

# Monkfrith School

Summer Term 2024 Newsletter 8 School will be closed on the 4th July as we are a Polling Station for the election. We will also be closed on 5th July for our planned INSET. Enjoy the long weekend!



We currently have 43 children in our choir but we at the end of this year we will be losing our fabulous Year 6 children, many of whom have been in choir since Year 4. If your child is in Year 3, 4 or 5 and would like to come along and join the fun, they are more than welcome from next Thursday (8.15am in the Studio).

On Wednesday, we took KS2 Choir to perform in the 23rd Barnet Music Festival. Over the 9 nights, 53 primary, secondary and special schools will take part. We learnt 6 very different songs, including some in different languages to perform as part of the massed choir, as well as singing our own song. Some of our played children also instruments to accompany one of the songs. It is a long day for the children but they were absolutely brilliant from the start journey to the Arts Depot at lunchtime until the final song at 8.30pm. represented our school fantastically.

A huge thank you to Mrs Folan who has been working with the children on the songs. And to Miss Kelly who stayed with us during the evening.







Reception visited Aldenham Country Park on their school trip this week. The had a lovely time at the farm, playing in the playground and eating lunch! The children have done some lovely work this week retelling their day using words such as 'next, then, after that and finally'. The children have also been solving the mystery of the Naughty Bus as they continue their learning about London.

#### School Photos

If you would like to order your child's class photo, you have until 27th June to order and get free delivery back to school. You can do this using the QR code that was sent home last week. If you need the code resent, you can request via the Office.

## Year 6 Leavers' Arrangements

We like to give our Year 6 children the best ending to their time at Monkfrith.

Thursday 18th July at 9.30am - Goodbye Arnold (with 6S taking the lead roles) Children in 6S will each have 4 tickets for this performance)

Friday 19th July at 9.30am Goodbye Arnold (with 6K taking the lead roles) Children in 6K will each have 4 tickets for this performance)

Wednesday 24th July at 9.10am - Year 6 Leavers Assembly (Year 6 families welcome)

Wednesday 24th July at 7pm to 9pm - Year 6 Leavers Disco





Year 1 have also had a busy week! They have been learning about the artist Georgia O'Keeffe. They have also been carrying out an investigation into the different types of trees in our school grounds.

Year 2 have been designing making bee their and week puppets this skills Learning sewing requires patience, determination and resilience and the children have done so well.







Year 4 are at Phasels Wood on their one night residential as I write this. They left on Thursday morning and will be back in school by the end of the day today. For many of them, it is the first time they will have stayed away without any family before and they were understandably nervous but they have done so well! Photos to follow next week!

On Wednesday, 4M also gave us a fantastic class assembly summarising their learning this year. It was brilliant.

Year 3 have been learning about Pompeii and writing their own Escape from Pompeii narratives. They have also been solving maths problems related to time.

In Year 5 the children have finding out about crime and punishment in Tudor times. They have also been using what they learnt when they went to the Portrait Gallery to draw their own portraits of Henry VIII. They were trying so hard to get the proportions accurate.

### Sports Week 17th June to 21st June

One of the highlights on the school calendar at Monkfrith is our Sports Week. This year Miss Pierides has been busy planning our sports week and there will be different things for each class to try out and ways to get involved in some fun sporting activities.

In order to really make the most of the week, we ask that the children wear **sports appropriate clothes all week** and not their usual school uniform. Children can come to school in shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms and a t-shirt, hoodie or jumper. They should also wear their trainers.

On Tuesday, please make sure the children in Year 1 are in school uniform (and trainers/suitable footwear) for their trip to Capel Manor.

Please do not buy anything new or special for the week.

#### Music lesson bookings for the Autumn term 2024 are now open

If you would like to sign your child up for group recorder lessons with Thady please email the Monkfrith office by **Friday 14th June**.

If you would like to sign your child up for ukulele or guitar lessons with Mr Hughes, please contact him by Monday 1st July via email on therosshughes@amail.com

For music lessons via BEAT please follow the below link to set up an account and enrol, by midnight on Monday 1st July.

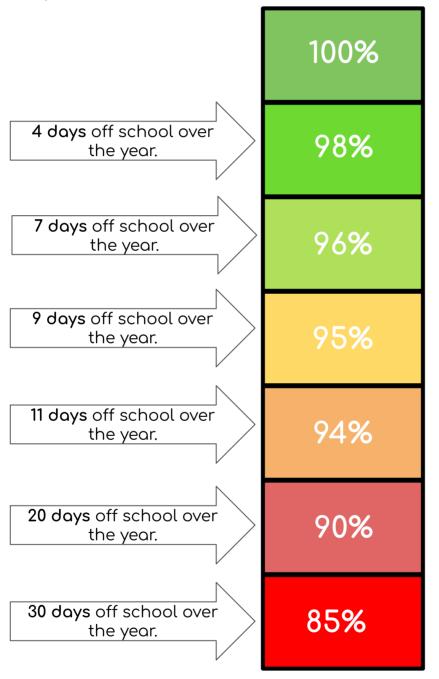


# Attendance and Punctuality

Requesting Exceptional Term Time Leave

When you make a request, you should expect that it will not be authorised. There are only 190 days in the school year which is only 52% of the year.

I understand that holidays during term time are less expensive, however this does not mean that a request is exceptional.



All our lessons build on the day before so if your child misses one day it is like a missing brick in a building. Build the strong foundations of your child's education by ensuring that they are here every day!

Week commencing:

10th June 2024

Whole School	97%
Oak	98%
Willow	95%
1C	96%
1K	96%
2C	94%
2P	97%
3D	97%
3F	99%
4M	98%
4P	98%
5LD	93%
5S	97%
6K	97%
6S	96%

#### Dates for the Year

17th June - SPORTS WEEK

18th June - Year 1 to Capel Manor

19th June - 2C Class Assembly (9am) Parents Welcome

24th June - New Reception Parents Welcome Evening 7pm

26th June - 2P Class Assembly ((9am)

27th June - KS2 Sports Afternoon (weather dependent) in Oakhill Park

28th June - Reception Sports (9.15am)

July

July - Spelling Bee

2nd July - KS1 Sports Afternoon (weather dependent)

3rd July - Year 3 to the National History Museum

4th July - School Closed for General Election

5th July - INSET 5

8th July - Non UNiform for FOMS (please bring £1)

10th July - Reception Class Assembly

12th July - Non Uniform Day for FOMS (Bring a bottle - details to follow)

13th July - FOMS Summer Fair

18th July - 9.30am Year 6 End of Year Show (6S with main parts)

19th July - 9.30am Year 6 End of Year Show (6K with main parts)

24th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly (9.15am)

24th July - Last Day of Term 2pm

September 2024

2nd September - INSET Day

3rd September - First Day back