



Monkfrith Newsletter Spring Term: Issue 18

Dear Parents,

This morning our assembly was about the learning process. In last week's assembly, the children thought about what makes a successful learner. They had fantastic ideas:

- ✓ Listen hard to the teacher
- ✓ Think!
- ✓ Use what you already know to help you
- ✓ Be positive
- ✓ Participate in the lesson
- ✓ Never give up (even if you make a mistake)
- ✓ Practice, Practice, Practice
- ✓ Ask for help
- ✓ Try your best
- ✓ Check your work

Today we thought about how learning or trying something new can often be tricky at first and it is easy to give up or be worried that you are never going to understand. Successful learners persevere, make use of different strategies and keep practising.

The Governing Body

Last week we were visited by one of our co-opted Governors, James Burton Lee. He came and visited Code Club, saw Year 4F's fantastic class assembly, spent time in different classrooms with the children and spoke to staff.

This week the Finance Committee will meet for their monthly meeting. We will be reviewing the budget and looking at the projections for the end of the Financial Year.

Snow

Recent weather forecasts are starting to predict the cold weather which can sometimes bring snow. We always endeavour to keep school open when it snows or heavy snow is forecast, however that is not always possible. When we make the decision, we consider the conditions in the surrounding area and the school site as well as how many staff are able to travel to work. Communication about closure will come via text and the website.

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 14th January 2019.

Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
Reception Oak	99%	3M	98%
Reception Willow	97%	3P	92%
1B	98%	4F	95%
1K	96%	4P	96%
2K	99%	5	99%
2S	99%	6	95%

Congratulations to 2S and 2K and Year 5. Attendance was 97% last week.
The website has the term dates and INSET days for 2019/20.

Monkfrith Sports Update from Miss Pierides

What a great week of sports we had last week! First we started with our Hi 5 Netball team attending their second match of the season against Church Hill. They were super impressive and fought hard as a team. Great teamwork paid off and they won the match 3-1. Well done team. Their hard work and listening in training has really paid off.

Later in the week, six year 6 children attended the annual football tournament. They worked really hard together as a team, resulting in 2 wins but 2 losses. We were also very proud to receive a certificate for "showing fantastic School Games Values", during the tournament. What an honour. Well done boys.

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.

Reception Parent Meetings

Tuesday 29th January - Coffee Morning from 9.10am. Please come into school via the Office.

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

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

FOMS News

FOMS are pleased to announce the dates for our events this term. More info about each event will be given in due course. Please put them down in your diaries as we hope to see many of you there!

Friday 15th February after school in playground - POPCORN SALE

Friday 1st March 9am - FOMS Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Friday 15th March 7:30pm - BINGO NIGHT FEATURING ROCK N' ROLL BINGO

Thursday 4th April after school in the hall - EASTER TEA PARTY

If you would like to get in touch with FOMS for any reason, please email us at FriendsofMonkfrithSchool@gmail.com

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