



Monkfrith Newsletter Summer 2020: 13

What a term! What a year! It goes without saying that we are ending 2019/20 in a way that would have felt utterly ridiculous if it had been suggested in September. I would like to use this final newsletter of the year as an opportunity to say some thank yous.

First I would like to thank all the staff. They have worked really hard over the last five months in ways that they have never had to before. They have remained positive and resourceful throughout and supported and collaborated with each other to do the best that we could for the children.

I would also like to thank our cleaning staff who have kept those of us in school safe and will continue to do so in September.

Thank you to the Governing Body, particularly our Chair Simone, who have been supportive but critical friends during this period. The regular meetings and in depth discussion about risk assessments and government guidance has been very helpful.

A huge thank you to all the parents for the **amazing** job so many of you have done with home schooling. I can only begin to imagine the challenges of balancing home school, work and creating some normality for your family. When I have been talking to lots of you on the phone, when you have been dropping off or collecting at school or just out and about, I am always struck by how positive and kind you have been. Thank you.

Finally, a big thank you to the children. Whether they have been in school during the last five months or learning at home, they have been brilliant! Resilient and funny. I have had so many conversations with children, where they have very matter of factly told me that 'you know Miss Deasey, before Corona came, we could do that, but not now...' I cannot wait to see them again in September!

Year 6

This morning we have had our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly via Zoom. It is not the ending that we would have wanted but throughout they have been a lovely class and I am sure that you will all join me in wishing them the very best of luck at secondary school.



Official End of Term

We break up 'officially' on Tuesday 21st July at 2pm. If your child is in school, then please collect them at 2pm. There is no after school club.

Next September – what we will be doing in August...

School starts on Thursday 3rd September (**Wednesday 2nd September is an INSET**) as usual.

Before we start back you can expect the following from us:

- Information about school meals. We are going to have to change the way that lunch times are structured. The catering company are simplifying the menu, which I will send to you along with more information about how lunch times will work. In the past children have been able to pick and choose what they have on their plate, however from September the meals will be pre-plated based on the pre-selected options available. It would help to start having conversations with the children about there being food (such as vegetables which is often the issue!) that they might not like on their plate. They will not be made to eat anything they do not want. There will still be the same halal, vegetarian etc. options. If your child has a special menu, then this will continue as usual.
- You will receive some videos about how to drop and collect from school as well as showing your children their new classroom.
- You will receive a guide about how we are going to minimise the risk of transmission of Covid within school, including the procedures of what to do if your child or another child in the class becomes unwell. The draft risk assessment will be on the website this week. It has also been sent to staff, governors, Unions and the Local Authority. The final, published version will be on the website towards the end of August.

Next September – what we need from you

- The children will be expected back to school in their usual school uniform. There will be one slight change. At the moment, the Government advice is that, wherever possible, PE takes place outside. Therefore we would ask that children in **both** KS1 and KS2 have a blue tracksuit (sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms) in addition to their PE shirt and shorts. Children from Year 3 upwards should also have trainers for PE not plimsolls.
- If you think you will need a space at Breakfast Club or After School Club in September we are asking that you complete a form (available on the website) and email to descostas@monkfrithschool.co.uk so that we can include your child in our planning. We may not be able to offer last minute places in the Autumn Term in the same way as we have done in the past.
- Help your child be 'September-ready'. You may have kept the routines in place during the last few months, but it would be completely understandable if that had not been the case. In order that they are ready to do a full day at school in September it would be helpful if they were back in a good sleeping and eating routine. We will be introducing a designated snack time across the school in the morning to help children bridge the gap between breakfast and lunch. If your child will be in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 in September they will be given a free piece of fruit/vegetable for a daily snack or they can bring their own. If your child is in KS2, then they welcome to bring their own snack of fruit or vegetable. Please do not send in sugary breakfast bars or crisps etc.
- Children will also need their own named water bottle.

School Reading Books

Thank you to those of you who have returned readings books. If you have any school books at home, it would really help us to have them before the Summer Holidays so we can sort everything out ready for reading in September. We are still at school this week.



Times Tables Rockstars

(for the last 7 days)

We are 20th in the nearby school leaderboard.

Class	Most improved accuracy in the last 7 days
3B	Aila
3P	Alexsander
4B	Ellie
4P	Sienna
5D	Eiliyah
5F	Irmak
6D	Ezra

Most improved Studio Speed in the last 7 days	Most Coins in the last 7 days	Most correct answers in the last 7 days
Ted (5D)	Tom (5D)	Tom (5F)
Alexander (3B)	Alexander (3B)	Yusuf (4B)
Elina (3P)	Kacper (3B)	Myren (4P)
Rachel (5D)	Halil (3P)	Alexander (3B)
Amir (5D)	Myren (4P)	Halil (3P)
Sienna (4P)	Andreas (3B)	Ned (6D)
Lily (4B)	Loui (4P)	Kacper (3B)
Andreas (3P)	Ned (6D)	Andreas (3B)
Ned (6D)	Rosa (4B)	Maria (4B)
Tom (5F)	Dillon (5F)	Rosa (4B)

Overall Leaderboard The Top 10 (Speed in seconds)

Louis (5D)	0.48
Rida (5D)	0.57
Myren (4P)	0.63
Milan (4B)	0.68
Daniel (5D)	0.79
Olivia L (5D)	0.89
Alexandros (4P)	0.91
Abi (5D)	0.91
Peter (5D)	0.96
Olivia D (5D)	0.99

NUMBOTS

(for the last 7 days)

Most correct answers in the last 7 days	Most games completed in the last 7 days	Levels passed with 3 stars in the last 7 days
Nina (1K) Sam (1K) Ipek (1K) JoJo (Willow) Joshi (Oak) Mouhit (1C) Jaiden (1C) Naomi (1C) Philip (Oak) Emily (1C)	Nina (1K) Sam (1K) Mouhit (1C) Naomi (1C) Ipek (1C) George (Willow) Andrew (1C) Jaiden (1C) Francesca (Oak) Heidi (1C)	Joseph (Oak) Myfanwy (Oak) Philip (Willow) Deanne (2K) Bronwyn (1C) Sam (1K) Andrew (1C) Ipek (1C) Nina (1K) Ayaan (Willow)