



Monkfrith Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019: Issue 14

Christmas Fair

I know there is more about the Christmas Fair later in the newsletter, but I just wanted to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone for all their hard work. So many people did so much from decorating school and liaising with stall holders to getting raffle prizes, running a stall or helping with the epic task of the clean up afterwards. Thank you to the FOMS Committee and particularly Morgan for everything!

Autumn Concerts

As we get towards the end of any term we are often lucky to have the children who learn woodwind instruments to share them with us. Last week we had a Recorder Concert and the Woodwind Concert. It is so lovely that the children are able to share their hard work with their friends and family. Performing in front of an audience is a skill and a big part of building confidence. I was very proud of all their efforts.



Christmas Jumper Day

We will have our annual Christmas Jumper Day this Friday!! The children need to wear it with their usual school uniform and school shoes. We will not be collecting money this year as we have only just asked for money for the Christmas Fair.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

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 Broadfields. In a hotly contested game, the team won 3-2! I know I wrote there was one more game to go, but Miss Pierides has got another one scheduled for this week now!

Netball Team

Well done to the Netball Team in their rearranged league match against Holly Park. They won 4-3, although Mrs Ditchburn felt the winning margin could have been greater! Thank you to the our team from Year 6: Alara, Joe, Isla, Charlotte, Ellie, Dimoula and Reve.

Parent Volunteers

In January we would really like to have some parent volunteers who would be able to spare an hour a week to do some reading with children in Key Stage 1. Ideally this would be in the afternoon. You would not be able to read with children in your own child's class. There would be some training/guidance as well. If this is something that you would be interested in doing, then I will put in some more information in the newsletter next week.

Help needed!

Year 6 and Year 5 are both sewing after the Christmas holidays. If you have thread or buttons that you no longer need, it would be great if you could send it in to help..

Parent Pay

As we get towards the end of the term, we would appreciate it if you could pay any money that you owe on Parent Pay.

The Governing Body

This week we have our final meeting of the term. The Finance Committee meets each month to discuss the school's budget and make strategic decisions in relation to finance.

Monkfrith reads...

Mrs Firth (Theodore's lovely grandma) in Year 2K reads... George's Marvellous Medicine...

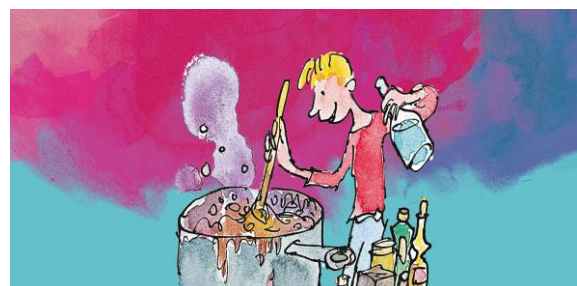
I'm sure many grandparents are familiar with Roald Dahl's George's Marvellous Medicine.

I loved reading this book to my children and now lucky enough to read to Theodore Dooley my grandson in 2D. It is such a mischievous and delightful book.

George is left to look after his cantankerous Grandma at home one day. His mother tells him that he **MUST** give his ill-tempered granny her

medicine at 11am on the dot. George decides to make a magic medicine to replace the old one, which he hopes will make her into a nicer person. He collects a variety of ingredients from the family farm including deodorant, shampoo, floor polish, animal medicine, engine oil, anti-freeze and brown paint to mimic the colour of the original medicine.

After boiling up all of the ingredients in the kitchen George gives the new medicine to his grandmother, who immediately grows as tall as the house and bursts through the roof!



George's parents come home and ask George to make another batch so that they can give it to their farm animals They want to make them grow enormous too so that they can sell them and make lots of money. Unfortunately George didn't write down his recipe and every new batch he makes there is something missing so the magic won't work again.

I won't tell you what happened to George's grandma in the end so you will have to read it to find out for yourselves!

Thank you so much for this! I don't know about everyone else, but in my family, our Christmas lists' are always include new books. If you get a new book over Christmas and have a little bit of time to write a review, please send it to office@monkfrithschool.co.uk.

Attendance

KS1		KS2	
Oak	99%	3B	99%
Willow	95%	3P	97%
1C	96%	4B	97%
1K	98%	4P	94%
2D	96%	5D	97%
2K	98%	5F	97%
		6	94%
Average Whole School Attendance		97%	

Well done to Oak Class in KS1 and Year 3B in KS2!

Parent/Carer Drop Ins Barnet SEND

Parent/Professional one to one sessions are available for parents/carers of Barnet children and young people (0-25), to share any concerns or issues, with a relevant professional. It is a stand-alone session, so this means that there is no follow-up. The aim of this session is to provide parents/carers with an opportunity to discuss concerns, and collectively think through how to move forward with the situation.

To access these sessions parents/carers must book a place, utilising booking form in [the attached flyer](#). Please return the forms to EandS.Support@barnet.gov.uk

Please share this information with your parent/carer community and distribute [the attached flyer](#) and [booking form](#) via email and display in your setting. The sessions can only be accessed through a 'first come first served' booking system. In order to achieve fair access to the sessions, it is important that this flyer is circulated to your parent community as soon as possible.

FOMS

Thank you so so much to everyone who came to the fair on Friday. It was wonderful to see the Monkfrith Community come together for this event. We hope the children had an amazing time.

Thank you to those of you who came on Friday to help set up, who volunteered their time at a stall and those of you who stayed to help put the school back together. Thank you also to the parents who managed the Grotto Room booking process, and to our Santas. The fair would not be possible without all of you!

Thank you especially to Aleco Estate Agents for their sponsorship of the fair.

There are countless other ways that people have supported the fair, whether it was through donations of toys, teddies, cakes or raffle prizes we are immensely thankful.

Because of all of the tremendous generosity of everyone at the fair, we are pleased to announce the fair raised £4272! We also have a few parents who have agreed match funding in principle through their employer so this total is bound to go up.

The silent auction for the Anthony Joshua signed boxing glove and the signed Spurs football will also end this week which will also take our fundraising total up!

Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and New Years!

Best wishes,

FOMS Committee

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.

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

Wear your Christmas Jumper along with your school uniform.

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: _____