



Monkfrith Newsletter

Spring Term: Issue 23

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the parents who were able to come to the FOMS AGM this week – there will be a letter in the coming weeks to share some of the outcomes of the meeting.

Fundraising

Although I have been at Monkfrith for the last four and a half years, I found out something this week that had previously passed me by. It is a way of helping donate money to school when buying things online. Last year we raised approximately £178 through easyfundraising.co.uk but I am sure we would have raised more, if more people (myself included) knew more about it.

It's quite simple to get set up, all you have to do is:

1. Join.

If you, like me, you shop on your phone, download the app for free.

Head to the Friends of Monkfrith School page and create an account (you can use your Facebook account if that is easier)

2. Shop.

Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping. You will get a message to say that any purchases you make will lead to a donation to FOMS.

3. Raise.

After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to us for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we will be really grateful for your donations. I signed up this weekend and made my first purchase.

World Book Day

We are taking a break from dressing up this year, which, while disappointing for some, will be a relief to others. The children will take part in some different reading activities in their class and we will be sending out the vouchers in book bags.

Word of the Week

Thank you so much to all the parents who have supported the introduction of Word of the Week. I have seen the words reject and relinquish in writing across school. Year 2 did a brilliant job of including reject in their writing about the journey of the banana, Year 4 have used relinquish when discussing the Romans and I have also been shown some writing that children have done at home using the words. Well done everyone! This week's words are:

KS1

Word: devoured (verb)

Definition: eat with speed, hungrily

She devoured her dinner.

The lions devoured their prey.

Synonym: chomped, gobbled, destroy

Antonym: nibble

KS2

Word: plethora (noun)

Definition: an abundance, excess, lots of

There were a plethora of shops on the High Street.

The library has a plethora of books about the Romans.

Synonym: excess, deluge, plenty

Antonym: scarcity, few

Recorder and Woodwind

If your child learns an instrument with Miss Porzi, we have just organised the dates for the Spring Concerts:

Recorder – Wednesday 27th March at 2.30pm

Woodwind – Friday 29th March at 9am.

Free School Shoes

Kickers are keen to come back to school to test some of their new shoes, following all the wonderful feedback from last time.

Kickers are looking for 20 children in Reception and Year 1 to test shoes from late April.

Please let the office know if you are interested and include your email address, child's name and child's shoe size

First come first served - you will get to keep the shoes

We will follow up by email to confirm the testing group

Parent Consultations for Year 1 to 6

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. Please come in via the Office.

Tuesday 5th March

8am – 8.40am and 4pm – 6.30pm

Wednesday 6th March

5.30pm – 7.50pm.

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**.

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 25th February 2019.

Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
Reception Oak	96%	3M	96%
Reception Willow	100%	3P	95%
1B	96%	4F	95%
1K	100%	4P	97%
2K	97%	5	98%
2S	98%	6	95%

Congratulations to Reception Oak, 1K and Year 5. Attendance was 97% last week, which is much improved.

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Don't forget the FOMS Bingo Night on Friday 15th March. Please return your ticket requests by this Friday.

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