

# Newsletter 19

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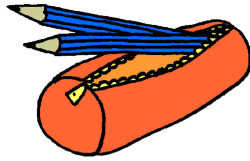
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## Nail varnish

We have had a number of children returning to school after the weekend wearing nail varnish. Please be reminded that nail varnish is not permitted as part of the school uniform at Monkfield Park.

## Pencil Cases



We have noticed that a lot of pencil cases have made their way into school recently and these have become the source of much distraction in lessons. Children are provided with all the stationery and geometry equipment they require for lessons and the addition of pencil cases leads to much fussing, over crowded desks, and a loss in learning time. We would appreciate it if all pencil cases could remain at home.

## Head Lice



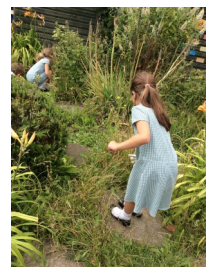
We have received reports from a number of parents this week that their child has head lice. As is always the case, once these tricky little creatures are established they spread across the school very quickly. Currently a number of classes are affected in school.

The NHS recommends that you check your child's hair every week using a fine toothed detection comb (available from pharmacies). This can be done when the hair is wet or dry. If you find live lice or eggs (nits) it is important that you treat your child's hair immediately. Your pharmacist will be able to advise you about suitable treatments.

Sadly there is nothing you can do to prevent head lice but you can reduce the risk of head to head transmission by checking your child's hair thoroughly every week.

## Golden Time

Each week we would like to be able to offer the children a wide variety of stimulating Golden Time activities as their reward for making good behaviour choices. Our parent volunteers help to make this possible. If you are able to come along and help to run/contribute to a club next half term, we'd love to hear from you! Simply email the school office who will put you in contact with Miss Ward.



## Head Teacher Roll of Honour

This week I would like to congratulate the following children for their achievements:

Tallulah in Pegasus Class for her selfless attitude towards others—Tallulah is such a kind and well mannered member of Year 6. This week I observed her giving up her own valuable time to help her younger sister with her homework.

Daisy in Dorado Class for being brave—Daisy gave a very interesting presentation on Roald Dahl to her class with great confidence

Rhys in Indigo Class—Rhys has impressed us all with his new found confidence in taking on the role of the narrator in the Year 2 production. Well done for finding that 'big voice' Rhys.

### Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to subtract one single digit number from another.

Ask your Year 1 child to explain what a gurdwara is.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you a fact about hurricane Katrina.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain what the 'eat well' plate is and how it helps us.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain how angles are classified.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain what a digital root is and how to use it to find out if a large number is a multiple of 3 or not.

Ask your Year 6 child the question: do mirrors lie?



Each week we will be suggesting some games to help your child remember their spellings. We hope these games will be a fun way to build your child's confidence in spelling and also something that you can enjoy playing together.

### Letter Sequences

With a troublesome word such as "said", spell it with magnetic letters, put them into a little bag and the child must feel around in the bag and pull out the letters in the right order without looking. This forces them to think hard about the sequence of letters.

### Forthcoming Dates

6th February 10am—Year 2 Spring performance

7th February 2 pm—Year 2 Spring performance

8th February 2pm— Reception Come and Share

9th February—Year 1 'Come and Share afternoon

w/c 12th February— HALF TERM

19th February—All children return

26th February —2nd March—Science Week

w/c 5th March—Book Week

20th March 9.30am—Reception Come and Share

22nd March 5pm—Parent Consultation Evening

23rd March 9am—Cygnus Class assembly

w/c 26th March —International Week

27th March 2pm—Year 5 performance

27th March 4pm—Parent Consultation Evening

28th March 6pm—Year 5 performance

29th March—last day of Spring Term

30th March—EASTER HOLIDAYS begin

16th April—Children Return to school

## **Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre Holiday Club**

Over the half-term holiday period the Care and Learning Centre holiday club will be running from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm daily. The Holiday Club is charged by the hour which enables parents and carers to book hours to suit their needs. The minimum chargeable unit is one hour and all sessions will be charged by the hour. Children who attend for full days or over lunchtime will also need to bring a nut-free packed lunch.

The current cost of Holiday Club sessions is £4.80 per child per hour for children aged 3 to 11 years and £5.41 per hour for children aged from 2 until the term after their third birthday. There is a £30 once-only registration fee for children who are not already registered at the Care and Learning Centre for out of school clubs.

Below is a list of the many exciting activities that have been arranged for the children who will be attending Care and Learning Centre over the holiday period. If you would like further information or to book a place at the Holiday Club for your child/children please contact Mrs Ferris at the Care and Learning Centre.

### **February Half-Term Holiday Club Schedule 2018**

| <b>Time and Date</b>                                  | <b>10.00 am -<br/>12 noon</b>                        | <b>1.00 pm - 3.00 pm</b>                            | <b>3.30 pm - 5.00 pm</b>     | <b>5.00 pm - 6.00 pm</b>  |
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| <b>Monday 12th February<br/>2018<br/>Art Attack</b>   | Look at me!<br>Self-Art and<br>Silhouettes           | Sensory Painting:<br>Feet, Hands, Blind-<br>folded! | Food Art Collages            | Creative Colourings       |
| <b>Tuesday 13th February<br/>Mad Science Day</b>      | Creeping Colours                                     | Surface Tension                                     | Make a Rainbow in a<br>Glass | Balloon Rockets           |
| <b>Wednesday 14th<br/>February<br/>Creative Boxes</b> | Fish Tanks   | Treasure Boxes                                      | Cereal Box Houses            | What's in the Box<br>Game |
| <b>Thursday 15th February<br/>Winter Warming Day</b>  | Prepare and Make<br>Warming Winter<br>Soup and Bread | Winter Walk   | Tasting Soup and<br>Bread    | Cosy Time                 |
| <b>Friday 16th February<br/>Musical Moments</b>       | Making Wind<br>Chimes                                | Making Den Den<br>Drums                             | Shaker Making                | Elastic Band Guitars      |

If you would like to book any sessions or have any questions about the Holiday Club please do not hesitate to contact the Care & Learning Centre on 01954 273301 or by email

## Creative Help Needed!

Friends of Monkfield Park have a Notice Board in the KS1 Playground that desperately needs decorating and updating with current information! We are looking to make a colourful and eye catching display, so if this is something that you enjoy/are good at and you would have any spare time to help out then please email us at [friendsof-monkfieldpark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsof-monkfieldpark@gmail.com)



## School Disco

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding our School Disco on **Friday 9th February** in the main hall.

Due to the limited capacity of the hall we need to keep age groups paired together so there will be three discos divided by Year Groups - - **4pm-5pm for Years 1 & 2**, **5.15pm-6.15pm for Years 3 & 4**, **6.30pm-7.30pm for Years 5 & 6**.

Each ticket costs £2.50 and this includes entrance, a drink and a cone of popcorn. We also recommend that you co-ordinate with friends to share drop off and pick up as the collection of children after discos is often chaotic and with fewer adults it is easier to ensure a smooth handover. Forms for tickets have been emailed out and paper copies sent home with the children, if you have not received these and would like a ticket then please get in touch at [friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com).

If you are available and would like to help out at the disco then please email us, all help would be greatly appreciated!



## Ideas

Just like last year our main fundraising aim this year is to raise funds for the Library refurb. We are after fundraising ideas that not only we can do but also that the staff and pupils can do at school. If you have any ideas no matter how BIG or small please let us know. You can either send us a message via our Facebook page or via email to [friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com).



## Year 6 leaver Celebrations

We may have just returned from the Christmas break but preparations for this year's leaver celebrations will soon start. If you are interested in helping with the planning and/or at the event then please get in touch. These are run entirely by the Year 6 parents to ensure they have the send off they deserve.

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