



Monkfrith Newsletter

Spring 2020: 7

Spring Competition

The annual Spring Competition is a tradition that has been a feature of Monkfrith for many years. This year we are asking for a photograph that shows an aspect of Spring. Children can take it on a camera or a phone and simply email it to the Office with your child's name and class. If you want to print it out yourself, then entries can be left at the Office. The deadline for entries is Monday 30th March and **it would be lovely to have each class represented**. Entries will be displayed in school.

Online Safety

In the week before half term, we marked Safer Internet Day. The theme this year was 'Free to be me'. All the children across school took part in activities and discussions about how to keep themselves safe online by protecting their identities. Alongside the newsletter this week, I am also sharing **'7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety'**. Children's online lives are increasingly spilling into school and it is important that we work together to ensure that all children are protected and safe.



KS1 Show – important ticket information

The KS1 Spring Show, The Litter Muncher, is on Monday 16th March at 9.30 or Wednesday 18th March at 9.30am. **Each family will be able to have 2 tickets in the first instance**. Each ticket is £2. Please send an envelope to the Office with the number of tickets you would like and for which performance by **Friday 6th March**. Any spare tickets after that will be made available to other parents. Please do not leave it to the last minute and be frustrated that you do not have a ticket.

INSET Day

As you will know, this Monday is our third INSET day of the year. Support staff will be having training about maths and how to support children through modelling and visual representations. Teachers will be working together to review how we are teaching certain aspects of the curriculum.

Parking

I continue to receive complaints about parking from local residents and other parents which takes up a considerable amount of my time. The new posts on Monkfrith Way have now meant that more parents are parking on the grass on Brookside South by the gate there. The residents are very upset, particularly one who is very unwell and is concerned an ambulance would not be able to get to her house. Sitting with your engine running is an offence. It is [damaging both for our children and our environment](#).

London Games Sportshall Athletics

Before the break, Monkfrith had a lifetime opportunity to represent Barnet at the London Games in an event called Sportshall Athletics (if you remember, we won the Barnet competition). This event was a first for Monkfrith and we were very proud of our team, to be competing at this level, as well as how much they had achieved to get there. The team were very dedicated; in the run up to this event, they spent their lunch times practising. On the day, the opposition was extremely competitive and the atmosphere was electric. It was an honour to be there watching and managing this highly committed event. Monkfrith's team spirit and effort were unbelievable, against some very strong London Boroughs.



Thank you so much to all the parents for coming and supporting, bringing their balloons and cheering for us all afternoon. I think you would all agree that it was an amazing event to be part of! I hope that the team remembers this day and what they achieved. We are incredibly proud to have made it this far. Miss Pierides.

Year 6

The confirmed dates for the Isle of Wight are Sunday 17th May to Friday 22nd May. This is available to pay on parent pay and further information will follow closer to the time.

Dogs on the playground

We would rather you do not bring your dogs onto the playground at the end of the day.

Mrs Hudson

If you would like to send a card or a message to be included as part of her leaving celebrations, please do so via the Office.

Photos

Thank you to those of you who expressed a preference at parent consultations for the type of school photo you would like in the Summer Term. I will offer the same choices to Reception parents when they come for parent consultations in a few weeks and then let you know the decision.

Coronavirus

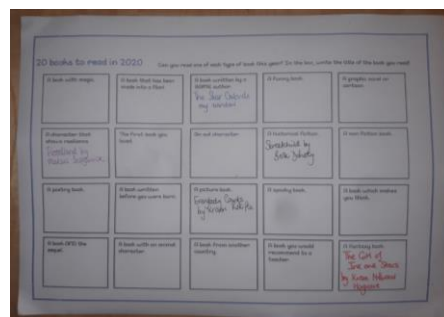
The children have been really good at following the NHS guidelines about using tissues to 'catch' the sneeze, however this does mean we have a shortage! If you could spare a box of tissues, we would be really grateful. Thank you! Any updates that we receive from the DfE or Public Health England are being put on the front page of the website.

Monkfrith reads...

If you would like to recommend a book that you have read, please write a short review (take a quick photo) and send it to the Office.

20 books for 2020

If you are joining in with this it would be great to see how you are getting on so far. If you have time to take a quick photo and email to the Office, I will pop it in the newsletter to inspire others! There is still lots of time to get involved – charts are on the website or you can get a copy from the Office. Here is mine so far...



BEAT Music Tuition

This is just to let you know that the enrolment for summer term lessons is now live on our website. **This is for any new students only.** Existing students must not enrol again as it will put their name into a waiting list, invoices will be sent to parents later this term.

To enrol online please ask parents to go to <https://beatrust.org.uk/enrol/school-based-instrumental-lessons/> The deadline to enrol is midnight on the 10th March.

Parents and Carers of Autistic Young People

There are a number of sessions for parents coming up in the next few months. Click on the links below to find out more information and booking.

[PreSchool Autism Training](#)

[Autistic Wellbeing: Theory and Practice for Families](#)

[Puberty, Sexual Wellbeing and Relationships Parent](#)

Attendance

| KS1 | | KS2 | |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|------|
| Oak | 92% | 3B | 93% |
| Willow | 97% | 3P | 99% |
| 1C | 97% | 4B | 96% |
| 1K | 95% | 4P | 95% |
| 2D | 95% | 5D | 94% |
| 2K | 98% | 5F | 99% |
| | | 6 | 100% |
| Average Whole School Attendance | | 96% | |

FOMS

FOMS are busy planning events for this year. Please mark the following dates in your diaries as we hope to see you there!

Friday 13th March at 7:30 pm - FOMS BINGO Night!

Friday 24th April 9:00 am - FOMS AGM

Thursday 2nd April 3:30 pm - Easter Tea Party

Saturday 27th June 1-3 pm - SUMMER FAIR