



**Monkfrith Newsletter
Autumn Term: Issue 12**

Dear Parents,

This is our Christmas edition of the newsletter. It has lots of information about Christmas at Monkfrith to help you know what is coming up over the next few weeks. If there is anything else you would like to know after you have read it, let me know when I am at the gate and I will include it next week!

Parking

I have received several emails about the parking at the end of the school day from parents this week. They are quite rightly concerned about cars being parked outside school waiting until collection time with the engines running and cars parked on the grass verges around school. This has meant the grass is no longer able to grow. All we can ask is that you are considerate of our neighbours and environment. I have also asked the Safer Neighbourhood Team to visit us at the end of the day to give some advice.

Attendance Information

I have started to unauthorise leave requests and refer to Barnet's Educational Welfare Team.

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>.

Attendance for week commencing 19th November 2018

Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
Reception Oak	94%	3M	96%
Reception Willow	98%	3P	96%
1B	98%	4F	90%
1K	99%	4P	99%
2K	92%	5	98%
2S	97%	6	97%

Congratulations to 1K and 4P. Attendance was a 96.5% this week, which is not great. I hope everyone feels better next week.

The website has the term dates and INSET days for 2019/20.

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

This will be an opportunity to find out about how we teach maths in Reception and explore some of our resources. Wednesday 28th November. **Please use Reception entrance**. See you there!

Sports Update

The football team secured a win in a toughly fought match against Brookland this week. Miss Pierides was proud of the boys' determination and teamwork. If you would like more information about the team and their games please look at the website.

Last week was also the final of the Sportshall Athletics competition. The team we took did really well and we finished in the top 5 of all Barnet Primary Schools. I think it is important to point out that we were the smallest school of all the teams in the final! Thank you to the parents who helped with lifts to and from QE Girls – we would not be able to take part without you!

There is no Netball Club for Year 5 and 6 on Thursday this week as they have their first match on Wednesday.



Christmas Cards

If your child would like to use the Monkfrith Christmas Post Service then they can bring their Christmas cards and post them in our Christmas Post Boxes. Please make sure the name and class is written clearly on the envelope. They can start using the post boxes from Monday 3rd December.

Christmas Parties

Each class will be organising their Christmas parties in the last couple of weeks of term. There will be more details to follow from the Class Teachers via the Homework sheet.

5th December – Recorder Concert

If your child learns the recorder with Miss Porzi, please come along to our recorder concert at 2.30pm.

14th December – Christmas Jumper Day

If your child would like to wear a Christmas Jumper (along with their normal school uniform), please bring a £1. All money raised will go to Save the Children.

19th December - Christmas Lunch

This year a school Christmas lunch is open to everyone! A copy of the menu will be on the website later today. If your child usually has a special menu, there is a Christmas special menu, which you can find on the website.

If your child usually has school dinners, then you need not do anything. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like a Christmas dinner, please text the Office to let them know. The cost is £2.35 and it will be added to your ParentPay. **You will need to let us know by Tuesday 6th December.**

17th December and 19th December at 2.30pm - Reception Nativity (and KS2 Choir)

This year we are able to offer 4 tickets per family in Reception. You can choose how you would like to spread them across the two performances. Each ticket costs £2.

Please print and complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return to the Office, with your money. If this is a problem, you can pop into the Office to complete a form. The tickets will then be sent to you via your child's book bag.

Please do not turn up without your ticket for the show

The Reception nativity is supported by the KS2 choir. If your child is in Year 3 and 6, they will be singing on 17th December and if they are in Year 4 and 5, they will be singing on the 19th December.

The deadline to request tickets is Thursday 13th December.

19th and 21st December at 9.30am – KS1 and KS2 Christmas Show

For the show this year we will be able to offer 2 tickets per family across the two shows. Each ticket costs £2. If we have space after people have requested their tickets we will let you know and you can request an additional ticket.

Please print and complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return to the Office, with your money. If this is a problem, you can pop into the Office to complete a form. The tickets will then be sent to you via your child's book bag.

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Costumes for KS1 and KS2

Below is the costume list for the show. The teachers will have spoken to your child about the costume already and if you have any further questions, please ask your child's teacher or put a note in the bookbag. **If you can send your child's costume in by Friday 14th December in a named plastic bag that would be really helpful.**

Year 1K and 1B – Any character from the nativity story (except an animal!)

Year 2K and 2S – Black, silver and/or gold clothes

Year 3P – plain bright colours (T shirts, trousers, leggings, dresses or skirts)

Year 3M – like carol singers (dark coloured bottoms), bobble hat and scarf

Year 4P – white tops and darker coloured trousers, leggings or skirts

Year 4F – green and gold tops and bottoms (if not then a darker colour)

Year 5 – Christmas Jumpers

Year 6 – black clothes

Other Key Dates

28th November – Year 3P class assembly (9am start)

21st 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.

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

The Christmas Fair is now less than 3 weeks away! We are collecting donations for the Christmas Fair. As a reminder, here are the items we are collecting:

TOYS – including soft toys (for the Teddy Tombola), games and/or general toys. NO BOOKS PLEASE. SWEET JARS – Please fill empty jars with pre-wrapped sweets or chocolates for our Sweet Tombola. NO NUTS PLEASE.

PRESENTS –For the 'Present Room'. 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!)

Christmas Card Orders

The Christmas Card order should arrive the end of this week, or early next week. We have the opportunity to submit a 'late order' to the company. The late order will still arrive before school breaks up for the Christmas break. If you have not placed an order yet, or would like to add to your previous order, please send in your order form and payment by this **Thursday 29th November**. Remember, please make cheques payable to 'Friends of Monkfrith School'

FOMS

Jude Deasey
Headteacher

Reception Nativity – Reception Parents

Name of Child: _____

Willow/Oak

Please indicate how many tickets you would like for each performance, up to a maximum of 4.

Monday 17th December

Wednesday 19th December

I enclose £ ____ for the tickets.

Signed _____



Reception Nativity – KS2 Choir

Name of Child _____

Class: _____

Please indicate how many tickets you would like for each performance, up to a maximum of 2.

Monday 17th December

Wednesday 19th December

I enclose £ ____ for the tickets.

Signed _____

KS1 and KS2 Concert

Name: _____

Class: _____

Please indicate how many tickets you would like for each performance up to a maximum of 2.

Wednesday 19th December

Friday 21st December

I enclose £ ____ for the tickets.

Signed: _____