

# Newsletter 19

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**Royal Mail Christmas Stamp design competition 2017**

Albeit that we are only in the first throws of February, the children will be turning their thoughts towards 'What Christmas means to them' over the forthcoming weeks in school. This year, all of the children will be taking part in a national art competition to design their own Christmas stamp. There will be just 2 overall winners who will win £1,000 in vouchers and £1,000 for their school. Of course, they will also be lucky enough to have their stamps produced and sold at Christmas time. The winning designs will need to be approved by Her Majesty The Queen. There will also be 22 area winners and 96 area runners up who will each receive cash prizes for themselves and for their schools.

In class, over the next few weeks, children will be working with their teachers to create their designs and to make them the best that they can possibly be, with as much colour and attention to detail as possible. We hope that you'll give them some encouragement and we will be submitting all of the designs on behalf of the children.

**Girlguides, Rainbows and Brownies Day**

We are inviting children at Monkfield Park who are part of Girlguiding, Rainbows or Brownies to wear their Guide, Rainbow or Brownie uniform to school on 22nd March, to mark their 'World Thinking Day'. This event aims to encourage Guides, Rainbows and Brownies to think of each other and their commitment to international friendship and understanding. As part of this celebration there will be an event inviting all the Cambourne Brownies and Rainbows to celebrate friendship and think about those less fortunate than themselves on Sunday 26th February at the 'Blue building' during the afternoon (time to be confirmed).



**Year 2 Spring term performance**

Our Year 2 children stepped into role this week as they performed 'The goblin next door' for their parents and families to enjoy. They helped the goblin in the story to understand that kindness is often rewarded with kindness and that we all need a little help from our friends at times to remember this. Well done to all of those who acted, sang and performed solos, we were very proud of you. In our picture you are able to see the children on stage in full swing.



**Forthcoming dates**

w/c 13th February— HALF TERM

30th March—Reception come & share in the morning

w/c 6th March—Book Week

30th March—Parent consultations

10th March 9am—Columba Class assembly

31st March—LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM (CHILDREN RETURN 18TH APRIL)

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

### Help to keep our school healthy—**Cut back fat**

**We all know that too much fat is bad for us. But it's not always easy to tell where it's lurking. Here are a few fat-busting tips:**

- ♦ **Cut down on snack foods as they're often jam-packed with fat. Try and keep foods like crisps, buns, cakes, pastries and biscuits as occasional treats only.**
- ♦ **Grilling or baking food in the oven rather than frying it on the cooker can reduce the fat content by as much as two-thirds.**
- ♦ **Literally cut the fat. Trim off any fat you can see from meat before you cook it, and skin chicken and turkey first. Draining off the fat after cooking will also help.**



### Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to create their own alien story, with a beginning, middle and end.

Ask your Year 1 child to find three things around the home to put in order of heaviest to lightest.

Ask your Year 2 child what they enjoyed most about their Year 2 performance.

Ask your Year 3 child which methods they would use to find change from £5.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain who Beowulf was.

Ask your Year 5 child what physical and human features can be found in the local area.

Ask your Year 6 child to describe to you what life was like on a Tudor ship.

## Head Teacher roll of honour

-Joseph in Indigo Class—Joseph took his role in 'The goblin next door' extremely seriously and brought all of his enthusiasm to the forefront of his performance this week. Well done Joseph!

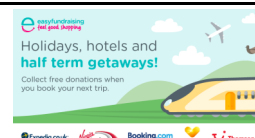
-Michael in Cygnus Class—Michael is what I would refer to as a 'gentleman' in our school. Everything he does is dealt with in a polite and thoughtful way.

### Friends of Monkfield Park

**Wow, what a disco!** - We hope you enjoyed it. Huge thanks to our volunteers who helped out and thanks again to **GOLDMINE DISCO**.



**EASY FUNDRAISING**—Whatever you're buying to keep the kids entertained at half term – activities, days out, arts and craft supplies – help us raise funds at no extra cost with <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/monkfieldparkprimaryschoolcambourne>



**SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM**—We have a stock of clean, good condition second hand uniform for sale

Jumpers £2 each

Cardigans £2 each

If you would like to order any please email us with items required and sizes

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## 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).

Breakfast is available from 8.00 am until 10.00 am daily. Children arriving between these times independently choose activities to participate in. The children eat together between midday and 1.00 pm and an afternoon snack is served between 3.00 pm and 3.30 pm.

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 current cost of Holiday Club is £4.70 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 of £30.00 applies to register a child at the Care & Learning Centre).

The schedule for February half term is below.

### February Half-Term Holiday Club Schedule 2017

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
<b>Wednesday 13th February</b> <b>Art Attack</b>	Look at me! Self-Art and Silhouettes	Sensory Painting: Feet, Hands, Blind-folded!	Food Art Collages	Creative Colourings
<b>Tuesday 14th February</b> <b>Mad Science Day</b>	Creeping Colours	Surface Tension	Make a Rainbow in a Glass	Balloon Rockets
<b>Wednesday 15th February</b> <b>Creative Boxes</b>	Fish Tanks	Treasure Boxes	Cereal Box Houses	What's in the Box Game
<b>Thursday 16th February</b> <b>Winter Warming Day</b>	Prepare and Make Warming Winter Soup and Bread	Winter Walk	Tasting Soup and Bread	Cosy Time
<b>Friday 17th February</b> <b>Musical Moments</b>	Making Wind Chimes	Making Den Den Drums	Shaker Making	Elastic Band Guitars

## **SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2017/2018**

### **2017**

<u>Training Day</u>	<u>Monday 4 September (school closed to children)</u>
Autumn Term Opens	Tuesday 5 September
Half Term	23 October – 27 October
Autumn Term Closes	Tuesday 19 December

### **2018**

<u>Training Day</u>	<u>Wednesday 3 January (school closed to children)</u>
Spring Term Opens	Thursday 4 January
Half Term	12 - 16 February
Spring Term Closes	Thursday 29 March

Summer Term Opens	Monday 16 April
May Day	Monday 7 May
Half Term	28 May – 1 June

<u>Training Day</u>	<u>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June (school closed to children)</u>
Summer Term Closes	Friday 20 July

Please note that the school will be closed to children and families on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July and that staff will not be available to take queries. Training time on these dates has been disaggregated for staff at other times during the school year.