



## Autumn Term 2020 Newsletter 4

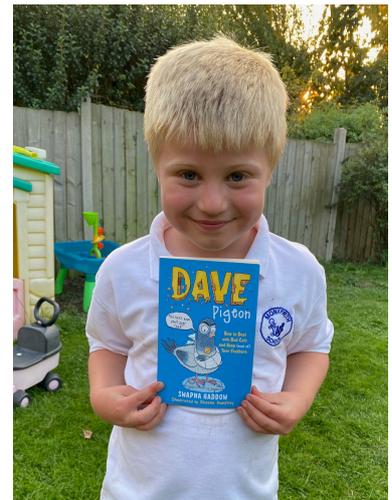
### 20 Books for 2020

In our online assembly on Friday it was lovely to give out two more **20 books for 2020** certificates to **Shrina** in **Year 3** and **George** in **Year 4**. There is still plenty of time to get involved. You can download a copy of the chart from the website or email the Office and we will send you one or put a copy in a bookbag. I am still working on my list – the book I started over the weekend (Evernight by Ross Mackenzie) will be my 'A book with magic'.

I have also been sent two book reviews from two fantastic readers, one in KS1 and one in KS2, that might give you an idea of a book to try.

### Ross in Year 2K

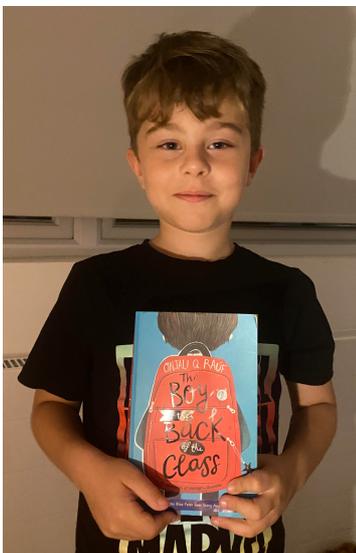
I want to recommend "Dave Pigeons - How to deal with mean cat and keep (most of) your feathers" by Swapna Haddow. The book is about two pigeons called Dave and Skipper, who defeat mean cat. Mean cat ripped and tore Dave's wing. They



want to get rid of her so they can eat her owner's biscuits.

This book is really funny - especially when Dave gets a balloon stuck on his head! It is a chapter book but has lots of funny pictures.

I am looking forward to reading the other Dave Pigeon books in the series.



### Alexei in Year 5B

I have read an amazing, touching book "The boy at the back of the class" by Onjali Q. Raulf. I highly recommend it to read to all children and even grown ups. It's about a refugee boy who had to escape war and lost his parents on the voyage. He made best friends with a girl (which I thought was a boy while reading). And

about 'The Greatest Idea In The Whole World.' Read it to find out what idea was it. Also it's written about children my age. I learned lots of new things which are happening right now in the world.

If you would like to share a book that you have read, just email a short review (with a picture if possible) to the Office.

## **Pick up and drop off**

On Friday we sent a message asking for adults to wear a face coverings while dropping off and collecting. I would also like to remind parents not to gather at the school gates as this is making it challenging for other families who are trying to observe social distancing.

## **Climbing Frames**

We are going to start allowing the children to use the climbing frames on a rota basis. Only one class a week will be allowed to use it at break times and lunchtimes (weather depending). All children wash/sanitise hands before going to play already. Please do not let young children on any play equipment after school.

## **Uniforms**

Now that we are in Autumn please ensure that your child comes to school in appropriate uniform. The windows are open more than usual to increase ventilation and so children need to have a jumper or fleece. They should also have a coat to wear when outside. All uniform should be named. We are not able to have a lost property where all children can go to find their missing uniform to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus. If it is named then we can reunite the item and the owner quickly and easily.

**Trainers are not part of school uniform and should only be worn for PE.**

## **Friends of Monkfrith Update**

Last week we had a really productive FOMS Trustee Meeting. We discussed the challenges of having events at this time, but the FOMS Committee have come up with some great ideas of things that we could do, which you will hear about over the coming weeks.

They also agreed to help fund some additional things for school. For example, each class will be getting a new device to take photos and videos that we will be able to use to share more about what is happening at school with parents. They have also agreed to contribute to the increase in resources to reduce the sharing of equipment in classes.

I will share more of the ways that FOMS support school in future newsletters.

FOMS are really keen to recruit new volunteers who want to get involved in supporting and enriching the lives of our children. If you feel you have some time, ideas or enthusiasm just email [friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com)

## Happy School Bag Collection - Tuesday 13th October

FOMs have organised the Happy School Bag collection. The bags went out on Friday. The demand for bags has been high, but don't worry as you can use a black bag as well if you have lots of things to donate. **You can bring your bag and leave it at the Office from this Friday.**

## Year 4 Dance Club

The clubs we are able to offer are a little more limited than usual at the moment because of the need to keep children in separate groups. For the Autumn Term we are able to offer a dance club for children in Year 4 (if there is enough interest). The club will run from 3.30pm to 4.20pm on Tuesday in the hall and is **free**. If you would like your child to attend, then please let the Office know next week. If we have sufficient numbers, then it will start on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

## In case you missed it...

### Parent consultations Year 1 - 6

If you have booked your slot for our phone parent consultations, then [here](#). We start the process of scheduling on Wednesday morning.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns, please let the Office know and they will arrange a call with teacher.

### Year 6 and Secondary Schools

The online application system is now open at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk). Parents can

call the School Admissions Customer Services Team on 02083597651 for support and guidance. **The deadline for applications is the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.**

### Tapestry - Year 1

Parents who want to download their child's learning profile have until Wednesday this week before the work is archived, ready for our new Reception parents.

## Wellbeing workshops

BICS are offering a series of free autumn wellbeing workshops and groups for children, young people and families.

[https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/parents\\_carers\\_wellbeing\\_summer-autumn\\_workshops.pdf](https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/parents_carers_wellbeing_summer-autumn_workshops.pdf)

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They have also made some videos for parents and children about anxiety and wellbeing which you can find at <http://www.barnet.gov.uk/backtoschool>

## Upcoming Dates

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – INSET Day

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November** – Individual and Sibling photos (provisional date)

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Whole School Flu Vaccinations

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February** – INSET Day

