



Monkfrith Newsletter Spring Term: Issue 22

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely holiday. Just a reminder that children should not be dropped off at the Office in the morning unless they are coming in late. Children from Year 1 to 6 should come in through the gate on Monkfrith Way from 8.30am and children for Reception should go in through the Reception gate. If you arrive after 8.55am and the gates are locked, then parents need to bring their child to the Office to sign in.

Word of the Week

From this week, we are starting a new idea to help build children's vocabulary and it would be fantastic if you could support us at home. Each week the children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will be introduced to a different word, taught what it means and shown how to use it. If they can use the word (appropriately!) in the writing or in conversation, they will be given house points.

KS1

Word: **reject** (verb or noun)

Definition: dismiss a person or thing

The singer was rejected from the competition.

The reject felt lonely and unwanted.

Synonym: refuse, decline, failure, loser

Antonym: welcome, friend

KS2

Word: **relinquish** (verb)

Definition: voluntarily cease claim or give up control

He relinquished his grip of his favourite book.

Synonym: renounce, give up, abandon

Antonym: retain, continue

We are taking words from the website Vocabulary Ninja.

Spring Competition

We will be holding our annual Spring Art Competition this year on the theme of eggs. If your child would like to take part, they need to create a piece of 3D art based on eggs. It could be a painted egg or a painted wooden/polystyrene egg (these are available quite inexpensively online) or it could be a model or scene created with egg-shaped characters. Here are some examples but there are lots and lots more to look at online.



Entries (with names and classes) need to be brought into school on Monday 1st April for judging to take place.

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. If you have not made an appointment, then you can pop into the Office and sign up or send a text to arrange a time.

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 15th February 2019.

Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
Reception Oak	84%	3M	92%
Reception Willow	91%	3P	97%
1B	96%	4F	94%
1K	99%	4P	92%
2K	92%	5	97%
2S	97%	6	95%

Congratulations to 1K, 3P and year 5. Attendance was 95% last week.
The website has the term dates and INSET days for 2019/20.

Year 5 needs your help...

This half term the Year 5 topic is called Beast Creator. As part of this, they need to conduct an investigation into woodlice. If you have an old fish tank or insect container that Year 5 could borrow for a few weeks, please let the Office know.

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.

Music Lessons

If your child is in Year 2 -6 and would like to start the guitar, piano or another instrument in the Summer Term, please visit <https://beatrust.org.uk/home/enrol/school-based-instrumental-lessons/>. On the BEAT website you will be able to find out more details, register and pay up until by **midnight on Sunday 10th March**.

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.

FOMS

Please try and come along to the FOMS AGM on Friday morning at 9am in the Dining Room and then the Bingo Night on Friday 15th March.

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