



Monkfrith Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019: Issue 12

This is along newsletter this week. There is a guide to Christmas at Monkfrith. I have tried to include all the key dates and how things happen throughout December including booking tickets for our Christmas shows. There is a bit more information to come, but this will give you a good place to start. There is also information from FOMS about the Christmas Fair.

There are so many things to celebrate and be proud of in this week's newsletter however I have no choice but to start with parking and driving around school. I am currently receiving complaints every day about the anti social behaviour of parents from our school. These are from other parents and local residents. The way that some parents drive and park in Monkfrith Way, Knoll Drive, Cedar Rise and Brookside South is dangerous and shows a disregard for our children's safety.

Families who chose to walk to school are frightened for their children as cars reverse onto the kerb, park on the pavement, stop in the middle of the road or crossing to let children out of the car and then become aggressive when challenged about it. **We are a community.** In School we work hard to promote values of kindness and respect; please show this in the way that you park or drive.

Breakfast Club and After School Club changes

From January there will be a slight change to After School Club. Following requests from parents, we will now be finishing at 6pm not 5.45pm. This means that there will be a small increase in the cost. At the moment the short stay (until 4.30pm) will continue at £5, but the cost of picking up between this time and 6pm will increase by £1 to £10 for the first child and £8 for siblings.

We would also like to remind parents that children must be collected and signed out no later than 4.30pm to be charged for a short stay. If your child has not been signed out at or before this time, you will be charged for the full amount.

After School Club is extremely popular and you will have noticed that there have been a number of days recently where we have not been able to take any more children. However some parents are leaving it very late in the day to cancel their bookings, which means that we are not able to offer that place to another child. If you book a place, but no longer require it, you must cancel **before 11am on the day** to avoid a £5 late cancellation charge.



Year 2 Changemakers Day

Last Friday, all of Year 2 dressed up as inspirational people who have changed the world we live in. There was an amazing array of people from Ghandi to Rosa Parks, Muhammed Ali to David Attenborough and Great Thunberg to Simone Biles. There will be more photos on the website soon. Thank you for all the effort with costumes – the children looked fantastic!

More sporting success...

A few weeks ago you may remember that Miss Pierides took our indoor athletics team to take part in the North Barnet Sportshall competition, which we won. This meant that we were invited to compete in the Barnet Finals at QE Girls' this week. The team have spent many lunchtimes practising the events over the last few weeks in preparation. I am delighted to say that we **WON! This is a first in Monkfrith history.** The team performed really well against some much larger schools and they now will go on to represent Barnet at the London Youth Games next year. Thank you so much to the adults in school who gave up their lunchtimes to help the children practise, to Miss Pierides, Mrs Bee and Ms BH who went with them and the kind parents who helped with transport.



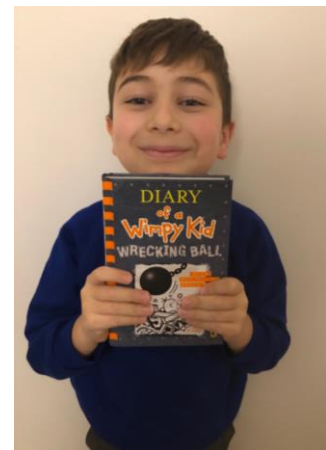
Boys' Football Team

The boys team played St Marys on Tuesday night in the league. They played really well and won 7-2! Congratulations!

Monkfrith reads...

Demetrious in Year 4 reads... **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Wrecking Ball** by Jeff Kinney...

This is the 14th book of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series. It is written in diary style which is cool for you to read. The book was really amazing with all of the twists and turns. The main character is Greg and he is the last person for you to expect to have good luck. The book is about Greg moving house with his family and he hated moving day. He almost got crushed by a hot tub that day! Greg has weird thoughts in his head from time to time which made the book funny. When I read the book I was surprised. I think Rowly (his best friend) will not be in the books anymore because they're moving town but then again Greg said to Rowly he can come round to Greg's pool to have fun. When a problem occurs Greg is always usually involved.



Thank you so much Demetrious! I love to see that you (and your brother) always have a book in your hand. I have had a flurry of reviews in this week so if your review has not appeared this week, it will feature in the coming weeks.

In school there is a display where I share the book that I am currently reading. At the moment this is *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Rauf (It is great!). Also reading this book is

Halil in Year 3. Last week Halil and his family went to the British Library to meet the author. Halil's parents would like to recommend visiting the British Library and sent me this to include in the newsletter:

'At British Library, there are a good range of children literature related activities at the moment and I would like to take this opportunity to recommend everyone to visit this free family friendly exhibition until 1 March: <https://www.bl.uk/events/marvellous-and-mischievous-literatures-young-rebels>.'

Dining Room Floor

Thank you to all the parents who have offered to write letters to the council or to their councillors about this issue. I have a good meeting with representatives from Capita and the building contractors this week about the floor. I am not in a position to say too much more at the moment, but I feel things are moving in the right direction.

A few dates for your diary:

2K Class Assembly – Wednesday 27th November at 2.45pm

****Non Uniform Day** – Wednesday 27th November Please bring £1.**

Maths Meeting for Reception parents – Thursday 28th November at 7pm. Please use the Reception class entrance.

Name Labels

As you know, we request that all clothes and shoes are labelled. This week we got an email from someone who makes labels. If you are interested, please visit www.labelcreating.co.uk

Attendance

I have had a few requests for 'exceptional leave' at the end of term. I have refused all of these as they do not fulfil the definition of exceptional leave.

KS1		KS2	
Oak	100%	3B	99%
Willow	97%	3P	99%
1C	98%	4B	98%
1K	96%	4P	98%
2D	94%	5D	98%
2K	99%	5F	97%
		6	97%
Average Whole School Attendance		98.1%	

Our winners this week are the same winners as the week before! Congratulations to Oak Class and both Year 3s!

Instrumental Lessons for NEW students who wish to start lessons at the beginning of the SPRING Term 2020

At Monkfrith School we offer **individual lessons** on the following instruments: trumpet, trombone, piano, guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone and recorder.

Group tuition from Year 2 on the recorder is also taught at Monkfrith. If you are interested in group tuition please sign up at the school office.

If you would like your child to **start individual lessons in January**, you have to log on to www.beatrust.org.uk to enrol. There is a lot of helpful information on the website, but should you need any further advice please leave a note at the school office for the instrumental teacher who will be able to answer your questions; your child may need a suitability test. Alternatively, you can call Barnet Education Arts Trust on 020 8959 4111 if you need further information.

IMPORTANT: The closing date for signing up online for individual school based lessons for the Spring term is midnight on Tuesday 10th December. Please note late enrolment is not an option.

NB If your child currently receives individual lessons from BEAT you will automatically be sent an invoice through the post.

FOMS News

The Christmas Fair is less than 2 weeks away now!! That means planning is full speed ahead! We have some important information regarding the fair listed below. Please have a read through (apologies it is a lot!) and please help when/where you can. It is only through the support of the wider Monkfrith Community that these major events are so successful!

Raffle

We have some very exciting raffle prizes this year to peak your interest! Among them are a £100 John Lewis voucher and a signed Manchester United photo!

Raffle tickets will go home in bookbags this week. We will send out one raffle book per family. Please return your raffle tickets via bookbags before the fair. If you would like to purchase additional raffle tickets, please let us know. We will also be selling raffle tickets at the fair prior to the draw at 6:00pm.

We are also extremely excited to announce that we will have a separate silent auction for a boxing glove signed by the legend Antony Joshua!! Info for this silent auction will come in a separate email soon.

Facepainters

Facepainting is always VERY popular and we are always in need of more people to help on the facepainting stall. If you have some skill at basic facepainting and can spare an hour at the fair, please let us know at friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com

Donations

Please don't forget to continue to bring in your donations for the fair. We rely on these donations to run a number of stalls at the fair. As a reminder, we are grateful for the following donations:

- Soft Toys
- Toy and Games
- Adult presents (eg. Candles, fragrances, photo frames, scarfs etc)
- Jars of sweets (pre-wrapped sweets and no nuts please)

Grotto Rooms

Please note that the grotto rooms are now fully booked until 5pm. Please email MonkfrithSanta@gmail.com to book your place to see Santa.

Fair Prep Coffee Mornings

We will have two mornings where we will begin to organise, prep and wrap the donations we received. We would love to see many of you there as this is a great way to spend an hour or two of your time as it really is a crucial time to get prepared for the fair. Please come along on:

- Friday 29th November at 9am
- Thursday 5th November at 9am

We will also be preparing all day from 9am the day of the fair (Friday 6th December) and we would welcome as many helpers as possible that day!

Stall Sign Up

Sign up sheets will go out this week for the fair. We do ask that every class of parents be responsible for looking after one stall on the day. We would ask for two volunteers per hour – this equates to 6 parents out of a class of 30 children so we do hope each class can fill in those slots.

Cake Sale

We would also be grateful for any cake donations on the day of the fair to sell at our cake stall.

Thank you everyone for your continued support! We hope the Christmas Fair is as fun and successful as ever this year!

Christmas at Monkfrith

27th November - FOMS Non Uniform Day

Please bring £1 and wear sensible shoes.

Christmas Cards

If your child would like to use the Monkfrith Christmas Post Service then they can bring their Christmas cards and post them in our Christmas Post Boxes. Please make sure the name and class is written clearly on the envelope. They can start using the post boxes from **Monday 2nd December**.

Christmas Parties

Each class will be organising their Christmas parties in the last couple of weeks of term. There will be more details to follow from the Class Teachers via the Homework sheet.

4th December – Recorder Concert

If your child learns the recorder with Miss Porzi, please come along to our recorder concert at 2.30pm.

6th December – Woodwind Concert

If your child learns a woodwind instrument with Miss Porzi, please come along to the concert at 9am.

6th December – FOMS Non Uniform Day

Please bring a bottle for the Bottle tombola.

6th December – Christmas Fair

Come along to our Christmas Fair between 3pm and 6.30pm in the School Hall. KS1 choir will perform at 4.30pm and KS2 Choir will perform at 4.45pm.

9th December – Year 5 and 6 Choir

They will be singing at the Hasluck Trust Christmas Lunch. We will only be taking choir from Year 5 and 6 because there is not enough room for all 55 of us down there!

11th December – KS1 Christmas Entertainment

This is a treat from FOMS to help the children get in the Christmas spirit!

12th December – School Closed for the General Election

13th December – Christmas Jumper Day

If your child would like to wear a Christmas Jumper (along with their normal school uniform), please bring a £1. All money raised will go to Save the Children.

13th December – KS2 Christmas Entertainment

This is a treat from FOMS to help the children get in the Christmas spirit!

16th and 18th December at 9.30am – KS1 and KS2 Christmas Show, ‘Countdown to Christmas’



For the show this year we will be able to offer 2 tickets per family across the two shows. Each ticket costs £2. If we have space after people have requested their tickets we will let you know and you can request an additional ticket. Children who can sit on laps do not need a ticket, but are more than welcome. There is not space for pushchairs etc. in the hall on the day of the show to maximise the number of tickets we can make available.



Please print and complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return to the Office, with your money. If this is a problem, you can pop into the Office to complete a form. The tickets will then be sent to you via your child's book bag.

The deadline for requesting tickets is 11th December. After this, any tickets left over will be offered on a first come first served basis for those who would like extras.

Please do not turn up without your ticket for the show.

Costumes for KS1 and KS2 – we will be asking for help with part of the costumes. More information will be in next week's newsletter.

16th December and 18th December at 2.30pm - Reception Nativity

This year we are able to offer 4 tickets per family in Reception. You can choose how you would like to spread them across the two performances. Each ticket costs £2. Children who can sit on laps do not need a ticket, but are more than welcome. There is not space for pushchairs etc. in the hall on the day of the show to maximise the number of tickets we can make available.

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17th December – Year 2 to Christ Church, Southgate in the morning (they will not miss their Christmas lunch!)

17th December - Christmas Lunch

19th December – Last Day of Term! 2pm finish. There will be no after school club on this day.

Reception Nativity – Reception Parents

Name of Child: _____

Willow/Oak

Please indicate how many tickets you would like for each performance, up to a maximum of 4.

Monday 16th December

Wednesday 18th December

I enclose £____ for the tickets.

Signed _____



Counting Down to Christmas - KS1 and KS2 Concert

Name: _____

Class: _____

Please indicate how many tickets you would like for each performance up to a maximum of 2.

Monday 16th December

Wednesday 18th December

I enclose £____ for the tickets.

Signed: _____