

Newsletter 23

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Calling all gardeners

Our Year 4 children were working hard on the allotment plots last Friday to remove the weeds and to start to prepare the ground for planting. Sadly, in the short time they had available, they were unable to make much of an impact. We are looking for volunteers to come in and dig over our allotment plots in preparation for planting after the Easter break. The children are very much looking forward to growing vegetables which they can use to supplement their learning in the curriculum. However, despite having the weeds treated and the rotavator turn over the soil, they now need some TLC to be dug over. If you or someone you know can spare even an hour to help us then please let the school office know when you would be available.



Priory Walk car park dangers

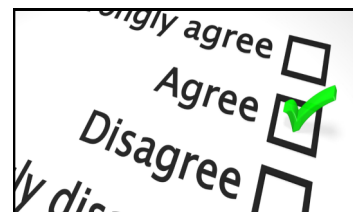
We have been contacted by a parent to say that this week they witnessed a 'near miss' in Priory Walk car park. A child from Monkfield Park ran behind a car which was reversing and this left the driver shaken. If you are not supervising your child in the car park then please, please ensure that you have reinforced the important safety messages about moving around in a busy car park.

Parent questionnaires open soon

As from 9.00 am on Monday 20th March until 12 noon on Friday 31st March, our annual parent questionnaire will be available for parents to complete. Your views really count and we are always keen to find out about what you feel we should celebrate as well as how we can improve. This year the questionnaire will be available to complete online and no paper copies will be sent out. You are able to access the questionnaire by going onto our school website at:

<http://www.monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk>

Just click on the tab at the top of the page which is titled 'parent questionnaires'. We look forward to receiving your responses, which will remain anonymous.



Forthcoming dates

- 20th March until 12 noon on 31st March—Parent questionnaires open
- 21st—24th February—Science Week
- 22nd March 10am—Reception Spring performance
- 22nd March—Parent consultations
- 23rd March 2pm—Reception Spring performance
- 24th March 9am—Cygnus Class assembly
- w/c 27th March—International Week
- 30th March—Reception come & share morning
- 30th March—Parent consultations

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child how to write a list of simple instructions e.g. brushing their teeth.

Ask your Year 1 child to identify around the house items that are waterproof and not waterproof.

Ask your Year 2 child to read a traditional story and think of 'what if...' questions to make up an alternative version.

Ask your Year 3 child what happens when they are in boot camp.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain some of the features found in narrative poems.

Ask your Year 5 child how they will manage risks on their upcoming visit to Cambridge.

Ask your Year 6 child to describe a Shakespearean phrase that we still regularly use today.

Head Teacher roll of honour

Biagio in Green Class—Biagio is always a gentleman. He has such fantastic manners and is so polite to everyone. Well done Biagio.

Sarah in Aquila Class—It's as though Sarah has always been in our school. She has become a real team player and is a good all round friend to everyone. She is extremely thoughtful and forward thinking.

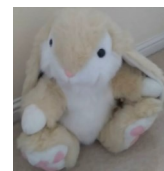
Holly in Columba Class—I am so impressed that Holly, despite her reservations, gave our boot camp a go!

Friends of Monkfield Park

BAKE SALE—Many thanks to all who donated cakes for our Bake Sale last week and all the families who purchased an after school treat. We raised £62.50 toward Year 6 leaving activities. The next Bake Sale will take place on **28 April**



NAME THE EASTER BUNNY—Commencing 20 March you will have the opportunity to “name the Easter bunny” in the playgrounds before and after school. For £1 you can select a name from the list provided. The names will be put into a random name generator at the end of term and the winner will get to take the gorgeous fluffy bunny home with them!



FRIENDS OF MONKFIELD PARK NOTICEBOARD—Our Noticeboard in the KS1 playground has been repaired and we will shortly be adding to this. Keep an eye out for future dates and information appearing shortly!



SUMMER FETE : SATURDAY 17 JUNE - The Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 17 June. This year will follow the style of a traditional fete with games and stalls. If you can help out on the day please let us know. The event will be added to PTA Social shortly.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Name the Easter Bunny	Commencing 20 March
Comic Relief Dress Down Day	24 March £1 donation on the way into school
Bake Sale	28 April
Summer Fete	Saturday 17 June

Further details on all events will be sent out in due course



Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre Holiday Club

The Care & Learning Centre operates a Holiday Club during school holiday periods. Holiday Club sessions are charged by the hour from 8.00 am until 6.00 pm daily which enables parents/carers to book hours to suit their needs (the minimum chargeable unit is one hour). Children attending for full days or over lunchtime will need to bring a nut-free packed lunch. Also, we cannot heat or re-heat items sent in from home.

The cost of the Holiday Club will be £4.80 per child per hour for children aged 3 to 11 years and £5.25 per hour for children aged from 2 until the term after their third birthday (a one-off registration fee applies to register a child at the Care & Learning Centre). The Easter holiday club schedule is below:

Time and Date	10.00 am -12 noon	1.00 pm - 3.00 pm	3.30 pm - 5.00 pm	5.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Monday 3rd April Modelling Day	Pipe Cleaner In-sects	Soap Carving	Paper Aeroplane Flight Challenge	Construction Kit Models
Tuesday 4th April Spring Time - Part 1	Painting & Decorating Flower Pots	Planting	Signs of Spring Challenge Walk	Shaun the Sheep DVD
Wednesday 5th April Talent Show Day	Plan & Prepare your 'Act'	Make Props & Instruments	The Big Rehearsal	The 'Show'
Thursday 6th April Games Day	Giant Games	Designing Board Games	Twister Challenge	Table Top Games
Friday 7th April Art Attack	Wool Art	Fabric Art	Outdoor Splatter Painting	Bead Art
Monday 10th April Den Day	Design a Den for your Favourite Teddy	Make the Den for Teddy	Outdoor Den Building	Story Dens
Tuesday 11th April Spring Time - Part 2	Tissue Paper Spring Flowers	Plasticine Spring Picture Prints	Designing & Making Easter Hats	Springtime Masks
Wednesday 12th April Easter Cooking	Making Hot Cross Bun Dough	Make Hot Cross Buns	Edible Easter Chicks	Easter Songs, Rhymes & Stories
Thursday 13th April Egg-Stravaganza	Making Chocolate Nests	Egg Hunt	Decorating Eggs & Egg Rolling Competition	Peter Rabbit DVD

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 clcof-fice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

Healthy Eating recipes

Here is another healthy recipe for you to try, but this time for falafel. You could try them with the hummus from last week!

Falafel

400g chickpeas

2 cloves garlic

½ small onion

Parsley

1 teaspoon cumin

1 teaspoon coriander

½ teaspoon chilli powder

1 tablespoon chickpea flour

Oil for frying



- 1.) Chop the onion and garlic and fry gently
- 2.) Wash chickpeas and parsley
- 3.) Place chickpeas in a food processor with the vegetables and spices and blend
- 4.) Remove from blender and add chickpea flour until correct consistency is achieved
- 5.) Form into small balls and fry until golden brown
- 6.) Serve in warm pitta bread with salad and hummus