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Hot Weather Guidance

As the weather has been very warm over the past few days and the temperatures look set to increase over the next week we have issued our warm weather guidance to the staff and children in school. It is important that the children are fully hydrated and drinking lots of water throughout the day. Please can you make sure that your child brings a named, re-fillable water bottle to school each day which they are able to fill from the drinking water taps in their classrooms. Please remember that squash is not allowed in water bottles as it is very damaging to children's teeth.

It is also important that your child brings a sun hat and sun cream to school each day. We are unable to apply sun cream for your child so please apply some before coming to school in the morning and encourage your child to practise applying it themselves on exposed skin. Sun cream can contain nut oils so please can we ask that you check the ingredients before sending any creams into school as we have a number of children with severe nut allergies. OPAL will be taking place in the shade and we are encouraging the children to sit or play in the shade during lunch breaks. We also have Aquila class, with its wonderful air conditioning, open through lunchtime for anyone needing to cool off and chill out.

With best wishes

Mrs Howell

Quizzing Excellence!

A huge well done to both of our teams who took part in the Network CB23 Humanities Quiz at Bourn C.E Primary School on Tuesday. The children impressed us all with their in depth knowledge of a geography, history, RE and current affairs answering some very challenging questions such as 'at what speed is wind

classified as a hurricane?

The children were competing against seven other teams and we are very proud to announce that Monkfield Park Team 1 was the overall winner of the competition. We are so very proud of all the children for their teamwork and for their kindness towards each other and the other teams.



Reception and Key Stage 1 Sports Day

The sun beamed down on us as we celebrated our annual Sports Day for Reception and Key Stage 1 children this week. It was wonderful to celebrate the children's team work and sporting achievements. The children competed in their house teams in a range of team events from javelin throwing, to football dribbling and 'jumping the river'. Whilst the scores were being calculated the children moved to the track to compete in egg and spoon, obstacle and running races. The competition was very close, but the winner of the House Cup, with a total of 121 points, was Enterprise. From the very kind comments I have received from our families, it is fair to say that everyone had a wonderful morning and enjoyed the event enormously. Following their exertions, the children were delighted to receive a special gift of ice lollies from the very kind FOMP team. We look forward to see which house will be victorious at Key Stage 2 Sports Day.



All Aboard the Hogwarts Express

Year 5 enjoyed a day at Warner Brothers Studio this week learning about the amazing technology that brought the Harry Potter books to the big screen. They were able to see many of the models and sets used in the filming and discover how many of the special effects were produced using green screens. Many of the exhibits were based around The Goblet of Fire which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. Everyone agreed it was a fantastic experience and helped to bring their current topic to life.





BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

September will be with us before we know it, so now is the time to book your pre-school place for the Autumn term. If you have a child who will be three in September you can book places for the Autumn term in our pre-school now. Graded Good by Ofsted in June 2024 we can provide 15/30 hours of funded provision with a qualified Early Years teacher and dedicated and supportive Early Years staff, in a caring and nurturing learning environment. We are open from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm during term time and welcome visits from parents and carers. Please contact the school office to arrange a visit and discover the Monkfield Way.

Please contact us on: 01954 273377 or by e-mail: clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk



Key Stage 2 Sports Day will be taking place on Tuesday 1st July from 9.30 am. If the weather is rainy or extremely hot on that day we have a reserve date of Wednesday 2nd July. We welcome all our families and friends to the school to support their children at this inclusive event. There will be a mixture of activities and traditional competitive races to allow every child to participate and be successful. We aim to begin at 9.30 am following registration for the children. Families and friends are able to gather on the field after morning drop off or to access the field via the electronic pedestrian gate. The children will be completing a carousel of games and activities and spectators are able to move to each

activity with their child's class. However, we would politely ask that you stay in areas indicated by the members of staff and that for safeguarding reasons you do not try to interact directly with the children when they are with their class. Children should come to school in their correct PE kit: plain blue or black shorts, a plain white T shirt and supportive training shoes. They will also need a water bottle, hat and sun screen as the forecast is predicting that the weather will be warm. If you have any questions please ask your child's class teacher or the staff in the school office. We look forward to seeing you all on 1st July for an exciting, fun filled morning.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you about our growing worm experiment!

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you about the different coins and bank notes.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you what observations they made at the nature reserve.

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you what physical geography is.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain what it means to go on a pilgrimage.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain how to plot a set of coordinates accurately.

Ask your Year 6 child to give some examples of how animals adapt to their environment.

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SUMMER EVENT



Featuring our:
MEGA SUMMER RAFFLE!

11th July | 3:45pm – 6pm

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

KS2 PLAYGROUND & MAIN HALL

RAFFLE

*Enter
to
Win*

You can also find:

- Drinks station •
- Summer stock sale •
- Scented balls on chain •
- Tombola •
- and more!



Raffle will be drawn on the stage at
4.30pm in the Main Hall

FORTHCOMING DATES SPRING TERM 2025

24th June—New Reception Come and Play session at 9.30am

27th June—Aquila Class assembly

1st July—Key Stage 2 Sports Day

2nd July—Reserve Key Stage 2 Sports Day

2nd July—New Reception Parents' Evening

3rd July—Year 5 bag packing for PGL

3rd July—Year 6 Transition Day at Cambourne Village College

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7th July—School Council Ice Lolly Sale for HOPE International

8th July—School Council Ice Lolly Sale for HOPE International

9th July—School Council Ice Lolly Sale for HOPE International

8th July—Year 6 performance at 6pm

9th July—Year 4 World War 2 WOW Day

10th July—Mini-Medics sessions for Year 6

10th July—Year 6 performance at 6pm

11th July—Move up morning

11th July—End of year reports to parents

11th July—FOMP Summer event

14th to 18th July—Year 6 PGL residential trip

15th July—Year 2 Beach WOW Day

16th July—Reception Summer celebration

22nd July—Year 6 Leavers' assembly at 10am

23rd July— Last day of term

24th July to 2nd September—Summer holiday

1st September—Staff INSET day

2nd September—Staff INSET day

3rd September—Children return to school for the Autumn Term

8th September—Meet the teacher evening

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

Cocoons

NEWSFLASH!!! All of our caterpillars have now formed their cocoons! Next we will be gently transferring them into a net and waiting for the butterflies to emerge.



Planting Seeds

This week the children have been planting sunflower seeds, learning about the things that seeds and plants need to grow - soil, water and sunshine. We are now waiting excitedly for the seeds to shoot, checking the soil each day to see if it needs watering. We have also been looking at stories and Information Books about seeds, learning new vocabulary such as 'root', 'shoot', 'stem', 'bud' and 'petal'.

Best wishes,

Jane Turner,

Early Years Teacher and Pre-School Manager