 17 Jul	%Attendance reports / letters out 📧	
Tue 18 Jul	FSU & Class 1 - Prom	
Wed 19 Jul	Monkleigh School Prom	Full Governing Body meeting
Fri 21 Jul	FOMS / Village Hall village fete on school field	
Mon 24 Jul	Butterflies Leavers' Assembly 🏠	🏏 Year 6 bowling 🏏
Tue 25 Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 🏠	📖 Family Picnic 📖

Some local opportunities/activities / events (we are not promoting, just signposting if you are interested)

BIG BREAKFAST

SUNDAY 11th JUNE

BETWEEN 9am AND NOON



AT FRITHELSTOCK VILLAGE HALL
RAISING FUNDS FOR FRITHELSTOCK

PARISH PLAYING FIELD

STANDARD BREAKFAST £ 7.50

LARGE BREAKFAST £ 10.00

RAFFLE - DONATIONS OF PRIZES
WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED