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Happy Chinese New Year

恭喜发财 / gong-sshee faa-tseye and 恭喜發財 / gong-hey faa-chwhy to all our Mandarin and Cantonese speaking families. We hope you had a wonderful celebration and that the year of the rabbit brings you much good fortune, abundance, health and happiness.

In school I have been so impressed with the beautiful displays which have been going up around school to celebrate the work children have been doing in class. The standard of work and the imaginative way the teachers display it is testament to everyone's hard work. I hope that you will be able to enjoy some of the displays when you next visit school.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Year 6 SATs information evening on Thursday. It was a capacity packed event in Delphinus Class but it was reassuring to know that so many of you are dedicated to supporting your children and our teaching staff.

Mrs Howell

Annul Parent/Carer Questionnaires



A quick reminder that the parent/carers questionnaires are now live and available for you to complete online.

Parent questionnaires are very important to us because they let us know how you, the parents and carers, think we are doing. We think your feedback is a crucial part of your child's education and it is vital that you have the opportunity to tell us about what we do well and where we can make

improvements. The children will also have the opportunity to complete their surveys in school so that we have their views too. There are separate questionnaires for School and the Care & Learning Centre and these will be available for two weeks until Monday 30th January. The questionnaires can be accessed using the links below.

School Parent/Carer Questionnaire 2023:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14aXQFDqYtGbmTKynKHbPZhidydX4Lr6UhNVwdE3yAdU/edit>

Care and Learning Centre Parent/Carer Questionnaire 2023:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tLmn8KS4zOtqZbLnjgBuw7z476nebHC70sEfwqilTPA/edit>

Out of School Club Parent/Carer Questionnaire 2023:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TbVNC-8rvH-IRPK9rcOr2F2htkhs4vYz6GGawEKf7cU/edit>

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the surveys.

In Praise of our Public Speakers

On Thursday afternoon four of our very talented children took part in the annual Network CB23 Public Speaking competition at Peterhouse College. Many adults would have been daunted to take to the stage in the esteemed, academic surroundings of Cambridge University's oldest college, however the children relished the challenge.

The standard was extremely high and the competition was very stiff with children from 9 of Network CB23's schools taking part. All the children spoke with great authority and passion on their given subjects. Hamza and Emily representing Year 3 and Year 4 respectively, spoke on the topic, 'If you could live in one season only, what would it be and why'. Aiyana and Jack representing Year 5 and Year 6 had the challenge of talking for 2 minutes on the topic, 'You can invite anyone in the world, past or present, to lunch with you - who would it be and why?'

I was so proud of all the children, who epitomised what is so wonderful about our school. A very well done to all the children but a special well done to Aiyana who was the overall winner in the Year 5/6 category with her impassioned speech on Yusra Mardini, the Syrian refugee swimmer. Many congratulations Aiyana.



Online Safety

It is vitally important that we are all aware of how to teach our children to use the internet safely. Consequently, we have registered for the parent webinar which will be hosted by Natterhub during Safer Internet week on 9th Feb.



Thank you for registering an interest in our **FREE Online Safety Webinar for Parents of Primary-Aged Children.**

The event takes place on:
Thursday February 9th at 1900hrs (UK)

Please share this access link with parents in your school newsletter:

[Webinar Access Link](#)

Viewing is through [YouTube](#), no login required, parents simply need to click the link (shared above) on Thursday evening at 7pm.

A Message From the Care and Learning Centre Staff

Mrs Brown would like to say thank you to the parents who have contributed toys and games to the Out of School Club over the past few weeks. The children have been enjoying the new games that have been donated. Many of the children are enjoying the challenge of playing chess at the moment so if you have any complete, but unwanted chess sets at home we would be very happy to make good use of them.



School Meals

Dolce, have informed us that due to increases in the National Living Wage and the cost of food inflation the price of school meals will be increasing from 1st April 2023. The cost of a school lunch will increase from **£2.35 per day to £2.55**.

All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will continue to receive Universal Infant Free School Meals.

In addition, Dolce have experienced a high volume of uncollected debt. Currently a pupil's account is allowed to fall into debt by 5 meals. To reduce the risk in increasing unpaid debt, Dolce will be reducing this to 3 meals from 1st April.

These increases still represent good value and, as you have seen in recent newsletters, the quality of the meals provided is excellent and are tailored to the children's tastes.

If you have any questions regarding school meals, please contact the school office.

A Message from Cambridgeshire Constabulary



Dear parents / carers,

This year, Cambridgeshire Constabulary are celebrating the 20-year anniversary of eCops.

eCops began back in 2003 when an East Chesterton Sergeant wanted a way to keep local residents informed and up to date with what police were doing in their area. It started as a simple email to all East Chesterton residents and has developed and grown over the past 20 years to an advanced system used by around 19,000 people across the county. It is free and easy to sign up, and subscribers can register according to their location and interests, reducing information overload and ensuring that they receive targeted alerts that are focused on their own area and interests.

Messages can include crime news, information about crime happening locally, crime prevention advice, details about local incidents and appeals for help in reducing crime in the county. Members can also reply to alerts, providing a quick and easy two-way communication between yourself and your local officers. You can tell us about your concerns, to help us police your neighbourhoods effectively.

As a parent / carer to a young person in Cambridgeshire, we recommend that everyone subscribes to eCops to be more aware of crime happening in your area, therefore being in a better position to protect yourself and your family against crime.

Sign up in seconds at www.ecops.org.uk

Kind regards,

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

FORTHCOMING DATES SPRING TERM 2023

27th January—Cygnus Class assembly

2nd February—Year 5 and Year 6 Friendship Games

3rd February— Indigo Class assembly

3rd February—NSPCC Number Day

7th February - Safer Internet Day

8th February—Year 1 WOW Day

10th February—Dorado Class assembly

10th February—Reception children vision screening

22nd February—Thinking Day. Rainbows, Brownies & Guides may wear their Guiding uniforms to school.

28th February—Year 6 scooter workshops

2nd March—World Book Day

3rd March—Green Class assembly

10th March—Mid term reports sent to parents

10th March—Book fair in school

13th March—Year 6 transition meeting at CVC

15th March—Reception Spring Singing performance

16th March—Reception Spring Singing performance

17th March—Red Nose day

17th March –Aquila Class assembly

21st March—Y5 and Y6 Rugby Tournament

21st March—Parent consultation evening

27th March—Healthy Lifestyles Week

27th March—Team afternoon

30th March—Parent consultation evening

31st March —LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM

17th April—INSET Day

18th April—Start of Summer term

Headteacher Roll of Honour

Each week this space will provide a celebration of those 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:

Ben in Phoenix Class: I am very proud of Ben as he has shown true perseverance in learning how to tie shoe laces. However, not only has he mastered this skill wonderfully, he is now helping others to learn how to tie their laces too. Excellent work Ben.

Layla in Dorado Class: Layla puts 100% into everything she does and so I was not surprised to find out in PSHCE this week that she is a purple belt in Karate. I was delighted when she showed me some of the stances and punches she has to perform. Layla's self-discipline and dedication will take her far. Well done Layla.

Daniella in Pegasus Class: Daniella showed great strength of character and empathy this week when with impressive maturity, she stepped in to support another pupil who was struggling with a difficult situation. Thank you Daniella for putting the Monkfield Way into practise.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to show you how they can move like different jungle animals.

Ask your Year 1 child to name as many London landmarks as they can.

Ask your Year 2 child to describe the differences between a Tudor house and a modern house.

Ask your Year 3 child to describe the process of mummification.

Ask your Year 4 child to tell you how sounds travel through solids, liquids and gases.

Ask your Year 5 child to describe what oakum is.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain how to find the golden ratio.

Headteacher Parent Drop Ins

Mrs Howell, the Headteacher, will be offering parent drop ins for anyone who wishes to discuss any aspect of school life throughout the Spring term. The dates can be found below, but please remember that these are offered on a first come, first served basis and you may therefore have to wait to be seen .

25th January 8.30—9.30am

8th March 8.30-9.30am

31st January 2.30—3.30

23rd March 9.30—10.30am

8th February 3-4pm

19th March 4.30—5.30pm

24th Feb 2.30-3.30pm



Monkfield Park



Care and Learning Centre



For general queries regarding the Care and Learning Centre, please contact the school office by e-mail on: 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 in the Rabbit Room have enjoyed playing with the doctor's role play set, pretending to be doctors, patients and receptionists. They did a great job of taking care of each other and the staff! At Group Time, we have been learning the next set of Read, Write, Inc pictures, so look out for a new video via Evidence Me to practise these at home.

In the Hedgehog Room, the children have been working on sitting together on the carpet to focus for a short story or some singing. The older Hedgehogs have been great role models for our new children with this.

Parent Survey

Your comments and feedback are very important for us as they help us improve our provision. Please make sure that you complete our online parent survey, which is open for another week. You can access the survey via the link in the newsletter or via Evidence Me. Thank you.

