



Monkfrith School

Summer Term 2021

Newsletter 1

Welcome back to the Summer Term! I hope you were able to enjoy the Easter Break. Hopefully as the term progresses the restrictions in our everyday lives will lessen and there will be more opportunities to do more normal things, however we must still be careful. We have not changed any of our procedures in relation to keeping children safe at school and I would ask that you respect this at the start and ends of the school day. Please continue to wear your face coverings and maintain social distancing.

The Curriculum

This half term there is lots of exciting learning planned for all the children. In **Reception**, they will be learning about minibeasts and growing at the start of the term.. In **Year 1** their topic is Bright Lights, Big City, where they will be learning about the country and city we live in. **Year 2** start their exploration of the Rainforest, while **Year 3** will be finding out about volcanoes. In **Year 4** they have a topic exploring music and sound, while **Year 5** are also focusing on science and states of matter in Alchemy Island. **Year 6** are learning about the heart and healthy living.

In Maths, we will be continuing to follow the units set out by White Rose, who have produced some guidance video clips and booklets to help parents which are available here: <https://whiterosemaths.com/for-parents/maths-with-michael/>

In **Reception** they will be consolidating numbers to 10 and then moving on to numbers up to 20. In **Year 1** they will be revisiting some of the learning that was done at home and then moving to multiplication and division. **Year 2** will begin with measurement and then position and direction. **Year 3** are continuing with the fractions that they were working on at the end of last term focusing on equivalent fractions and ordering and comparing. **Year 4** are working on decimals before moving to money. **Year 5** are consolidating some of the learning they did last term before moving onto adding and subtracting decimals. **Year 6** will be looking at statistics and how to interpret data. You can find out more about the work we are doing at <https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/primary-resources/primary-sols>

Uniform

We have been, and will continue to be, flexible about uniform and shoes because of the current situation. However I would just like to remind everyone that nail varnish and jewellery are not acceptable. Hair should also be tied back properly (not half up, half down).

Polling Day

Just a reminder that we are still being required to close on Thursday 6th May as we are a designated polling station.

Arbor

Please ensure that your contact details are up to date on Arbor.



Covid and Absence

What are the symptoms of Covid?

The NHS website states that the main symptoms remain:

- A temperature (hot to the touch, over 37.8°C)
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change in taste or smell

If you are in any doubt or concerned about whether to get a test, the advice is to call 111.

If my child, or someone in my household develops symptoms, what should I do?

Your child should not come to school. Keep them at home and book a test. These are very easy to book now so, please avoid the home test kits, as this adds a delay to getting the result. **Everyone** in your household should isolate until you receive the result. **If you have another child at school, they should not be sent in.**

If the test is negative, you can stop your period of isolation and your child can return to school.

If the test is positive, you must inform us straight away so we can identify contacts and ask them to isolate. Please email the Office (even at the weekends). You must then engage with NHS Test and Trace and follow their advice in relation to isolation. We will provide work for your child during this time.

Asymptomatic Testing for Parents and Grandparents

Adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. You should not give test kits to parents, carers or household members and should not order more test kits for this purpose. Secondary school and college students will continue to access testing through their school or college.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.