



## **Monkfrith Newsletter Autumn Term 2019: Issue 1**

### **Welcome Back!**

I hope you all had a fantastic holiday! It whizzed by. On behalf of all the staff, thank you for the generous gifts and cards that we received at the end of the Summer Term.

### **Start of the Day arrangements**

Breakfast Club will be open as usual from 7.45am on Wednesday. We would prefer you to use the entrance through the carpark in the morning. We have been able to organise staffing to continue with 'soft start'. This means that all children from Year 1 to Year 6 can be dropped off at the gate on Monkfrith Way from 8.30am. A member of the Leadership Team (myself, Mrs Whent or Miss Sutton) will always be there to receive them.

The children then make their own way to their classroom where there will be a teaching assistant checking they have arrived. Depending on the year group, there will be different activities going on in the classrooms from reading to singing or English or maths activities.

If your child has just moved into Year 1, they will be taken in small groups to their classrooms by Year 6 helpers until they are confident to go on their own. If they need to go to the toilet when they arrive, the Year 6 children will make sure they are 'checked in' with the adult in the classroom first.

### **Our INSET Days**

All the staff will be in school over the next two days working hard. We are having training about supporting children's social and emotional needs, as well as safeguarding training to make sure that our procedures and practice is up to date and refreshed before we start the new term.

### **Contacting the Office**

Unfortunately Mrs Hudson is still off sick. We appreciate your patience while we are a little short staffed.

### **Year 3 (and KS2)**

A snack of fruit or vegetables is provided for free by the Government. If your child is in KS2, you are more than welcome to send in a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables. Please do not send cereal bars, breakfast bars/biscuits, processed fruit snacks etc.

### **Parking**

I am really hopeful that this term there will be fewer issues with driving and parking around school! Thank you to all the parents who have supported this cause or changed their routine to enable their children to 'park and stride'. Before the holidays I wrote to Barnet Council asking for additional measures to be put in place to help with the issue in Knoll Drive; I hope to hear from them soon.



If you insist on parking on Knoll Drive or Brookside South, please do not park on the verges or across our neighbours' driveways. Also, do not sit with your engine running – this is not only an offence that can incur a fixed penalty notice but is damaging to people and the environment.

If you need to drive along Knoll Drive, then please be extremely careful of children walking, scooting or cycling to school. There were several incidents where cars driven by parents nearly hit children.

### **Medical Information**



If your child has medication which we may give in school (e.g. an inhaler or epipen) please can you send in an up to date of their careplan. If you have any queries please contact the Office. Please could you also make sure that the medication is in school by Thursday to ensure that we have updated our records. We will then send out consent form or you can collect one from the Office.

### **Hair**

Please make sure long or shoulder length hair is tied up. Large hairbands and bows are not allowed.

### **Meet the Teacher**

If your child is in Year 1 to Year 6 then you should have had an email about our Meet the Teacher meetings.

These meetings are a chance for you to have a chat with your child's new teacher, find out about the curriculum for the year and ways that you can support us to help you child. I hope to see you then! If you are not able to attend, then the information will be put on the website the following day and you can always make an appointment via the Office to speak to your child's new teacher if you have any concerns.

Years 3 and 4 – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 6pm

Years 1 and 5 - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 6pm

Years 2 and 6 - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 6pm

Please use the main entrance on Knoll Drive.

### **PE Kits**

PE will start back this week so please make sure named kits are ready by Thursday.

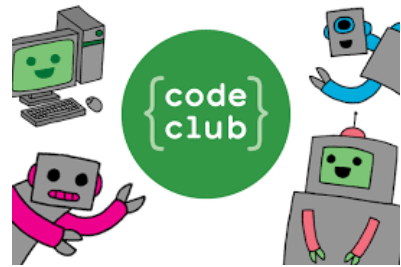
### **Swimming, Kingswood and Moat Mount**

You will receive letters about these things on this week. We are just finalising some details.

### **Clubs**

There will be more information about the clubs we will be offering this term in the coming weeks, however I am keen to get back to KS2 Code Club! We will be continuing this year on Wednesday mornings starting at 8am.

If you came last year and would like to continue with your project, please let the Office know by Friday. Sessions for **continuing members** will start on **September 11<sup>th</sup>**.



We are also on the lookout for new members so if you are in KS2 and would like to join, then please text the Office to join the waiting list.

If you would like to find out more about what we do then visit our page on the website <http://monkfrithschool.co.uk/news-info/activity-timetable/code-club/>.

The club is free and run by teachers and parents following material (mostly) provided by <https://www.codeclub.org.uk/>. If you are happy to help out (on a regular or adhoc basis), you don't need to be a programmer to do so, please leave your details with the office and we'll get in touch.

### **Dates for this term:**

We have tried to put as many dates in the school calendar on the website as we can. All the assemblies and parent consultation meetings are already there.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday!

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