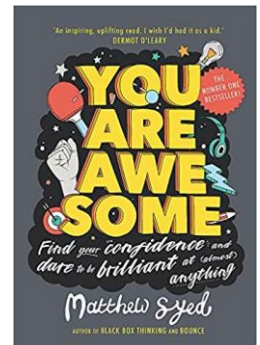




## Monkfrith Newsletter Spring Term: Issue 17

Dear Parents,

This morning I took an assembly with all the children from Year 1 to Year 6. We talked about what it means to be an effective and successful learner. You can read about some of their ideas in next week's newsletter. I also read a tiny bit from a really great book written by the journalist Matthew Syed. It is aimed at children aged 7 to 14. It is called 'You Are Awesome'. It focuses on how your brain works, how to approach learning, life and how to be confident and resilient when you encounter a setback.



### School Lunches

There will be a theme to school lunches on Thursday this week – **The Mad Hatter's Tea Party**. If your child would like to bring a hat of their choice to school on Thursday, they can wear it to lunch! The Kitchen staff will also be joining in!

### Attendance

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 not authorising absence requests for holidays.**

### Attendance for week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
Reception Oak	99%	3M	97%
Reception Willow	98%	3P	92%
1B	98%	4F	97%
1K	91%	4P	99%

2K	97%	5	97%
2S	100%	6	97%

Congratulations to 2S and 4P. Attendance was a 96.8% last week.  
The website has the term dates and INSET days for 2019/20.

### **Adult Netball**

If you are an adult and would like to join a netball team, the group that were using Monkfrith have started up again. Training is on Monday morning between 9.15am and 10.15am in the school playground. The cost is £3.

### **KS2 Drama Club**

Key Stage Two Drama Club, with The Playing Space, runs on Thursday lunchtimes starting 17th January. The theme this term is Adventures in Narnia! There are a few spaces still available and the cost is £65 for the 10 week course with a performance for parents on 28th March. For bookings or more info please contact The Playing Space on [info@theplayingspace.co.uk](mailto:info@theplayingspace.co.uk) / 07743 987 556.

### **KS2 Street Dance**

There are still places available for this club on Friday at 3.30pm. If you would like more information please email [guavadanceinfo@gmail.com](mailto:guavadanceinfo@gmail.com).

### **Reception Parent Meetings**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January** - Coffee Morning from 9.10am. Please come into school via the Office.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** - Maths Meeting (rearranged from the Autumn Term). 7pm in Reception. Please come in via the Reception entrance.

**27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March** - Reception Parent Consultations. You will have received a letter with more information from Miss Cooper already.

### **Parent Gym**

Before the holidays I asked for parents to express interest in holding a series of parenting workshops run by Parent Gym. Unfortunately we did not have enough interest to meet the criteria to have one here but if you would like to get more information and go to a class at a different location, here is a link to their website: <http://parentgym.com>

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