



Monkfrith Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019: Issue 13

We were treated to a great class assembly by 2K last Wednesday where they celebrated just some of the work they have been doing this half term. One of my favourite parts was listening to the speeches they had written after learning about Sir David Attenborough and I said afterwards that I would put some of them in the newsletter.

Today we are here to talk about the bad things that are happening to our world. I am here to tell you about a very sad and horrible thing. Sea turtles are dying because there is so much plastic in the sea. Do you want to be blamed for all this damage we are doing to these animals? We have the responsibility to look after the planet.

Sea turtles think jellyfish are delicious. They can live up to 100 years old. They can hold their breath for 5 hours under water. The ocean used to be all clean and now it has lots of plastic. Have you ever thought about our ocean?

Do you want sea turtles to be extinct forever? We have the power to take control of the amount of plastic we use. If we ruin the planet there won't be another one. We could use different materials like wood and metal. Nobody wants sea turtles to be gone forever.

Dexter, 2K



Welcome ladies and gentleman today we are all here because in the ocean there is danger. The ocean is covered in plastic and in the years to come the sea animals are going to be extinct because turtles are eating the plastic which is not good. Can you save our planet? Why are people so careless with our special sea animals? If everyone used less plastic it would change the world.

Turtles live in the ocean and they eat the plastic. We are leaving our plastic at the beach and when the tide comes in it takes the plastic into the sea and the turtles eat it. Then they get sick. We need to take good care of the planet as we only have one planet. If we ruin the planet we don't have a second one. What can we do to help the turtles?

Try not to leave plastic on the beach. You could also use stronger bags when you go to the shops not plastic ones. Use paper straws not plastic straws. Don't put plastic in the sea. Who's with me? Together we can save our one and only planet.

Alessia, 2K

Art work from Ellie, 2K.

Roman Day

Year 4 had a great day on Friday. They dressed up as Romans and took part in a range of different activities, including making mosaics, wax tablet and many more...



Thank you so much to all the parents who were able to come along and help. The day really could not have happened without you!

KS1 and KS2 Christmas Concert

The theme of the concert this year is 'A Countdown to Christmas'. The songs (loosely) tell the story of the things that are often done in the time leading up to Christmas. You should have already (or be about to!) receive further information from the class teacher about the help we need with costumes.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

After School Club will be in the Reception classroom on the day of the Christmas Fair. Children will need to be collected via gate at the Reception Class entrance on Knoll Drive. Children will only be allowed to go to the fair once parents and carers have collected them from ASC. This to ensure the safety of the children as it is a very busy event. **If you need to cancel your place on that day, please let us know asap.**

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.

Boys' Football Team

Another great win for the boys' football team on Tuesday against Holy Trinity. 7-1! They have one more match before the Christmas break.

Monkfrith reads...

Alexa in Year 3 reads... Geronimo Stilton: Hang on to your Whiskers by Elisabetta Dami...



Thank you Alexa for a great review! I can see how much effort you put into this. If you would like to send a review, please email the Office.

Attendance

KS1		KS2	
Oak	98%	3B	100%
Willow	94%	3P	98%
1C	95%	4B	98%
1K	91%	4P	91%
2D	99%	5D	99%
2K	96%	5F	96%

		6	100%
Average Whole School Attendance		97%	

A dip in our attendance last week – I hope everyone is feeling better soon. Well done to Year 2D in KS1 and Year 3B and 6 in KS2.

FOMS News

The Christmas Fair is THIS FRIDAY!!! We are looking forward to everyone coming out in support of the event and the school.

Raffle

Please return your raffle tickets with payment to the school office. There are some very exciting raffle prizes this year! If you would like to buy more raffle tickets, you can do so through the office, or find the raffle stall at the fair. The raffle draw will happen at 6:00pm at the fair.

Thank you to those who have put in a bid for the signed Anthony Joshua glove! There is still time to get your bid in – please email FriendsOfMonkfrithSchool@gmail.com to place your bid.

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

Thank you so much to everyone who has brought in donations already. There are some really wonderful items that have been donated.

We will continue to accept donations until this Thursday morning. 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 5.45pm. Please email MonkfrithSanta@gmail.com to book your place to see Santa.

Fair Prep Coffee Mornings

We will have another coffee morning this Thursday 5th November at 9am where we will continue to organise, prep and wrap the donations we received. Please come along! 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 have been distributed to each class of parents. 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. NO NUTS PLEASE!! These can be dropped off through the main office at any time on Friday.

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

Christmas at Monkfrith

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 18st 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: _____