



**Monkfrith Newsletter**  
**Autumn Term: Issue 11**

Dear Parents,

In the newsletter this week, I am sharing the things that we, as a school, will be working towards this year. These are just the headlines and we have a much more detailed action plan about the steps we are taking to achieve these aims. They were decided following an analysis of last year's results, discussions with staff, children, Governors and our Learning Network Inspector from Barnet.

*At Monkfrith this year:*



**Leadership and Management**

We are going to find a fantastic Deputy Headteacher.  
We are going to make sure there is high quality teaching and learning in every class across the school.

**Teaching and Learning**

We are going to think about how we teach writing to ensure that all children achieve their potential.

**Environment and Premises**

We are going to make sure that the school is a really safe place to be and that we all take care of our environment.  
We are going to develop a sensory trail in our playground.

**Personal Development and Welfare**

We are going to work on understanding our emotions and learn strategies to help us deal with how we are feeling.  
We are going to have more chances to work in our House Groups.

**Governance**

The Governors are going to support and challenge Miss Deasey to improve our school.

**Outcomes for Children**

We are going to increase our vocabulary and learn new and interesting words.

**Early Years Provision**

We are going to encourage our children to extend their thinking and learning.  
We are going to explain to parents what we are doing and work together more effectively.

Throughout the year, I will let you know how we are getting on through the newsletter.

## The Governing Body

Last week we had our termly Resources Committee meeting, where we discussed issues relating to premises, maintenance and staffing. Next week is our Full Governing Body meeting. I know some parents have asked for the minutes of the last meeting in July. These cannot be published on the website until they are ratified and agreed at the following meeting.

## Parking

Just a polite reminder that if you are parking in the roads around school please be considerate of our neighbours. It seems some parents are stopping their cars in the road while they drop their children off and this has upset some local residents.

## Children in Need

Thank you so much to all the people who came and supported our Children in Need Cake and Book Bring and Buy sale on Friday after school. We have still got some counting to do, but we think we have raised over £300, which is amazing! Well Done to Mehr for organising everything, along with her very able helpers, Nicole, Simran and Alea from 4F. We still have some books left over so we will be on the bottom playground on Wednesday after school.



## Key Dates

- 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Year 5 class assembly (9am start)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – KS2 Choir Concert in the Hall (3pm)
- 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Recorder Concert in the Hall (2.30pm)
- 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day!
- 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception Nativity for parents (2.30pm)
- 19<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 and KS2 Christmas Concert (9.30am)
- 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Lunch!
- 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception Nativity for parents (2.30pm)
- 21<sup>st</sup> December** - KS1 and KS2 Christmas Concert (9.30am)
- 21<sup>st</sup> December** – School finishes at 2pm. No After School Club

*All these dates (along with others) are on the school calendar on the website. Thank you to the parent who told me the calendar on the website was not working properly. I have fixed the problem now.*

Next week's newsletter will have information about all the Christmas events at Monkfrith.

## Parent Gym

Last week, I put in a link to a parenting group called Parent Gym. These sessions are free to parents of Barnet schools. I have been contacted to ask if we would like to host a series of 6 2 hour sessions in our school for our parents. I would be really happy to do this if we have enough parents who are interested. It would not be until the Spring or Summer Term. If you would come to a session here, then please text the office to express an interest and I will pursue it further. Here is a link to find out more about the sessions <http://parentgym.com>.

## Attendance Information

Please remember that Requests for Authorised Absence are only for **exceptional circumstances**. If you would like more information about what is considered an exceptional circumstance and the penalties for unauthorised absence, please go to <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/schools-and-education/parents.html>.

The Educational Welfare Officer comes to visit our school every term to review our attendance information. There is a particular focus on children who's attendance is **below 90%** (this does not include children with a particular medical need).

### Attendance for week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
Reception Oak	98%	3M	98%
Reception Willow	98%	3P	98%
1B	97%	4F	99%
1K	98%	4P	97%
2K	94%	5	96%
2S	99%	6	98%

Congratulations to 2S and 4F. Attendance was a fantastic 97.7% this week. Thank you!  
The website has the term dates and INSET days for 2019/20.

### Maths Meeting for Reception Parents – 28th November 2018 at 7pm

Thank you to the parents who came to the Tapestry Meeting last week. We will be holding our next meeting for Reception parents on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November. **Please use Reception entrance.** See you there!

### FOMS News

#### CHRISTMAS FAIR - Friday 7th December 3:30-6:30pm

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching with less than 3 weeks away! We are now collecting donations for the Christmas Fair. As a reminder, here are the items we will be collecting, and other ways to help support the Fair:

1. **TOYS** – including **soft toys** (for the Teddy Tombola), games and/or general toys. **NO BOOKS PLEASE.**
2. **SWEET JARS** – Please fill empty jars with pre-wrapped sweets or chocolates for our Sweet Tombola. **NO NUTS PLEASE.**
3. **PRESENTS** –For the 'Present Room'. This is a secret room where the children can go in and pick out a present for an adult in their life, whether it be their parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle etc. Please donate any small gifts that would be suitable for an adult to receive. These presents can be candles, picture frames, mugs, boxes of chocolate etc.

In addition, we will have 'working coffee mornings' to prep for the fair. This is the best way to get involved prior to the fair to help get things ready. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits of course while we sort, organise, label and wrap all of your generous donations. These days will be on:

- **Friday 30th November 9am**
- **Thursday 6th December 9am**
- **Friday 7th December (fair prep all day!)**

### Grotto Rooms

The FOMS Committee are thrilled to be hosting Father Christmas once again in our magical Grotto Rooms. We are also delighted to announce the Grotto Rooms this year are sponsored by Aleco Estate Agents in East Barnet. Thank you Aleco! Information on how to book a slot for the Grotto Rooms will go out this week. Please book early as spaces are limited and time-slots are allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

Finally, we are always on the look out for face-painters to help run our very popular face-painting stall at the fair. If you have some face-painting skills and could volunteer an hour at the fair, please get in touch: [FriendsofMonkfrithSchool@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsofMonkfrithSchool@gmail.com)

Thank you again for all of your support.  
Best Wishes,  
FOMS Committee

