

# Newsletter 3

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## Money Fortnight

This week has marked the beginning of our 'Money Fortnight' in school. All through the week the children have been putting their entrepreneurial skills to work learning about financial matters and how to make money grow! Each class has been given a starter budget of £10 to invest in their business and to see how much profit it can make. Next week they will be launching their fledgling enterprises and will be selling their products before and after school on Thursday and Friday on the playgrounds. The office will be sending out an e-mail to you all once the children have finalised their timetable. I hope you will be able to come along and support the children.

Many of you have you have been contacted by the office to ask you to sign an Acceptable Use Agreement for your child. Each year the government publishes updates to the statutory guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' which schools must adhere to. This year there is a much greater emphasis on filtering and monitoring measures we must employ to ensure children are kept safe online. If the Acceptable Use Agreement has not been signed, your child will not be able to have access to the internet in school. The office will be very happy to provide you with a copy of the agreement to sign.

Mrs Howell.

## Top 50 Class Reads

We are very grateful to the wonderful members of FOMP who have purchased the Top 50 Reads for each year group from the recommended reading list for children produced by 'Books for Topics'. The books are absolutely beautiful and are purely aimed at allowing the children to read for pleasure. The books cover a range of genres and styles and are accessible to all the children. Each list contains a balance of age-appropriate fiction, picture, non-fiction, poetry and graphic novels, with a handful of novelty or tactile books added in too. The lists cater for different reading styles, interest levels, and also includes books that contain a diversity of characters and settings. I hope the children enjoy exploring and experiencing this wealth of quality reading choices.



### Keep our Playground Safe

Our playgrounds are extremely busy at morning drop off and again when collecting children at the end of the school day. It is very important that for their safety, all children stay with their accompanying adult and do not wander off to the school field or other areas at these times.

Please can we request that parents and carers do not allow their children to use the outdoor play equipment such as the gym equipment or tractor slide. For safety reasons, this equipment can only be used under the direct supervision of school staff. Some of the equipment is currently cordoned off awaiting the replacement of damaged sections and so must not be used.

We would politely remind adults and children that they should dismount from their scooters and cycles at the gates before they enter the school grounds, to avoid the possibility of collisions with pedestrians and ensure the safety of all those who access the site with small children at these busy times.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.



### Applying for a School Place

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, and you live in Cambridgeshire you need to apply for a Reception place for September 2024.



We appreciate that selecting the right school for your child is not an easy decision to make. Each parent and carer is looking for a school that will make the educational experience as motivating and rewarding as possible for their child. To help you make this important decision we would like to welcome parents and carers into school to see at first hand what makes Monkfield Park such a special place to learn. We are offering a number of parent tours so that you can see the school in action and talk with the

Headteacher. In addition we will also be offering an open evening event so that you can meet and chat with the Reception teaching team. Please join us for one of our parent tours which can be booked by contacting the school office. The dates for the tours are:

Friday 29th September at 9.30am

Thursday 5th October at 2.00pm

Wednesday 11th October at 9.30am

Wednesday 18th October at 2.00pm

Thursday 9th November—Open Evening from 6.00pm

Friday 24th November at 9.30am

Monday 4th December at 2.00pm

Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful school.

# Headteacher Roll of Honour

Each week this space will provide a celebration of children who may be especially noticed for demonstrating learning or behaviour that we feel should be recognised and commended. This week I would like to congratulate:

Reuben in Reception: We have all noticed that Reuben has made a fantastic start to his school career. He is always kind and helpful and has been making sure all the resources are tidied away safely at the end of each day. Excellent work Reuben.

Avyukt in Pegasus Class: Teachers need to be kept on their toes and Avyukt has certainly been doing that with some very challenging questions in Science this week. His curiosity and desire for knowledge is wonderful to see.

Candice in Indigo Class: Neat handwriting is something we all strive to achieve but Candice is well on the way to achieving this, producing some beautifully formed cursive letters in her writing this week. Candice always works hard but she has shown even greater determination this week.

## Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to find and order three or more objects by size e.g leaves or sticks.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you about birds and mammals.

Ask your Year 2 child to retell you the story of 'The Tunnel'.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain how igneous rocks are formed.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain how to be a good friend.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain what an 'if, if, if then' sentence is.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain what the acronym MRS GREN represents.

## Parent Carer Drop Ins

This half term, we are able to offer parents and carers the opportunity to drop in to school to see the Head Teacher (Mrs Howell) about any aspect of school life. The dates and times are listed below for this half term.

Please note that there is no appointment system and that parents and carers will be seen on a first come, first served basis during a 1:1 meeting:

3rd October 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm

13th October 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm

18th October 8.30 am to 9.30 am



**FORTHCOMING DATES Autumn Term 2023**

w/c 25th September—Year 6 Bikeability

27th September—Meet the Teacher Evening for Reception parents

29th September—Tour for prospective parents at 10am

29th September—Year 4 Bikeability

4th October—Year 5 and Year 6 Careers' Convention

5th October—Tour for prospective parents at 2.00pm

9th October—Individual school photographs

10th October—5.00pm -7.30pm—Parent consultation evening

11th October—Tour for prospective parents at 9.30am

13th October at 9:15am— Phoenix Class Assembly

16th October—Art Week

18th October—Tour for prospective parents at 2pm

19th October 4pm —7pm—Parent consultation evening

23rd—27th October—HALF TERM

30th October—Children return to school

30th October to 3rd November—Children's Art Gallery

9th November—Open Evening and Tour for prospective parents at 6pm

w/c 13th November—Anti bullying week

17th November—Children in Need Day

17th November at 9.15am—Indigo Class assembly

22nd November—Flu vaccinations for all children

24th November—Tour for prospective parents at 9.30am

4th December —Tour for prospective parents at 2.00pm

12th December at 2pm—Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert

13th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity Play

13th December at 6pm—Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert

14th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity Play

14th December at 6pm—Year 3 and Year 4 Carol Concert

20th December—LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

21st December—5th January 2024—CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

4th January—INSET Day (school closed for children)

5th January—Children return to school

For general queries regarding the Care and Learning Centre, please contact the school office by e-mail on: [clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk) or by telephoning 01954 273377.

To speak with a member of the Care and Learning Centre staff please telephone 01954 273301



### Room News

This week, the children have been introduced to 'Group Time'. Several times each week, we split into 2 small groups and go into our cosy Group Room for a planned adult led learning activity. This week we have been talking about the day and the weather and learning some new songs about this.

Well done everyone for being such super listeners.

### Welly Boots

All the children need a pair of clearly named wellies to leave at pre-school, so they are able to play on the grassy areas of the garden during the Autumn and Winter months. Please send these in with your child as soon as possible so they are able to join in with this play. Many thanks!

Mrs Turner