



Monkfrith Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019: Issue 8

Welcome Back! I hope you all had a restful (!) half term. Apologies in advance for the long newsletter...

Poppy Appeal

As usual we will be selling stick-on poppies at the Gate in the morning from tomorrow until Wednesday 11th November for the Royal British Legion. This year we have also been sent a range of other items that children may prefer instead. These include:

zip pull ribbons 50p (suggested donation)
poppy reflectors 50p (suggested donation)

wristbands £1 (suggested donation)
snap bands £1.50(suggested donation)



Books for school

You may remember that we offered the opportunity to gift a book to school via the Book Fair last year. We were able to add about 15 books to the shelves in the library and classrooms – which was lovely! Some parents spoke to me afterwards and felt that they would have liked to give a book to school but were not that keen on the offerings of the Book Fair or felt it would have been more convenient if they had been able to do it in a different way. We have started creating Amazon Wish Lists for each class and the library. If you would like to make a donation, then there is a list of books that we would really appreciate. You can add it to your basket and it will be sent to us. There is no expectation that anyone does this, it is just an option for those who would like to support us in this way.

Reception

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/5S8XE7GBOGMD?ref=wl_share

Year 1

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/10YXHOAXNZS0Y?ref=wl_share

Year 2

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2H0VK5YB3QJCC?ref=wl_share

Year 3

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/18O9540M6SOR9?ref=wl_share

Year 4

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3AHSQAAMFX6UP?ref=wl_share

Year 5

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1OWGZAU9I4WR?ref=wl_share

Year 6

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3NAPDSO0KA9LG?ref=wl_share

Library

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2V7ZPV6GF2B2Q?ref=wl_share

Cake Sale

On Wednesday 30th October some of our lovely Year 6 children are running a cake sale for our lovely library. They will be selling cakes, sweets and treats that they have made themselves. Come along to the KS2 playground at 3.20 for a spooky surprise!

Anti Bullying Week

Anti-bullying week is taking place this year from Monday 11th-Friday 15th November. At Monkfrith we will be raising awareness of this and promoting the theme 'Change Starts With Us'. On Tuesday 12th November 2019 we will be holding an 'odd socks/tights day' where children and staff can come to school wearing odd socks or tights to celebrate what makes us all unique.



Year 6

Just a reminder that if you are applying for a secondary school place for September 2020, the deadline is this Thursday.

Governing Body

This week we have our Autumn Term Full Governing Meeting. The main items on the agenda will focus on the plans to develop and move the School forward in this academic year.

Parent Consultations

It was lovely to see so many parents for Consultations before half term. If you have any further queries about your child's progress then please arrange a follow up appointment via the Office.

School Lunches

If you are having school lunches this half term, the total cost will be £91.65 (that is for the 7 weeks and 4 days of Autumn 2). You can pay in advance on Parent Pay if you choose. There is a new menu this half term, although depending on what happens with Brexit this week, we have been asked by our Catering Company to make you aware that there may be some changes as a result of issues around supply. They assure us that they will do everything possible to deliver the new menu as intended.

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...

Olivia in Year 4 reads...Naughty Amelia Jane by Enid Blyton...

Amelia Jane is a toy in the nursery who is very naughty and always gets up to mischief. One day, she found some scissors and cut the curtain, cut the carpet, cut a handkerchief and snipped the tail off the pink rabbit! Amelia Jane pushed the teddy into a rock pool whilst they were at the beach, lassoed the tigers and bears and lassoed the fish bowl, which tipped over. Another time she dressed the kitten in a little dress and put a hat on her and tied a ribbon around her neck. This cheeky doll showed the mouse how to use matches and he burnt his whiskers off when he tried to use them!

I think the book is great because there's lots of naughty tricks that she plays. Some other people might not enjoy it because Amelia Jane is not a very friendly character and she is extremely cheeky! I would really recommend this book or any other Enid Blyton book because her stories are so exciting and fun to read.

Thank you to Olivia for this review. If you would like to share a book review, please email the Office.

A few dates for your diary:

Friday 1st November - Individual Photo Day (sibling photos are also done on this day)

Friday 15th November – Flu Vaccinations

Friday 15th November – FOMS Quiz Night. Start assembling your teams...

Attendance

Please do not request holiday during term time. I am also sending update guidance from Barnet for parents in relation to Fixed Penalty Notices related to poor attendance and punctuality. 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	96%	3B	98%
Willow	98%	3P	99%
1C	98%	4B	94%
1K	94%	4P	97%
2D	97%	5D	99%
2K	99%	5F	99%
		6	97%
Average Whole School Attendance		97.5%	

Congratulations to 2K classes in Key Stage 1 and Year 3P and the Year 5 classes in Key Stage 2 for winning the attendance award this week!

Carers Coffee 'Morning'

All foster carers, adoptive parents and special guardians are invited to a Coffee Afternoon on Monday 4th November. It is an opportunity to network and support each

other. It is being held at Queenswell Junior School (N20 0NQ) from 1.30pm until 3pm. Please email ueady@queenswelljnr.barnet.sch.uk or call 02084452056.

SENDiass Annual Conference

Barnet SENDiass will be holding their annual conference for parents of children and young people with special educational needs or a disability on Thursday 7th November at North London Buisness Park from 9.30am. There will be a variety of workshops and a chance for parents to talk with organisations that can offer help or advice. To book email sendiass@barnet.gov.uk.

FOMS News

Christmas Fair Planning Meeting this Friday 1st November at 9am in school dining hall. If you would like to get more involved in planning our Christmas Fair, please come along! It is a great opportunity to find out what is involved in planning this major event, share new ideas and find out ways to help.

Friday 15th November 7:30 Quiz Night! Ticket information will go out this week.

Term Dates for 2020/21

Autumn Term 1 2020

Thursday 3rd September to Friday 23rd October (INSET: Wednesday 2nd September)

Autumn Term 2 2020

Tuesday 3rd November to Friday 18th December (INSET Monday 2nd November)

Spring Term 1 2021

Monday 4th January to Friday 12th February

Spring Term 2 2021

Monday 22nd February to Wednesday 31st March

Summer Term 1 2021

Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May

Summer Term 2 2021

Tuesday 8th June to Friday 23rd July (INSET Monday 7th June)

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

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