



**Monkfrith Newsletter**  
**Autumn Term: Issue 7**

Dear Parents,

**My Maths**

In the next couple of weeks, your child will be given their mymaths password. This will come in the form of a letter which explains how to log in. Mymaths is a website that enables teachers to give children maths homework which can be done on a computer or a tablet. Children use their username and password to log in (<https://www.mymaths.co.uk>) and access tasks chosen by their teacher to practise what they have learnt at school. The tasks can be done more than once, particularly if they have found it a bit challenging or made some mistakes. The teacher can then log in and give feedback online. The teacher is able to see how many times the task has been attempted and how they have improved their score. As well as doing tasks the teacher has set, the children can also play maths games and select challenges for themselves. *If you are having problems logging in please check your flash settings are up to date and allow pop ups for this particular website. If you are still having problems, please let your child's teacher know.*

**LOL Dolls**

Unfortunately I am going to have to ask for these not to be brought into school. They are causing a lot of upset and disagreements and have started distracting children in lessons. If they are seen in school, the teacher will take it away and return it at the end of the day.

**End of the day for KS2**

A big thank you to those parents who have stopped coming up to the top playground at the end of the day. It is much easier for the teachers to know where children are and who they have gone home with if all parents wait on the bottom playground.

**School Lunches**

The School Lunch menu will change after half term but the new menus are available on the website.

**Dates for next half term**

Please check the calendar on the website to find out all the dates you will need for next half term. A quick reminder that **Individual Photos** are on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and **Parent Consultations for Year 1 to 6** are the following week. You can sign up for an appointment from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. The sign-up sheets will be at Breakfast Club, then with Mr Madle and Mrs Whent at the Gate that morning. If that is not convenient then you can either pop into the Office or ring later in the day to book a slot.

## 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>.

## Attendance for week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018

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

Congratulations to Year 2S (again!) and to both Year 4 classes. There was a bit of a dip this week because of all the coughs and colds but overall attendance was still 97%.

I know some families are booking their holiday for next year. The website has the term dates and INSET days for 2019/20.

## Phonics and Reading for Reception Parents - 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7pm

Please come to the Reception class entrance on Knoll Drive where you would drop your children in the morning. I look forward to seeing you there!

## Lost Property

Thank you to everyone who has come in this week and reclaimed their lost property, however there is still wide variety left:

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 pairs of girls' trousers | 1 pink scarf                 |
| 1 pairs of boys' trousers  | 2 pairs of underwear         |
| 4 coats/jackets            | 4 pairs of PE shorts         |
| 3 jumpers                  | 1 pair of school shorts      |
| 2 cardigans                | 1 pairs of tracksuit bottoms |
| 2 pairs of socks           | 1 tracksuit tops             |
| 2 odd socks                | 1 football shirt             |
| 1 pair of girls shoes      | 1 lunchbox                   |
| 1 Big Hero backpack        | 1 bookbag                    |
| 5 polo shirts              |                              |

Unfortunately most of it is unnamed and so is very hard to reunite with its owner. If you would like to come and look, please come to the Office or ask your child to go and look in the medical room. **All unnamed lost property will be recycled over the half term.**

## FOMS News

### Christmas Fair – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 3:30-6:30

Thank you to everyone who attended our planning meeting on Friday. It was a great initial meeting and it's exciting to see the fair begin to take shape. To help make the fair as enjoyable and successful as possible, we will need your help. Although we won't begin collecting any donations until after half-term, we thought it best to give everyone as much notice in case any household clear outs happen over the upcoming half-term. The following is a list of donations we will be asking for after half-term, or other ways in which you can help support the Christmas 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** – Back by popular demand is our '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. They will have the opportunity to wrap the present (with our helpers) to give as a gift during the holidays. 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.
4. **RAFFLE PRIZES** – Do you have a business and would be willing to donate a prize for our Christmas Raffle? Or do you know someone who would? Perhaps you'd like to be in touch with local businesses to acquire raffle prizes? We would like to start gathering our raffle collection as soon as possible.
5. **EXTERNAL STALLS** – Would you or someone you know like to purchase a stall at the Christmas Fair to sell your own items? The more stalls there are, the more festive it feels!
6. **SPONSORSHIP** – If you or someone you know owns a business and would be interested in sponsoring part of the fair (e.g. Sponsoring the Grotto Rooms) in exchange for advertising and publicity at the fair, please be in touch!
7. **TIME** – There will be many opportunities before the fair, as well as on the day, to volunteer your time:
  - a. We will have two 'Working Coffee Mornings' to get things prepped and ready. These will be on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December.
  - b. On the day of the fair, we will need lots of volunteers to help set up from 9am, as well as helpers to stay after the fair to help tidy up. We will also need every class of parents/carers to fill a sign-up sheet to run a stall on the day. Sign up sheets will be distributed to class reps a week or two before the fair.

Thank you all for your ongoing support. Also, don't forget about our Quiz Night on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. More information and tickets will be available after the half-term.

All the best,

Your FOMS Committee

**Finally**, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their support. This half term has flown by! Since September, I have shown lots of visitors around our school and every time they comment on how polite and enthusiastic the children are about their learning. **Please remember that the first day back (Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October) will be an INSET Day.** The staff will be working together to think about the teaching of writing.

I hope you all have a fantastic holiday!

Jude Deasey  
Headteacher

