



Monkleigh Primary School - Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers
From the Headteacher

Harbour Donations

We are once again collecting for harbour, we were overwhelmed by all the kind donations we received last year and I know Harbour were too.

Harbour would be grateful for any donations, but particularly need UHT milk, cereal, tea, coffee, sugar, squash, tinned meat (hot and cold), tinned vegetables, tuna, custard, rice pudding, tinned fruit, shower gel, deodorant, noodles, rice biscuit bars. Many of their clients are under canvas and therefore anything with a ring-pull is also useful. They can use anything, so all donations are very gratefully received.

Donations by the 20th oct please and our children will deliver them.

Mrs Beer kindly donated an apple tree as a leaving present. Here are some picture of Mrs Beer planting the tree in Forest School with the children on her last day.



From Mrs Hobbs in the Office:

I have enjoyed my first week in the office, still lots to learn! Thought I would just message to say my working hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am to 3.30pm. Please can any absences be rung through daily to myself or leave a message on the answerphone and I will pick them up.

School Dinners

School lunches have become a lovely social, almost restaurant experience, the children are loving sitting around their tables with their flowers in the middle, their home-made place mats made (all made by chef Louise) and their china plates. The meals are amazing, all cooked from scratch with local produce and taste delicious. Remember school dinners for our reception and class 1 children are all free so please do make the most of these healthy, delicious free meals that you can give your child.

If you would like to sample a school meal you can now go into the parent mail shop to book a meal for the price of £3.50. You can eat with your child or make use of our meeting room to eat in peace and quiet from 12.30-1.15pm. we can cater for up to 10 extra adult meals, **please phone the office to book this 01805 623269 we are starting this from Monday 9th October.**

Please do come and try our lovely school dinners - nearly all staff have school meals and love them!

Thank you

Karen Reeves

Attendance...

*Class average for this week: Butterflies: **100%**; Class 1: **95.30%**; Class 2: **90.04%**; Class 3: **92.93%***

*School average for this week: **93.62%**; this term: **95.73%**; this academic year: **95.73%***

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.

Congratulations to Charlie, Sofia, Shayla and Harry for getting onto the Gifted & Talented programme for sport.

Class 2 had a great start to the year taking part in a Multi Skills at GTS. Everyone took part and represented the School amazingly.

Any questions please dojo or message me 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

Clubs

Our Afterschool Clubs have started and you can still join these.

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)

Hello

Just a little message to let you all know that our next FOMS meeting will be our 'Wrap & Chat' evening.

Most of you felt that 7pm on Thursday 2nd November would be the best time so we will see you then. We will meet in class 2.

Also, just wanted to say that tables are available for the Christmas Fayre at £5 a table.

Friday 10th November will be our non-uniform day. Any child who wants to take part please bring in a donation for the Christmas Tombola on that day.

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

Dates for your diary:

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

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 children as possible to have school dinner please! Younger caterpillars parent meetings
Thu 5 Oct	Parents meetings (Years 5 to 6)
Mon 9 Oct	Butterflies trip
Tue 10 Oct	Farmwise (Class2)
Thu 12 Oct	Parents Meetings (Years 5-6)
Fri 13 Oct	Stephen Shield Cross Country event
Thu 19 Oct	Butterflies & Older caterpillars parent meetings – available to book from 02/10/23 ParentMail
23-27 Oct	Half term
Mon 30 Oct	TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY - INDIVIDUAL / FAMILY PORTRAITS
Tue 31 Oct	Butterflies Trip
Thu 2 Nov	FOMS chat & wrap in class 2 7pm everyone welcome
Fri 10 Nov	Non-school uniform day – FOMS donation of a prize for the Christmas tombola.
Tue 5 Dec	School panto performance – afternoon & evening performances.

Preview Prospectus – Autumn term 2023

We have lots of wonderful, creative workshops on offer this term. I am particularly excited to welcome new tutor, Allison Sylvester, to our team. Allie is a very talented local artist who works with botanicals and printing, amongst other mediums, to create exquisite artwork. To find out more about her work, you can visit her Instagram profile [@allison_sylvester](#).

From pottery made on a wheel to designing video games; from investigating ‘mucky materials’ in the science lab, to learning the skills and tactics to outwit an opponent in P.E, we hope there will be something for everyone! We continue to run our Creative Writing workshops on Saturdays for all budding writers.

Every pupil in receipt of Free School Meals / Pupil Premium funding is eligible to attend two workshops free of charge per term. Please get in touch via enrichment@exeter.ac.uk to request this term’s unique access code.

<https://education.exeter.ac.uk/enrichment/>

School Admissions

We understand that parents and children are still visiting schools and weighing up their options, but the closing date is looming. Within the admissions portal there is the facility to identify whether your Year 6 pupils have made their application for Secondary School.

We would be grateful you could send a reminder email to Year 6 parents, and/or include information on your weekly newsletter, with a link to our application webpages www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

The easiest way for these families to apply is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline If families don’t wish to or can’t apply online, they can also complete a hard copy application form which can be obtained by calling 0345 155 1019.

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2023.

A lot of secondary schools in Devon are under pressure with space due to local growth, so it is essential that we get as many applicants applying on-time as possible. Late applications may be disadvantaged, so it is vital parents make an on time application to give themselves the best chance of securing a place at one of their preferred schools.

Please note that children with EHCP’s have been invited to apply through the admissions team this year for their mainstream school preference only, they cannot apply for a Special or Independent School through the Admissions Team. These families will have been contacted separately by the 0-25 SEN Team regarding the application process for Special / Independent Schools. If any of your children live outside of Devon County Council’s boundary, they have to make an application to their home Local Authority, so there is a chance they will have applied to a neighbouring Authority, such as Plymouth or Torbay. Please be mindful of this if your school is close to a neighbouring authority.

Please get in touch with us if you have any queries.

Kind Regards
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