

# Monkfrith School

## Summer Term 2023 Newsletter 1



Welcome Back to the final term of 2022/3 - I can't believe how quickly the time has gone.

This is the busiest term of the year - there are trips, residentials and sports days as well as the statutory assessments points, we say goodbye to Year 6 and hopefully enjoy some days without rain!

In the last week of term, Reception learnt all about the the season of Spring and the way that Easter is celebrated.

In Year 1, the children finished their topic about the countries that make up the United Kingdom. Year 2 finished the term combining Design and Technology and Paddington. They practiced their chopping, grating and cutting skills, making and tasting sandwiches. They make cheese and/or cucumber along with Paddington's favourite - marmalade!

Year 3 finished their fantastic river journey stories as well as learning about how rivers impact human geography. Year 4 learnt weaving techniques, inspired by the Vikings. Their finished products were great and will soon be displayed in school.

In the last week of term, all the children were treated to a fantastic performance of Alice in Wonderland from Hobgoblin Theatre. This was such a great experience, that all the children from Reception to Year 6 enjoyed. Thank you to FOMS who paid for this - it would not have been possible otherwise!









### Coronation of King Charles III

School will be closed for the coronation of King Charles on Monday 8th May. On Friday 5th May will be holding our own celebrations in school. For this the children can come in their own clothes - dressed for a party or celebration. Please just make sure your child will be warm enough.







Year 6 finished their topic about World War Two, finding out about how the war ended and remembrance.

Year 5 packed lots in. They finished their non chronological reports about the Egyptian afterlife. They also learnt about the construction of the pyramids before making their own. In music, they performed the musical thev have working on for the last 6 weeks - Queen Nut!

#### Statutory Assessments

There are 5 year groups who have some sort of statutory assessment during this term - these are assessments that all children in the country will be doing. These are nothing that the children should be concerned about and we endeavour to make it as normal as possible. The outcomes of these are reported in your child's end of term report at the end of term.

At the end of EYFS all the children are assessed against 17 judgments related to the Reception Early Learning Goals.

In June, all children in Year 1 will take the phonics screening check which is an assessment of how well they have acquired and can use phonics.

In Year 2, the children will sit a variety of English and Maths assessments over the month of Moy.

In June, all children in Year 4 will take the multiplication screening check which is an assessment of how well the children know their times tables.

In the week of the 8th May, Year 6 will sit their SATs tests in Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Mathematics.

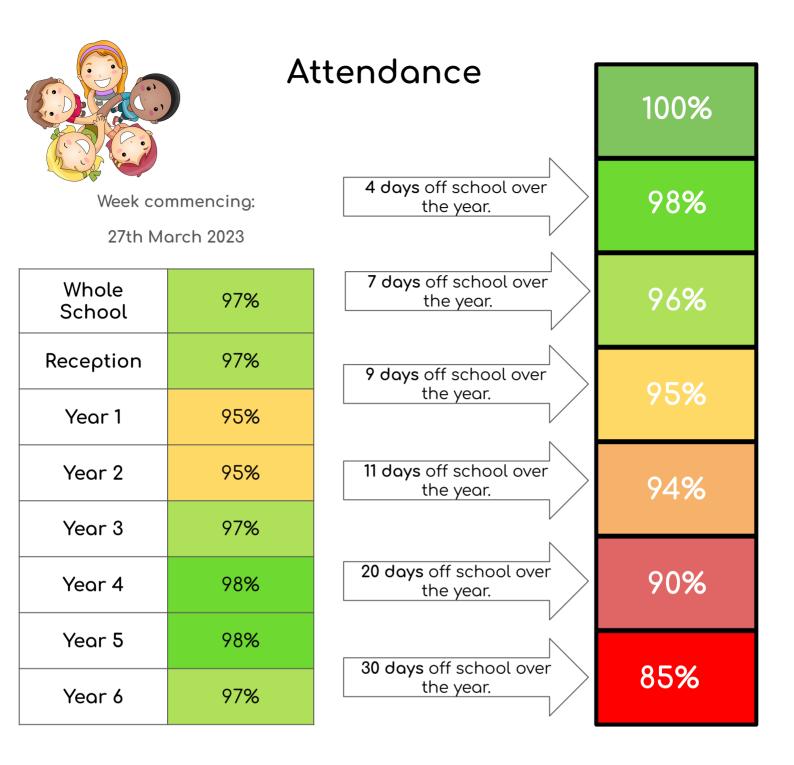
#### PE Update

During the last week of the Spring term, both our Monkfrith football teams competed. Our boys' team needed to finish their league matches so they played two matches. Both matches were very close and competitive. The players fought until the end. The match against Queenswell ended in a 2-2 draw. The match against Danegrove ended in a 2-1 win, where the players scored in the final minute of the match to win. We are so proud of their determination and enthusiasm this season. They have been a pleasure to coach and manage. We hope that they have enjoyed the season. Every member of the squad contributed to the league and cup matches. We have ended 4th in the league.

The girls' played their East Barnet semi final against Akiva once again. This time Akiva won 2-0 but the team showed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm. However, they have one more match to play. We are waiting to hear whether we play Foulds or Holly Park in the John King Trophy semi-final match.

We can not thank the parents enough for their help with transport and their encouragement and support throughout this seasons. We could not take part in these events without you. Thank you!

Miss Pierides



In the last week of term, we were visited by our Educational Welfare Office to review attendance.

We reviewed children's attendance focusing on the children who are below 90% and meet the persistently absent threshold.

You can check your child's absence by logging in to Arbor.

#### **NEU Industrial Action**

As you may have seen in the news, the NEU voted not to agree to the government's pay offer. The two proposed strike days for this term are 27th April and 2nd May. When I am able to share how this may impact our school, I will let you know.

#### Key Dates for Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April - School starts back at normal time

Thursday 27th April - proposed date for Industrial Action

Tuesday 2nd May - proposed date for Industrial Action, Year 1 to Willows Farm

Thursday 4th May to Friday 5th May - Year 4 One Night Residential at Phasels Wood.

Friday 5th May - Coronation Celebration!

Monday 8th May - School Closed for King's Coronation

Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May - KS2 SATs week for Year 6

Thursday 11th May - Year 3 to the Natural History Museum

Sunday 14th May - Friday 19th May - Year 6 Residential to the Isle of Wight

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June - Half Term

Monday 5th June - INSET 4

Thursday 8th June - Year 2 to London Zoo

Friday 9th June - Class Photos

Tuesday 13th June - Music Festival for KS2 Choir

Monday 19th June - Sports Week, including the return of the FOMS Danceathon on Friday 23rd June

Friday 23rd June - Reception Sports Morning (9.15am start)

Tuesday 27th June - Barnet Athletics Competition for KS2

Wednesday 28th June - Year 5 to Capel Manor

Monday 3rd July to Thursday 6th July - Whole School Spelling Bee!

Wednesday 5th July - KS1 Sports Morning (9.15am start)

Thursday 6th July - KS2 Sports Afternoon (1.30pm start)

Friday 7th July - INSET 5

## \*\*Saturday 15th July Summer Fair\*\*

Friday 21st July - Break up 2pm

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Monday 4th September - INSET Day

Tuesday 5th September - First day of school