



Monkfrith School

Autumn Term 2022
Newsletter 2

We were all extremely saddened at the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday evening. Following the announcement of the date of the funeral, please note that school will be closed on Monday 19th September.

A book of condolence is open at Hendon Town Hall so that people can pay their respects. This will be open from Monday 12 September, 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. It will remain open until 5pm the day after the funeral.

As well as the book of condolence available at the Town Hall there is an e-condolence book if people wish to sign they can visit <https://www.royal.uk/>.

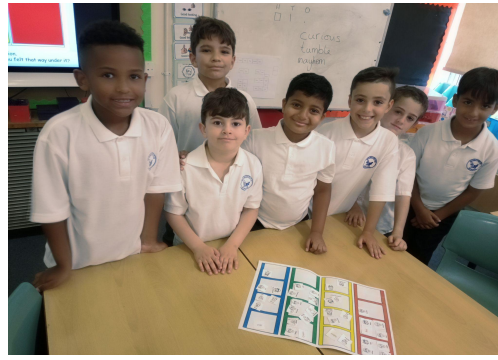
It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm and positivity of the children as they returned to school last week. In **Reception** we welcomed the children for visits and this week they will stay for mornings and lunchtimes. **Year 1** have made a great start to the year. They have been using the book, The Colour Monster, as a way to think about managing their feelings and emotions during the transition from Reception to Year 1.



Year 2 are doing a topic called Scrumdiddlyumptious this half term. They will be learning about all things food related! They had a great time making their fruit kebabs on Wednesday. They have also been writing instructions and learning about a healthy diet.

In **Year 3** they have begun their Predator topic, learning about animals eat.. Their whole class reader this term is Krindlekrax





Year 4's topic is called Potions and they will be using Alice in Wonderland as their class text. They have also been revisiting Zones of Regulation at the start of the term.

Year 5's topic this half term is called Beast Creator. They were exploring and classifying invertebrates as part of their science lesson this week. Their class text this half term is Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo.



Year 6 are learning about the Industrial Revolution and the Victorian Age as part of their work this half term. They are using the novel Streetchild by Berlie Doherty as the basis for some of their English work. The photo shows them getting into character, writing descriptions of Mrs Hodder from the novel!

Each week the newsletter will share what the children have been learning about in their classrooms.

Meet the Teacher:

We hope you are able to come along to our Meet the Teacher meetings this week. Any information shared will be on the website by Friday.



	6pm	6.30pm
Monday 12th September	Year 3	Year 6
Tuesday 13th September	Year 5	Year 2
Wednesday 14th September	Year 1	Year 4

Governance

At the end of the Summer Term our Chair of Governors, Simone Roberts, stood down. Simone was initially elected as a parent governor. She then went on to become Vice Chair before taking over as Chair in 2017. She has made a huge contribution to the life of Monkfrith. She has taken on aspects of governance related to safeguarding and Special Educational Needs, she played a huge role in the expansion of Monkfrith from a one form entry to two form entry school, in addition to supporting and challenging the strategic leadership of the school. She visited school regularly and was incredibly supportive to me when I became Headteacher. On behalf of our school community, I am sure you will join me in saying thank you to her for her time, expertise and dedication.

The role of Chair moving forward will be shared by Carolyn Hudson and Jonathan Bruck.

We are also looking to elect a new parent governor this term. Information about standing for election will be emailed next week.

Information about Clubs

Year 5 and 6 Dance Club - Tuesdays 3.30pm - 4.20pm

If your child would like to join Dance Club on a Tuesday, please email the Office. There are a limited number of places. The first session will be on Tuesday 13th September.

Choir for Year 4 - 6

KS2 Choir will be starting for children in Years 4 to 6 from Thursday 15th September. All children from those year groups are welcome to come along at 8.15am. Please arrive at the Breakfast Club door (via the car park).

Year 6 Girls Football

From Monday 26th September, we will be able to offer Girls Football training after schools. This will be open to Year 6 girls in the first instance. Please email the Office to confirm your child's place.

Year 4 Tennis Club

On Thursday lunchtime (from 22nd September) we will be offering some indoor tennis sessions for children in Year 4. We will be able to offer 16 places in the first instance, although we will keep a waiting list and rotate places throughout the year. Please email the Office to request a space.

Year 5 Girls Football

On Friday lunchtime (from 23rd September) we will be offering indoor football for Year 5 girls. We will be able to offer 20 places in the first instance, although we will keep a waiting list and rotate places throughout the year. Please email the Office to request a space.

Key Dates for Autumn Term (There will be further dates added)

Monday 5th September - First day back (for Years 1 to 6)

Monday 19th September - School Closed

Wednesday 28th September - Year 6 Victorian Day

Wednesday 28th September to Friday 30th September - Year 5 to Kingswood

Monday 3rd October - FOMS Trustees Meeting

Friday 14th October - Flu Vaccinations

17th October - 19th October - Parent Consultation Week (Years 1 to 6)

Friday 21st October - Show Racism the Red Card Day

Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October HALF TERM

Friday 4th November - Individual School Photos

Monday 7th November - Wednesday 9th November - Reception Parent Consultations

Wednesday 9th November - SEN Parent Coffee Morning - details to follow

Thursday 17th November - Full Governing Body Meeting 7pm

Friday 18th November - FOMS Quiz Night

Friday 9th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16th December - School Breaks Up for Christmas 2pm

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 3rd January - First day back

Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February HALF TERM

Monday 20th February - INSET 3

Friday 31st March - End of Spring Term 2pm finish

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April - First day back

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June - HALF TERM

Monday 5th June - INSET 4

Friday 7th July - INSET 5

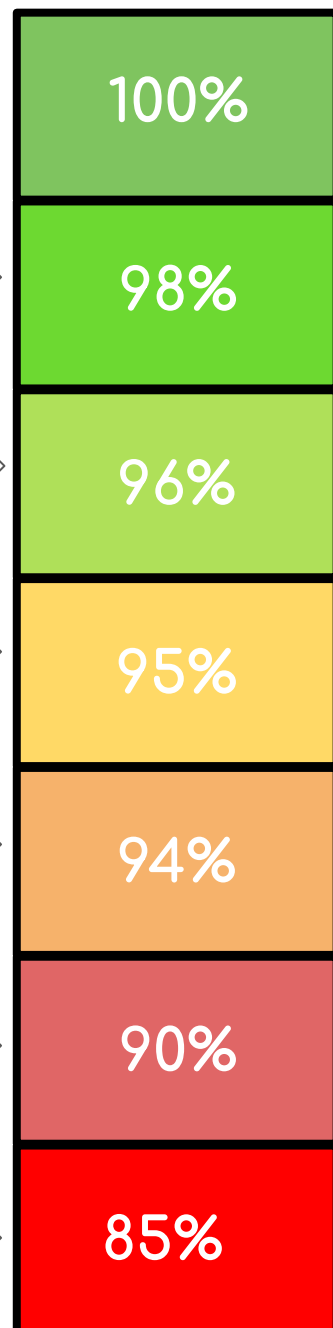
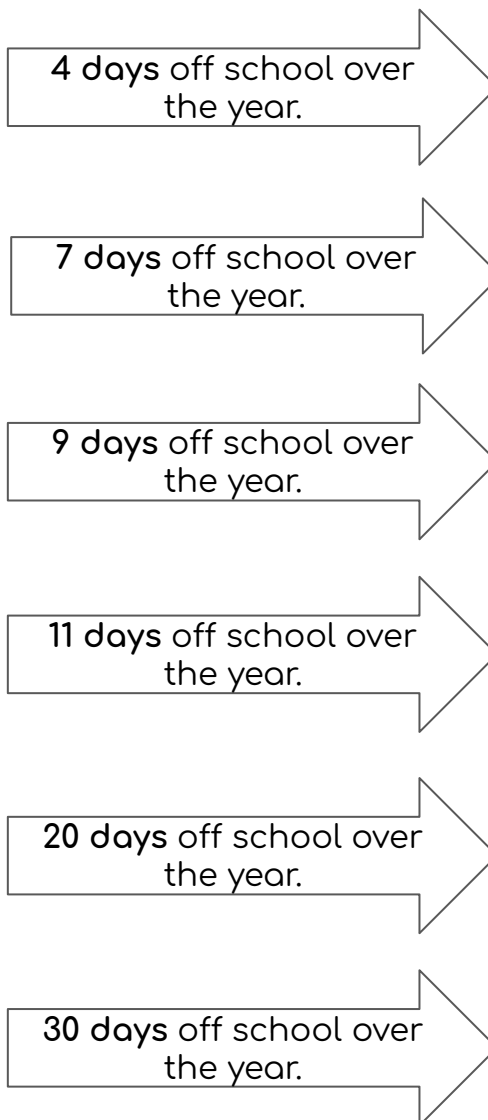
Friday 21st July - School break up for Summer 2pm finish



Week commencing:
5th September 2022

Attendance

Whole School	97%
Reception	n/a
Year 1	97%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	98%



Parents are required under the Education Act (1996) to ensure children attend school regularly. The headteacher of a school has a discretionary power to authorise absence in exceptional circumstances. A family holiday is not an exceptional circumstance. Holidays taken during term time can be referred to the Local Authority for a fixed penalty notice. More information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/legal-action-to-enforce-school-attendance>