



Monkfrith Newsletter Spring Term: Issue 18

Dear Parents,

This morning's assembly was all about the power of words. We reflected on how words can change how we feel and how people feel about us.

Picking up from After School Club

A polite reminder not to come into school via the car park to pick up from After School Club. Sometimes the carpark gates are open as staff are leaving or as one of the groups who rent our Hall in the evening are arriving, however parents still need to come in the main entrance on Knoll Drive. This is to ensure the safety of the children in After School Club and the safety of the children and young people arriving for an evening club. Letting our Hall for these regular evening bookings really helps with generating additional income for School.

The Governing Body

This week we held our monthly finance meeting. Governors braved the snowy weather (!) on Tuesday to discuss the position of the budget as we approach the end of the financial year and review our financial auditing procedures.

Parking around School

I have not written about parking or driving around school lately – this is not because the problem has gone away, but I have run out of new ways to make the same requests. On a positive note, it has been great to see the Parking Attendant visiting and giving advice about parking and the law to some people.

Fundraising

I had a surprise visitor to my office on Thursday. Sabrin in Year 5 presented me with an envelope; inside was a donation to School. Sabrin had spent time at home making her own slime and then selling it to her friends. She wanted the profits to go to School – a lovely gesture. I have assured Sabrin that the money will go towards art and science resources.

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 21st January 2019.

Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
Reception Oak	94%	3M	97%
Reception Willow	98%	3P	98%
1B	99%	4F	97%
1K	95%	4P	98%
2K	97%	5	99%
2S	100%	6	95%

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

KS1 Show

Wednesday 13th February (2.30pm) and Friday 15th February (9.30am)

For the show this year we will be able to offer 2 tickets per family across the two shows. Each ticket costs £1. If we have space after people have requested their tickets, we will let you know and you can request an additional ticket. In order to maximise the space we have available, we would ask that you do not bring pushchairs into the Hall if you are bringing a younger brother or sister.

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 Friday 8th February. After that, we will offer out any available tickets.

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.

Ballet for Reception

The Ballet Club is planning to start a brand new class for children in Reception after February half term, on 26th February. If your child is interested in a free trial class, please register online at www.AnikosDanceAcademy.co.uk or email Aniko at aniko@dancershealth.com for a registration form. Our classes are held in the Activity Studio 8-8.40am. The Reception class will be on Tuesday mornings. Please contact me if you have any questions: Aniko 07789605166.

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

Jude Deasey
Headteacher

KS1 Show

Name: _____

Class: _____

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

Wednesday 13th February 2.30pm

Friday 15th February 9.30am

I enclose £ ____ for the tickets.

Signed: _____