



Monkleigh Primary School - Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

From the Headteacher

Breakfast Club

We are really excited to announce that from Monday our children attending breakfast club will be able to enjoy a muffin or tasty breakfast bar or similar all expertly made by our own chef Louise.

Parent's lunches

We would like to offer parents the chance to come in and sample our school dinners, so in the near future we will be giving you the opportunity to book a school meal and come and try some of our delicious lunches. Initially we will limit it to 10 adults per day and see how it goes!

Trips

Classes 1, 2 and 3 had a super day at the Milky Way yesterday. All the children were so well behaved and it was a pleasure to take them. One child even managed to get me to go down the death slide!

Butterflies have enjoyed their blackberry picking and had a really exciting trip out to look at everyone's houses when the mini bus broke down!

They seemed to thoroughly enjoy the excitement of this, the mini bus is back on the road and the trip will be completed at a later date!

Book Festival.

We are looking forward to welcoming some authors into school next week as part of the Appledore Book Festival. I am sure they will inspire our children to write even more amazing stories.

Thank you

Karen Reeves

Attendance...

Class average for this week: Butterflies: 99.15%; Class 1: 99.15%; Class 2: 98.85%; Class 3: 99.66%

School average for this week: 99.23%; this term: 97.9%; this academic year: 97.9%

From Mrs Beer in the Office:

Well, after 15 years, I'm moving on to pastures new!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your cooperation when I have been asking for responses to numerous forms, and for your patience with changes of menu etc. over recent months / years - I know that it will have driven you mad, but I'm afraid it's part of the job!

In my time at Monkleigh I have seen the school grow from 64 children to nearly 130 - yes, it has doubled in size! Mrs Reeves, Mrs O'Donoghue (then Miss Cole) and myself all started at Monkleigh on the same day back in September 2008 and we have seen many changes over the years.

Mrs Hobbs is going to be taking my place in the office - we are working together until I leave at the end of next week. There are many administrative tasks that are only carried out once a term or once a year, so there are a lot of things that I will not be able to cover with her. Please be respectful and kind over the coming months.

Thanks for everything

From Mrs Beer

Class 3 Parent Meetings - Unfortunately, we have had to rearrange the meetings for Years 5&6, due to non-avoidable teacher training that we were unaware of when we planned them. They will now be on Thursday 5th Oct - sorry, but we will need you to rebook them please.

Foundation Stage Unit

FSU Admissions: please email 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

Forest School

On a Thursday afternoon we have a parent that is helping maintain Forest School and would be lovely if anyone else would like to join her from 3.15pm. Children are welcome to join the tea club whilst you are helping in Forest School. Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping.

Any questions regarding Forest school please message Ms Fenton via dojo.

Join our [Facebook page](#) and see what is happening in our forest school

Clubs

Our Afterschool Clubs started this week.

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 (No cost for the Weds lunchtime Club)
The money goes back to buy more equipment for that Club - you are still able to book if you wish.

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

Friends of Monkleigh School (FOMS)

Thank you to all who came to the meeting on Friday.
I know it's tricky for parents/carers to sometimes get to meetings because of other commitments but please support our beautiful children and come along to our next meeting. I'm more than happy to do an evening meeting if this is better. Our children need you, we can't do it without your help. Without support from you we can't raise the funds we need for the extra things for our children, such as the Christmas panto and our school bus.
We need to start thinking about Christmas and our Monkleigh Christmas Fayre and need lots of help for the event. It's going to be on the 1st December at 5.30 - 7.30pm.
Thank you
Mrs Mayhew

Christmas Fayre - Friday 17th November we are having a non uniform day for any donations for our raffle/tombola, etc

If you would like to book a table to sell your crafts etc, we have a few available. We are asking for £5.00 a table.

We would like our next meeting to be a 'Wrap & Chat' for us to get together, chat and wrap presents. We will have been shopping and will need help!
We will provide tea/coffee and nibbles (Please feel free to bring your own favourite drink!)
We have planned the 'Wrap & Chat' meeting for Thursday 2nd November. Please see dojo and our Facebook page for a poll as we are thinking of 4pm or 7pm. We really want to make it easier for all parents to join our meetings.

Any questions, ideas or help please contact Mrs Mayhew via dojo

Historical extracts taken from the old School / Headteacher Logbooks

27 Sep 1918	<i>Closed the school on Friday afternoon to enable the children to gather blackberries</i>
10 Sept 1957	<i>Today the children of Monkleigh and Frithelstock schools met in the enlarged and modernised buildings of Monkleigh County Primary School. A new Infants' classroom with modern fittings has been built, a canteen is nearly ready, toilets for boys, girls and staff have flush lavatories, and hot water for wash basins. The original building has been painted cream inside and out, its ceiling is lowered and a new floor laid. The playground is partially tarmacked, and is entered by large and small gates. Numbers on roll 45 divided into Infants - 19 Juniors - 26</i>

Dates for your diary:

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

W/C 25 Sep	Appledore book festival
Mon 25 Sep	Nurse visiting FSU GTS Open Evening
Tue 3 Oct	Parents meetings (Years 1 to 4)
Wed 4 Oct	FSU dentist visit Dig the castle
Thu 5 Oct	School census day - we need as many yr R,1&2 as possible to have dinner please. Class 3 Parents meetings (rescheduled) Younger caterpillars parent meetings
Mon 9 Oct	Butterflies trip
Tue 10 Oct	Farmwise (Class2) – TBC
Fri 13 Oct	Stephen Shield Cross Country
Thu 19 Oct	Butterflies & Older caterpillars parent meetings



Totally Torrington

Saturday 7th October 2023

10am–12.30pm

Castle Community Centre

Lots of activities to try, share and enjoy.

Come and join us in for a busy morning of crafts, gardening and play. We have: junk modelling; bulb planting; crafts; Lego. And more to follow! This is a free drop-in event.

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