

# Newsletter 23

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## Electronic Booking System for Parent Consultation Evening

Just in case you were distracted by 'the Beast from the East' last week and didn't get round to reading your newsletter, I would like to draw your attention to our new electronic booking system. We have taken the decision to move to an online system to make bookings for the parent consultation evening easier for everyone. Please go to:

<https://monkfieldpark.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Full instructions on how to access the booking system were included in last week's newsletter. You will be able to book appointments using the online system from Saturday 3rd March until Monday 19th March. If you experience any problems please contact the school office for assistance.

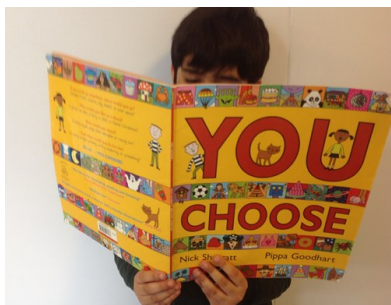
## Book Week 2018

Following on from our World Book Day celebrations last week, this week the children have been taking part in our annual Book Week. Throughout the week there have been many opportunities to enjoy reading and promote a love of books. The children have loved having a surprise visitor each day to read them a favourite story and have been very busy creating comic strips of their favourite stories for our Book Week Competition; the winner will win book vouchers as a prize!

On Tuesday afternoon parents and carers of children in Key Stage 2 joined us for a reading event which gave them the opportunity to see how reading comprehension is taught. Adults experienced a range of guided reading tasks and activities and picked up lots of useful tips on how to help their children develop key inference and deduction skills.

The week culminated with the visit of the popular children's author Pippa Goodhart. The children enjoyed an assembly in which Pippa shared her writing secrets and encouraged us all to work hard to fulfil our writing dreams and ambitions. Pippa went on to run a series of workshops for the children in which they had the chance to interrogate her, share some favourite stories and pick up lots of writing tips. After school Pippa signed copies of her books during the Book Fair.

The Book Fair will be in school until Wednesday 14th March, so do come along and browse through the fantastic variety of books that are for sale. Remember your child can use their £1 book token when purchasing a book. For each purchase you make, the school receives commission, which will enable us to buy some wonderful new books for our library.



### Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you how we can stop germs from spreading.

Ask your Year 1 child to describe the new character they have designed.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you an interesting fact about Japan.

Ask your Year 3 child to describe the relationship between tenths and decimals.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain the difference between area and perimeter.

Ask your Year 5 child to name the parts of a plant or animal cell.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain why the Endurance sank?

## Head Teacher Roll of Honour

This week we have been thinking about books and promoting a life-long love of reading. The following children have been trying so hard to develop their reading skills:

Florence in Yellow class—Florence loves books and has impressed her teachers with her wonderful reading.

Maame-Yaa in Green class—Maame-Yaa is trying so hard with her reading and is not afraid to tackle tricky words, which is having an impact on her writing too.

Isla in Violet class—Isla always works hard even when she finds some words difficult to read. Her perseverance is exemplary and she motivates everyone to try hard.

Luke in Lacerta class— Luke always immerses himself in the stories he reads, which is such a pleasure to see. He has been determined to improve his reading this year and doesn't give up.

### This week in Reception

Orange and Yellow class children have had a very exciting week. Our local PCSO, John, came to visit to tell the children all about his job and how he keeps everyone in our community safe. As you can imagine, the children were very excited to have the opportunity to investigate the police patrol car and to try out the siren.

As part of their work on keeping healthy, the children had a shopping expedition to Morrisons supermarket to buy fruit. The children enjoyed selecting the items they wanted to buy and purchasing them with their own money.



### Sport Relief 2018



On Friday 23rd March we will be marking Sports Relief in school by holding a 'dress down day'. We are encouraging children to come to school in their sports kit and the Friends of Monkfield Park will be holding a bucket collection on the playground at the start of the school day.

### Active Classrooms



Sue, aka Tatty Bumpkins visited Year 1 to show them how daily yoga exercises can keep your body fit, healthy, strong and supple.

The sessions with Sue are always great fun as she uses yoga to tell stories. The children were introduced to the benefits of a number of basic poses including the dog, tiger, rat and ox poses in the session.



### International Week



From 26th to 29th March we will be holding our annual International Week. As a school we come together to celebrate our rich and diverse school community. Mrs Deegan would welcome any parents/carers who would like to be involved in this week. If you have any traditions and activities from your culture that you would be prepared to share with the children e.g. stories, dances, games etc. please contact Mrs Deegan via the school office.



Just as modern maths uses chunking to work out complex sums, break a troublesome word into chunks. Children often don't realise they can do this and they need us to show them the way. Write the word on a piece of paper, then use scissors to cut it up into syllables, jumble them up and get the child to put it back together. When they see how it fits together, they should write the word on a piece of paper without looking at the clues.

### Forthcoming Dates

8th—14th March—Scholastic Book Fair	19th April—Vision screening
20th March 9.30am—Reception Come and Share	24th April—Green Class visit to Sedgwick Museum
22nd March 5pm—Parent Consultation Evening	25th April—Y1 Multi-skills festival
23rd March 9am—Cygnus Class assembly	26th April— Blue Class visit to Sedgwick Museum
23rd March—Vision Screening	1st May—Year 2 Tennis festival
w/c 26th March —International Week	3rd May—County Maths Challenge
27th March 2pm—Year 5 performance	4th May—Columba Class assembly
27th March 4pm—Parent Consultation Evening	11th May—Phoenix Class assembly
28th March 6pm—Year 5 performance	14th—17th May—SATs week
29th March—last day of Spring Term	22nd May—Reception performance
30th March—EASTER HOLIDAYS begin	23rd May—Reception performance
16th April—Children Return to school	25th May—last day of half term
18th April—PGL Information evening	





## Summer Fete— Saturday 23rd June 2018 — Help Wanted!

We are happy to confirm that the date of this year's Monkfield Park Summer Fete will be **Saturday 23rd June 2018**.

If you would like to get involved in the planning or to help out on the day then please do get in touch either through our Facebook page or via email to [friendsofmonkfield-park@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmonkfield-park@gmail.com). With lots to do beforehand and on the day all help would be greatly appreciated.



## 200 Club

The 200 Club is a simple way to raise extra funds for the school and for yourself! If you would like to join our 200 Club we have sent out a 6-month Subscription form this week so you could be included in the draw from March 2018.

The 6-month Subscription is £6 and you will be allocated a number for the monthly draw. Each month you will have the chance of winning half the money in the pot. You've got to be in it to win it so if you haven't received the form then please email us at [friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com) !!



## 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 [friendsofmonkfield-park@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmonkfield-park@gmail.com).



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