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Happy Half Term Break

Is it really eight weeks since we returned to school for the start of the new Autumn term? It has been a half term full of exciting learning, hundreds of active minutes, money making enterprises, team building exercises, sporting tournaments and the odd invasion by the ancient Romans.

The weather has been kind and we have been able to enjoy learning and playing in some glorious autumnal sunshine over the past weeks. However, this week has reminded us that it really is October with the arrival of some very blustery weather and rain. The temperatures are set to drop so please can the children make sure that they remember to bring their warm, water-proof coat every day—I am astonished that so many children seem to forget that they have a coat hanging up in the cloakroom by lunchtime. They will also need the all important wellingtons or boots to change into which should be stored in the green storage cabinets.

I hope you have a wonderful and well deserved half term break.

With kindest wishes

Mrs Howell.

Pokemon Cup Football Tournament

We are so proud of our Year 5 and Year 6 girls who took part in the Pokemon Cup football tournament at Linton Village College this week. Not only did they win their division, these talented footballers came second overall out of the 16 teams in the competition. Their excellent performance now qualifies them to go forward to the county finals in January. A huge well done to all the girls.

Poppy Appeal 2025

As in previous years, we are supporting the Royal British Legion's annual Poppy Appeal in school. The children are able to buy poppies and associated items e.g. rulers, badges, lanyards, wrist bands and zipper reflectors every day. The items are priced at 50p each and children are able to buy a maximum of two items each. Please can children bring in the exact money in a clearly named envelope. Poppies will be on sale daily in each Key Stage in the week leading up to Remembrance Day on the 11th November. All money raised will help the Royal British Legion to continue its work supporting injured forces personnel and their families.



A Healthy School

A good school food culture helps children develop healthy eating habits so they can live healthier, longer lives and avoid tooth decay. At Monkfield Park we pride ourselves on promoting healthy eating habits. We have clear guidelines about the types of snacks children are allowed to bring to school. These are limited to any variety of raw fruit and vegetables for break time snacks. Children are **not allowed** to bring crisps, fizzy or sugary drink, chocolate, sweets, cereal bars (many are high in sugar and fat), pastries or biscuits. We also ask that if your child is having packed meals at lunchtime that you consider the contents of the lunchbox to ensure it is healthy and balanced. A useful leaflet is available from the school office if you would like some ideas of healthy options to include in lunch boxes.



Please can we also politely remind you that due to children and staff with severe allergies, we are a nut and celery free school.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you about the festival of Diwali.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you the story of 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you what pairs with 30 to make 100.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain describe their favourite activity at Wandlebury Hillfort.

Ask your Year 4 child to tell you what you should do if someone asks for your personal information online.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain what a multiple is.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain how they can keep themselves safe online.

FORTHCOMING DATES

27th to 31st October—HALF TERM

3rd November—Children return to school

4th November—Y6 trip to Great Huts

5th November—Reception Come and Share from 9.30am

12th November—Cross Country Running competition at Wimpole Hall

12th November—Wellbeing Wednesday for KS1

13th November—Reception tour and open evening for Reception 2026 parents

14th November—Children in Need

17th—21st November —Art Week

21st November—Indigo Class Assembly

25th November—Reception 2026 parent tour at 10am

25th November—Y3 WOW Day

26th to 28th November—Children's Art Gallery

3rd December—Computers Down day

5th December— Reception 2026 parent tour at 2pm

9th December—Y1 and Y2 Christmas production at 2pm

11th December—Reception tour for Reception 2026

10th December—Y1 and Y2 Christmas production at 9.30am

11th December—Y1 and Y2 Christmas production at 2pm

12th December—Pantomime performance in school

16th December—Y4 Christmas Carol Concert at 2pm

17th December—Y4 Christmas Carol Concert at 5.30pm

19th December—School breaks up for Christmas.

5th January—INSET Day (school closed for children)

6th January—Children return for Spring term

8th January—Team afternoon

23rd January—Columba Class assembly

28th January—Reception and Y6 height and weight checks

28th January—Y6 English Challenge

4th February—Y4 WOW Day

5th February—Y1 WOW Day



OPEN MORNING

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.

We are holding an open morning on **Saturday 22nd November between 9.30 am and 1.00 pm**. Why not join us to see our excellent setting for yourself and meet our wonderful team? Please contact us on: 01954 273377 or by e-mail: clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk for more information or to arrange a visit to discover the Monkfield Way.

Reception 2026 Tours



We appreciate that selecting the right school for your child is not an easy decision to make. Each parent and carer is looking for a school that will make the educational experience as motivating and rewarding as possible for their child. To help you make this important decision we would like to welcome parents and carers into school to see at first hand what makes Monkfield Park such a special place to learn. We are offering a number of parent tours so that you can see the school in action and talk with the Headteacher and staff.

Please join us for one of our parent tours which can be booked by contacting the school office on 01954 273377 or by email :office@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk The tour dates are:

Thursday 13th November at 5pm

Tuesday 25th November at 10am

Friday 5th December at 2pm

Thursday 11th December at 10am

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful school and hope you will join us for one of the tours. If you are unable to make any of these dates, please contact the school office and we will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient date for you to visit the school and meet Mrs Howell, the Headteacher.