



Monkfrith Newsletter
Autumn Term: Issue 14

Dear Parents,

The Christmas Fair was fantastic! **Thank you so much to all the hardworking parents who made it happen! There** is more later about how much we were able to raise.

Parking

Thank you to all the parents who have made such an effort with their parking around school this week. There have still been some problems, particularly in the morning and we all need to continue to make sure we put the safety of the children first.

Staffing

I hope to have some good news related to our position of Deputy Head in next week's newsletter. This week we say goodbye to Mr Madle. He has been a great help this term and we are all sad to see him go, but his school need him back! He may be back to do a couple of little projects in the Spring Term. Next week we say goodbye to Zoe Hart our School Business Manager. As some of you know, she will start work at The Compton School in January. She has worked really hard for Monkfrith over the last six years and we will really miss her. We are lucky to have found a replacement. Our new School Business Manager – Hayley Pills – will start in the New Year.

KS2 Code Club

This is the last week of Key Stage 2 Code Club. There is an open session for parents on Wednesday at 8am. Come along, we will share a project and get you to help out! Thank you to Tangea (Jasper and Georgia's Mum) and Leo (Zac and Ben's Dad) for all their hard work this year – the club would not be possible without their help. That will also be the last week of Code Club for the Autumn Term – we will start back in January.

Parent Pay

Please ensure that all outstanding payments on Parent Pay for dinner money, after school club etc. are made before we break up please. Contact the Office if there is a problem.

Instrument Lessons for NEW students starting in the SPRING Term 2019

At Monkfrith School we offer individual lessons on the following instruments: trumpet, voice, piano, guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone and recorder for children in Year 2 upwards.

Group tuition from Year 2 on the recorder is also taught at Monkfrith. Please ask at the school office for further information.

If you would like your child to start individual lessons in January, you can visit www.beatrust.org.uk to enrol. There is a lot of helpful information on the website, but should you need any further advice please leave a note at the school office for the instrumental teacher who will be able to answer your questions; your child may need a suitability test. Alternatively, you can call Barnet Education Arts Trust on 020 8959 4111.

IMPORTANT: The last day for signing up online for individual lessons is Monday 10 December.
NB If your child currently receives lessons from BEAT you will be automatically sent an invoice through the post.

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>.

I am unauthorising absence requests for holidays.

Attendance for week commencing 3rd December 2018

Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
Reception Oak	98%	3M	95%
Reception Willow	97%	3P	95%
1B	97%	4F	97%
1K	97%	4P	99%
2K	99%	5	97%
2S	98%	6	96%

Congratulations to 2K and 4P. Attendance was a 97.4% last week. The website has the term dates and INSET days for 2019/20.

If your child's attendance is below 94%, you will receive a letter next week to let you know.

Nuts

In the last few weeks there have been nuts or nut based products creeping into packed lunches. We have a number of children and adults with severe nut allergies in School. **Please do not send anything that contains nuts.**



10th December – Concert Tickets

Concert tickets will go out in bookbags today. If you have requested tickets, but do not receive them, please contact the Office on Tuesday. If you have not requested tickets, you have until Thursday to purchase them. After Thursday, any extras will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

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.

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.

Please do not turn up without your ticket for the show.

The deadline to request tickets is Thursday 13th December.

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

FOMS NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came out in support of the fair on Friday. We hope everyone had a good time, kids and adults alike! FOMS are immensely thankful to everyone who volunteered their time to help at the fair, whether it was setting up before hand, looking after a stall for an hour (or more!) and all those who stayed to help clean up afterwards. Thank you especially to our sponsors, ALECO ESTATE AGENTS and WORLDWIDE TEFL ACADEMY whose generous donations were greatly appreciated.

Finally, FOMS would like to send a special thank you to those who were instrumental in organising certain aspects of the fair: Francesca and Nisma for coordinating the Santa's Grotto bookings, Pip for Facepainting, Betka for the Gingerbread Decorating, Carrine for the Reindeer Food, Nancy for the Grotto designs, and Noa for the Graphic designs.

Putting on an event like the Christmas Fair really is an amazing team effort and again, we thank the wonderful Monkfrith Community for all of your support, encouragement and appreciation during these events. Without further ado, we are pleased to announce the Christmas Fair raised a grand total of £3,945!!! Amazing!!

Best wishes,
FOMS Committee

Jude Deasey

Headteacher