

# Newsletter 10

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## Applications for Reception Places



Applications for Reception school places for September 2018 can now be made to the Cambridgeshire County Council Admissions Team. You can apply online at: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions) or the school office will provide you with a paper copy of the form.

The closing date for the first round of applications is 15th January 2018. We appreciate that selecting the right school for your child is not an easy decision to make. Please can I encourage prospective parents to join one of our 'parent tours' so that you can see the school at first hand and we can have the opportunity to tell you what makes Monkfield Park such a special place to learn. Please contact the school office to book on to a tour.

## Memories of Childhood Past

As part of their History topic children in Blue and Green Class have been investigating what childhood was like in different eras throughout history. They have been learning about the toys children played with in previous generations, comparing them to the toys they play with today. They have looked at the different materials that were used to make toys in the past and how technology has been used to develop toys today. On Thursday they enjoyed a wonderful day in which they investigated a whole range of toys and made their own examples of simple historical toys such as puppets, cup and ball toys and boats. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to try out their sewing skills and compete in some exciting boat races.



## A Visit from Wood Green

Our Year 1 children enjoyed a visit from Wood Green Animal shelter this week. Following an assembly in which we found out about the work of the charity, the team helped the children with their Science topic in which they are learning about what animals need to live. All the children were excited to find out about what pets need to live healthy lives and how we can all work together to make

sure all the animals in our local community are well cared for. Everyone was keen to meet Martha the mouse and help select the right kind of cage, bedding, toys and friends for her.



### Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to name and describe a character from the story 'Room on the Broom'.

Ask your Year 1 child to explain how they are different from other people and why it is good that we are all different.

Ask your Year 2 child to explain why a chocolate tea pot would be unsuitable for use.

Ask your Year 3 child to describe how to make the strongest 3D structure.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain how to draw a bar chart step by step.

Ask your Year 5 child to list the features of a newspaper article.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain how men were recruited in WWI.

## Head Teacher roll of honour

I am always delighted when children come to chat to me about their learning and share their work with me. This week I have had the great pleasure to be able to see some fantastic examples of children's hard work and creativity.

Erin from Columba Class— Erin is really challenging herself in maths and is producing so much wonderful, neat and accurate work that she has almost completed a whole maths book.

Bailey from Lacerta Class—Bailey is an extremely loyal and supportive friend who always thinks about others before himself and works hard to make our school a kind and caring place.

Max from Violet Class—Max is an amazing scientist and completely blew me away this week when he explained the theory behind non-Newtonian fluids!

### Forthcoming Dates

24th November at 9am—Indigo Class assembly

6th December—Flu vaccination programme (details to follow)

8th December at 9am—Lacerta Class assembly

12th December 2pm—Year 3/4 carol concert

13th December 9.30am—Reception 'come and share' event

13th December 10am—Year 3/4 carol concert

14th December 2pm—Year 1 nativity

14th December 6pm—Year 3/4 carol concert

15th December 10am—Year 1 nativity

19th December—Christmas Festive Fun Day

19th December—Last day of term

#### **Spring Term 2018**

3rd January—INSET day (school closed to children)

4th January—All children return to school

## Christmas Family Bingo

We are holding Christmas Family Bingo in the school hall on the evening of Friday 8th December. Doors will open at 6.00 pm with eyes down at 6.45pm. Tickets are available in advance at a cost of £3 per person. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

If you would like to book tickets please either drop into the school office or get in touch with us.



## 200 Club

The 200 club is a very simple way to raise extra funds for the school and for yourself. For an annual fee of £12 you will be allocated a number for a monthly draw. The prize fund will depend on the number of members. Each month you will have the chance of winning half the money in pot. Please get in touch for a sign up form if you are interested. You've got to be in it to win it!



## Micro Scooters Cashback for schools

We are so excited to be part of the Micro scooters Schools Cashback. If you are ordering anything directly from Micro scooters website please enter our code at the check-out so our school receives 10% Cashback. This is for any purchases including accessories not just on scooters. Our school code is 131996."



## EasyFundraising

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