



## Monkfrith Newsletter

### Autumn Term 2019: Issue 7

Last week Miss Pierides took our Cross Country Team to take part in this term's event. There were 38 schools taking part – a record! We should all be proud of the team, who did their best and represented our school really well. Congratulations to all the team: Alexander (Y4), Jason (Y4), Isabella (Y4), Naomi (Y4), Poshia (Y5), Eefah (Y5), Dillon (Y5), Jack (Y5), Timo (Y6), Alex (Y6), Charlotte (Y6) and Ellie (Y6). A particular well done to Poshia who finished 8<sup>th</sup> overall in her age group, Timo who finished 6<sup>th</sup> and Charlotte and Jack who both finished 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Our Netball team played their first match this year. Mrs Ditchburn took the team to play against St John's, N11. The children did really well and won 6-1. Congratulations to Violet (Y6), Joe (Y6), Alara (Y6), Reve (Y6), Mia (Y6), Dimoula (Y6) and Isla (Y6).

Thank you to the parents who helped with transport for both events; without the help, we would really struggle to take part.

#### **Parent Consultations for Years 1 to 6**

Parent Consultations are held in the hall. For the morning sessions, you can come through the carpark or the Office. For the consultations after school, please come to the Office.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 8am – 8.45am

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 4pm – 6.20pm

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 5.30pm – 7.50pm

If you have not signed up yet, please pop into the Office to make the appointment.

#### **Reception Parents**

It was so lovely to see so many of you for our Welcome evening on Thursday. This Thursday (17<sup>th</sup> October) at 7pm we will be holding a meeting to share how we teach phonics and early reading. Please use the Reception entrance. Hope to see you there. If you are not able to come, we will send home the information and put copies on the website over half term.

### **Packed Lunch and Snacks**

Please can you ensure that anything you send in a packed lunch **does not contain nuts**. This is so important; we have a number of children and staff who are allergic to nuts. If your child is in Key Stage and bringing a snack for break time this can only be a piece of fruit or vegetables. Cereal bars, sweets and crisps are not allowed and will be sent home again.



### **Uniform**

Just a reminder as the weather gets colder that if your child would like to wear a layer in addition to or instead of their school jumper inside, it needs to be a **school fleece**. Please also ensure that your child has an appropriate coat in school.

### **Monkfrith reads...**

#### **Miss Deasey reads... The Accidental Prime Minister by Tom McLaughlin....**



This book is about a 12 year old boy named Joe, who says what he thinks to the Prime Minister and becomes a news sensation. Soon everyone in Britain is calling on this ordinary boy to take over as Prime Minister. Although this is not really what he wants, he sees an opportunity to help his mum and his community.

The Accidental Prime Minister is not usually the type of book that I read, but this is a really funny book and was recommended to me by a teacher at another school. It is packed with jokes and made me laugh out loud a lot. It is aimed at children from the age of 7 upwards. If you like Diary of a Wimpy Kid or anything by David Walliams, this might make a good alternative.

It would be great to have some more of your recommendations. Please email to [office@monkfrithschool.co.uk](mailto:office@monkfrithschool.co.uk).



### **Fundraising**

There is still time to support Khalil in Year 4 who is currently growing his hair. He is about to cut it off ready to raise money. The Little Princess Trust is a charity that provide real hair wigs for children and young people who have lost their hair to reasons such as cancer. If you are able to support Khalil please go to: [http://www.justgiving.com/Khalil-Hamirani?utm\\_id=26](http://www.justgiving.com/Khalil-Hamirani?utm_id=26)

### **A few dates for your diary:**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Individual Photo Day (sibling photos are also done on this day)  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Vaccinations  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – FOMS Quiz Night. Start assembling your teams...

### Music Tuition through BEAT

Parents are now able to enrol their children for individual instrumental tuition through our website to commence in the spring term. The deadline to enrol and pay for lessons is midnight on the 10th December. Please can you ask them to follow this link <https://beatrust.org.uk/enrol/school-based-instrumental-lessons>. This is for new tuition only.

All parents of students who are already having lessons with us will be emailed their invoice for the spring term just before the half term. The date to pay this will also be midnight on the 10th December.

With the exception of piano, all students need to have their own instrument for lessons. We offer a hire service for some instruments but these are subject to availability. Contact BEAT Trust for details.

### Pavement Works

If you live locally you may have received a letter about pavement works starting between Brookside and Chase Side. This may impact on your route to school or where you chose to park. They begin on 21<sup>st</sup> October and will continue for 15 weeks.

### Attendance

Please do not request holiday during term time. The dates for this academic year are already on the calendar on the website. The dates for next year are printed below.

KS1		KS2	
Oak	98%	3B	100%
Willow	98%	3P	100%
1C	97%	4B	97%
1K	95%	4P	96%
2D	97%	5D	98%
2K	95%	5F	97%
		6	96%
Average Whole School Attendance		97.5%	

Congratulations to Oak and Willow classes in Key Stage 1 and Year 3B and 3P in Key Stage 2 for winning the attendance award this week!

## **Term Dates for 2020/21**

### **Autumn Term 1 2020**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (INSET: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September)

### **Autumn Term 2 2020**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December (INSET Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November)

### **Spring Term 1 2021**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February

### **Spring Term 2 2021**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

### **Summer Term 1 2021**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

### **Summer Term 2 2021**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July (INSET Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June)

There will be two further inset days which will be used after January 2021.

We break up on Friday at normal time (there is still After School Club) for half term. I hope you all have a lovely break and we will see you on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Jude Deasey  
Headteacher