



Monkfrith Newsletter Spring Term: Issue 21

Dear Parents,

This morning's assembly was about the importance of silence and the importance of stillness for the brain and the body!

Sickness and Attendance

A reminder that if your child is not in school as a result of sickness and/or diarrhoea then the Government guidelines are that they should not be back in school until they are symptom-free for 48 hours. I understand that this can sometimes be inconvenient but it is to ensure that any virus or illness is not spread. If you would like more information, then please visit the NHS website (<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>).

Nuts and packed lunches/snacks

Over the last few weeks, there have been a couple of instances of nuts (or nut related products) being included in packed lunches and snacks (both for break time and after school). Just for clarity:

- The only break time snack that children should have is a piece of fruit.
- If your child has a snack because they are attending a club after school, then please do not send anything that includes nuts (some cereal bars include nuts).
- If you bring your child a snack for after school, then please ensure that they do not eat anything with nuts until they have left the school site.

We have several children and members of staff who have allergies to nuts and we want to do everything we can to provide a safe environment.

The Governing Body

This week the Pupil Progress and Welfare Committee met. A wide range of topics were discussed with a focus on assessment data, curriculum provision, safeguarding, school lunches and we also reviewed our SRE policy. A copy of the policy is on the website on the policies page.

KS1 Show

If you are coming along to the KS1 Show, please try not to arrive too early. We will ask you to wait outside (unless it is raining) until the children are ready so as not to have everyone

squeeze into Reception. I have had a sneak preview and the show is fantastic; the children have worked really hard. A big thank you to parents – the costumes are amazing and really help bring the show to life!

Parent Consultations for Year 1 to 6

This is an opportunity to talk to your child’s class teacher about how they have been getting on since we came back in January. You can sign up from Monday morning (25th February) or text the Office from 9am to make an appointment.

Tuesday 5th March

8am – 8.40am and 4pm – 6.30pm

Wednesday 6th March

5.30pm – 7.50pm.

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 5th February 2019.

Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
Reception Oak	91%	3M	90%
Reception Willow	96%	3P	96%
1B	98%	4F	88%
1K	85%	4P	91%
2K	92%	5	92%
2S	99%	6	90%

Congratulations to 2S and Year 3P. Attendance was 93% last week. The website has the term dates and INSET days for 2019/20.

Writing Competition

You may have seen that Radio 2 is running its annual 500 word short story competition this year. If you child would like to take part, then click on the link <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1> to find out more details.

Reception Parent Meetings

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.

Recorder Lessons

If your child is in Year 2 -6 and would like to start the recorder, please contact Mrs Hudson in the Office for details.

Lost Property

There is a mountain of lost property in the Medical Room. If your child has lost something over the last 6 weeks, please remind them to come and have a look. Unnamed lost property will be recycled over the half term.

FOMS News**POPCORN SALE THIS FRIDAY!!!**

We will be having our Popcorn Sale after school this Friday. You can find us selling popcorn by the Reception gate, the KS1 playground and the bottom KS2 playground. Each bag of popcorn will be £1. We will also make our way to after-school club to sell popcorn. If your child attend after-school club and would like a bag of popcorn, please send in £1.

Other dates to note for this term:

FOMS Annual General Meeting - Friday 1st March 9am

Bingo Night - Friday 15th March at 7:30pm

Easter Tea Party Thursday 4th April from 3:30

I hope you all have a lovely half term and we will see you back at School on Monday 25th February. There will be details of Monkfrith's annual Spring Competition in the next newsletter.

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