



Monkfrith Newsletter Issue 1

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a lovely holiday! On behalf of all the staff, thank you for the generous gifts and cards that we received at the end of the Summer Term.

It feels strange to be writing my first newsletter before the children have started back, however I felt there was information that you would need to have before we start the term properly on Wednesday.

Deputy Head

Despite our best efforts, we were not able to appoint a Deputy Head teacher last year. We will try again in the Autumn Term. Luckily we have been able to second a fantastic, experienced deputy from a local school for 2 and a half days a week who will be a great addition to our team. You will be able to meet Mr Madle on the gate on Wednesday.



Start of the Day arrangements

Breakfast Club will be open as usual from 7.45am on Wednesday. You can use the car park entrance or the Main Entrance on Knoll Drive. As we have done for the two years, 'soft start' will continue. This means that all children from Year 1 to Year 6 can be dropped off at the gate on Monkfrith Way from 8.30am. A member of the Leadership Team (myself, Mrs Whent or Mr Madle) will always be there to receive them.

The children then make their own way to their classroom where there will be a teaching assistant checking they have arrived. Depending on the year group, there will be different activities going on in the classrooms from reading to singing or English or maths activities. Every minute counts!

If your child has just moved into Year 1, they will be taken in small groups to their classrooms by Year 6 helpers until they are confident to go on their own. If they need to go to the toilet when they arrive, the Year 6 children will make sure they are 'checked in' with the adult in the classroom first.

Our INSET Days

All the staff will be in school over the next two days working hard. There will time to staff to work together on how we are going to be moving Monkfrith from being a great school to an even better one! There will be more about this in the newsletter in the coming weeks.

All the staff will also have Safeguarding training to make sure that our procedures and practice is up to date and refreshed before we start the new term.

Contacting the Office

We have made some changes to the email system in the Office over the holidays. From now on, all email queries can be sent to office@monkfrithschool.co.uk regardless of the day of the week.

Medical Information



If your child has medication which we may give in school (e.g. an inhaler or epipen) please can you send in an up to date of their careplan. If you have any queries please contact the Office. Please could you also make sure that the medication is in school by Thursday to ensure that we have updated our records. We will then send out consent form or you can collect one from the Office.

Meet the Teacher

You should have received an email at the start of the holidays informing you about these meetings. If not, please could you check that the Office have the correct contact information.

These meetings are a chance for you to have a chat with your child's new teacher, find out about the curriculum for the year and ways that you can support us to help you child. I hope to see you then! If you are not able to attend, then the information will be put on the website the following day and you can always make an appointment via the Office to speak to your child's new teacher if you have any concerns.

Years 3 and 4 – Monday 10th September 6pm

Years 1 and 6 - Tuesday 11th September 6pm

Years 2 and 5 - Wednesday 12th September 6pm

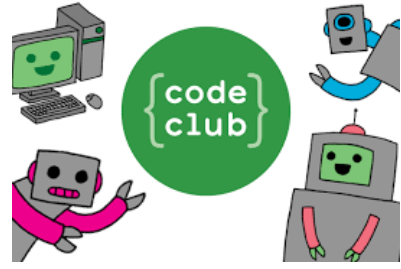
PE Kits and Swimming

For most classes PE will start this week so please make sure PE kits are in school. Year 5 will start back at swimming this week. Please contact the Office if you are available to help.

Clubs

There will be more information about the clubs we will be offering this term in the coming weeks, however I am keen to get back to KS2 Code Club! We will be continuing this year on Wednesday mornings starting at 8am.

If you came last year and would like to continue, please let the Office know by Friday. Sessions for **continuing members** will start on **September 12th**.



We are also on the lookout for new members so if you are in KS2 and would like to join, then please text the Office. Sessions for **new members** will begin on **September 26th**.

If you would like to find out more about what we do then visit our page on the website <http://monkfrithschool.co.uk/news-info/activity-timetable/code-club/>.

The club is free and run by teachers and parents following material (mostly) provided by <https://www.codeclub.org.uk/>. If you are happy to help out (on a regular or adhoc basis), you don't need to be a programmer to do so, please leave your details with the office and we'll get in touch.

Trips

If you have looked at the calendar on the website you will see there are a number of trips in September. You will get information about via your child's book bag this week if you did not receive this last term.

I am hoping that future newsletters will have some pictures to share some of the fabulous things that the children are doing at school. If there is anything else that you think would be helpful to have in the newsletter, let me know when you see me about school.

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