



## Monkleigh Primary School - Newsletter

**Friday 8th September 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers

**From the Headteacher**

Welcome back to the new Autumn Term. It was lovely to see the children running into school this Wednesday, many with new haircuts, shoes, cardigans or jumpers, looking very smart and eager to start. Of course as is often the way in September the sun is shining and summer is finally with us! This does mean that it is a lovely start to the term with warm dry playtimes that we can make the most of, though we all may have preferred to have seen this weather in August!

All staff have been busy getting the new year planned and classrooms ready and we are all looking forward to a wonderful new school year.

**Staffing** - As you all know Mr Stevens is our new class 3 teacher and we extend a very warm welcome to him. Mr Stevens has already spent quite a lot of time with us at Monkleigh and we know he will fit right into our Monkleigh family and do a wonderful job.

We also welcome Miss Sanders who will be working 1 to 1 with a child.

We are very sad to say that after 15 years Mrs Beer is moving onto pastures new, she is going back to her rural, agricultural roots which have always been very dear to her heart and will be taking on a new admin role where she can also talk all things farming! Mrs Beer will be hugely missed, she started here at Monkleigh with me on the same day and has been a huge part of Monkleigh School. We wish her all the best for the future.

Mrs Hobbs will be stepping into this role and we welcome her to her new role, Mrs Beer is with us until the end of September so for the rest of the month you may see two heads in the office as Mrs Beer imparts all her knowledge to Mrs Hobbs and hands over the reins. Please do bear with us during the transition process and from October please be patient and kind! Mrs Hobbs has an awful lot to learn and will need all the support she can get.

Mrs Fenton will be taking over the running of forest school, with the support of Mrs Hobbs and Mrs Wilson. We are hoping our wonderful parent volunteers will continue to help out as they are invaluable with their expertise and time- thank you Mrs Broome and Mrs Kirby - please stay with us.

Other staff will also be helping out - Mrs Mayhew, Miss Debois and at various times I am sure others will get involved. So rest assured forest school will continue.

This movement of staff means we will also have another 1 to 1 vacancy - 5 mornings a week 9am to 1pm in class 3 , if you are interested in this position please contact the office or [visit the website](#) for an application form.

**Parent's evening** - There will be a meet the teacher parents evening on 3rd October for classes 1 to 3, this is primarily to give parents a chance to meet their child's new teacher if they have moved class. If your child still has the same teacher but you would still like a parents evening slot then please do book one.

Thank you

*Karen Reeves*

### **Attendance...**

***Class average for this week: Butterflies: 84.62%; Class 1: 82.69%; Class 2: 98.85%; Class 3: 100%***  
***School average for this week: 92.39%; this term: 92.39%; this academic year: 92.39%***

#### **From the Office:**

Data collection forms - We are trying to move to online admission forms etc. If you receive a form by email, please ensure that you complete it ASAP. It is important that records are up to date, and we rely on you to help us to do this. Thank you in advance.

**Medical Appointments** - We have been advised that from September we have to see evidence of medical appointments when children are taken out of school for them. Just a screen shot of the appointment sent to us on dojo is fine.

Thank you.

#### **Foundation Stage Unit**

FSU Admissions:

From 6<sup>th</sup> September we are launching a new FSU Admissions email address. Please email [FSUadmissions@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:FSUadmissions@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk) for:

- Applications for new pupils and all supporting paperwork.
- Queries from parents/carers of prospective pupils.
- Requests of changes to sessions for current pupils.
- Any general admission enquiries.

Please note that this email is monitored on a weekly basis.

For any issues regarding pupil attendance, lunches, B & T club or general admin please contact the Office.

#### **Sport**

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

Any questions please dojo or message me [sport@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:sport@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk)

#### **Forest School**

Any questions regarding Forest school please message Ms Fenton 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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/552504906352705/?ref=share_group_link)

## Clubs

Our Afterschool Clubs will start the week beginning 18th September.

Monday 3.30-4.15 Reading/Book Club Years 1/2/3/4/5/6 **limited to 12 spaces.**

Tuesday 3.30-4.15 Football Club Years 3/4/5/6

Wednesday 1-1.30 Football Club Years 1/2 (No booking needed for this club)

Thursday 3.30-4.15 High 5 Club Years 3/4/5/6

The Clubs are over 10 weeks at a cost of £10.00 (£1.00 a session. No cost for the Weds lunchtime Club)

The money we receive for our Clubs goes back to buy more equipment for that Club.

Clubs will be in your baskets to purchase from 6pm today.

## School Dinners

*All served with leaves picked from the garden, tomatoes, cucumber, broccoli, peas and carrots.*

### Monkleigh Primary School Menu (from Sept 2023)

**Week 1 (4 Sep; 25 Sep; 16 Oct; 13 Nov; 4 Dec)**

| Day | Main   | Pudding                   |
|-----|--|---------------------------|
| Mon | Super Sausage & Tomato Pasta<br>Super Vegan Sausage & Tomato Pasta | Berry Smoothie            |
| Tue | Cheeky Chicken Noodles<br>Blackbean, Broccoli & Sweetcorn Noodles  | Banana Cake               |
| Wed | Cosy Cottage Pie with Beef<br>Cosy Cottage Pie with Lentils        | Fruit Salad               |
| Thu | Jumping Jacket Potatoes with homemade baked beans<br>&/or cheese   | Chocolate & Beetroot Cake |
| Fri | Fabulous Fish Pie<br>Fabulous Broccoli Pie                         | Flapjack                  |

**Week 2 (11 Sep; 2 Oct; 30 Oct; 20 Nov; 11 Dec\*)**

| Day   | Main  | Pudding                   |
|-------|---|---------------------------|
| Mon   | Princess Pesto Pasta with Feta & Peas   | Berry Smoothie            |
| Tue * | Cheeky Chicken Roast<br>Cheeky Lentil Roast   | Banana Cake               |
| Wed   | Lovely Lasagne with Beef<br>Lovely Lasagne with Veg                                       | Fruit Salad               |
| Thu   | Perfect Pizza   | Chocolate & Beetroot Cake |
| Fri   | Fabulous Fish Kedgeree with boiled eggs<br>Fabulous Smoked Tofu Kedgeree with boiled eggs | Flapjack                  |

**Week 3 (18 Sep; 9 Oct; 6 Nov; 27 Nov)**

| Day | Main   | Pudding                   |
|-----|--|---------------------------|
| Mon | Bacon & Leek Creamy Pasta<br>Big Leek Creamy Pasta                                       | Berry Smoothie            |
| Tue | Cheeky Chicken Curry & Rice<br>Butternut & Chickpea Curry & Rice                         | Banana Cake               |
| Wed | Brilliant Beef Slow Cooked Stew with Pitta Bread<br>Jack Fruit Veg Stew with Pitta Bread | Fruit Salad               |
| Thu | Mega Macaroni with Cheese & Cauliflower  | Chocolate & Beetroot Cake |
| Fri | Fabulous Fish & Chips<br>Fabulous Fried Tofu & Chips                                     | Flapjack                  |

*\*Tuesday 12th Dec - Whole School Christmas Lunch*

## **Friends of Monkleigh School (FOMS)**

Please join us next Friday 15th September at 2.45pm for a coffee and a chat about upcoming events and any new ideas.

### *Historical extracts taken from the old School / Headteacher Logbooks*

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| 7 Sep 1950  | <i>As 19 children stay every day for lunch the lavatory buckets overflow often before Friday as they are only emptied once a week.</i> |
| 12 Sep 1950 | <i>No meat was sent for the school lunches yesterday so I had to use the tins of beef sent for the emergency rations.</i>              |

### ***Dates for your diary:***

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

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Fri 15 Sep | Butterflies Trip<br>FOMS meeting 2.45pm   |
| Mon 18 Sep | Butterflies blackberry picking  |
| w/c 18 Sep | GTS open mornings (Year 5 & 6) - more details to follow<br>After school clubs start |
| Wed 20 Sep | School Trip   |
| Mon 25 Sep | GTS Open Evening  |
| W/C 25 Sep | Appledore book festival   |
| Tue 3 Oct  | Parents meetings (Years 1 to 6)   |
| Wed 4 Oct  | FSU dentist visit<br>Dig the castle   |
| Thu 5 Oct  | Younger caterpillars parent meetings  |
| Mon 9 Oct  | Butterflies trip  |
| Tue 10 Oct | Farmwise (Class2 & 3) – TBC   |
| Thu 19 Oct | Butterflies & Older caterpillars parent meetings                                    |

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Finish the book challenge by **Saturday 16th September** to be entered into this year's prize draw. We have some super prizes including a scooter, sports equipment, various games, taster golf and rugby sessions and family swim passes!



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**SUMMER  
READING  
CHALLENGE**



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## RUGBY FUN DAY AT BIDEFORD RUGBY CLUB!



**COME ALONG AND TRY IT OUT!**  
BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME FROM YEAR 2 to YEAR 8

### SUNDAY 24TH SEPT 11AM

**FREE ENTRY**

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Rugby themed games  
Meet the coaches and  
other players  
Hot food and drinks  
available  
Prizes to be won



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