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A Very Hot Spell!

I do hope you will be able to join us for Key Stage 2 Sports Day on Monday. I am sorry that we had to re-arrange this due to the heat wave last week and apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

My job as the Headteacher involves making many decisions every day. Often those decisions may be unpopular but they are all made with safeguarding and the health and safety of the children and staff as my priority. The unusually high temperatures last week resulted in many decisions having to be made at short notice to ensure everyone was safe. Although the weather is cooler now, the temperature is predicted to rise again over the coming week so it will be necessary for the hot weather risk assessment and guidance to remain in place until the end of term.

Despite the heat, it was wonderful to welcome our new Reception parents to school on Wednesday evening for what we hope is the first of many happy occasions.

With best wishes

Mrs Howell

Considerate Parking

I have received a complaint from one of our neighbours about inconsiderate parking in Langate Drive. They have asked me to remind you that there are a number of public car parks in Cambourne such as the one in Priory Walk for parents and carers to use. Although Langate Drive is a public road where parking is not prohibited, please can I urge everyone to be considerate if parking in the streets around the school when dropping off and collecting children. Please make sure that you are not blocking private driveways and that the emergency services are able to access Langate Drive. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.



Keeping Your Child Safe On The Road

I have received reports from members of the public that children wearing Monkfield Park school uniforms have been seen travelling in cars without car seats or seat belts.

Full information regarding the law on seat belts and car seats can be found on: <https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules> -





Street Tag

On Monday I spoke to the children about an exciting new initiative that is running in Cambridgeshire from 7th July to 1st September, called Street Tag.

Street Tag is a free app where you earn points by collecting virtual tags when you walk, run, cycle, roll or scoot past them. Street Tag encourages families to become more physically active which boosts mental health. When you sign up to the Schools Leader board, the points you collect will be added to the total score for your school, and schools with the most points win prizes of sports and play equipment for their school.

There are virtual tags all-around Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, including parks, adventure play-grounds and libraries. Once you are within a 40-metre radius of any virtual tag, your app will automatically collect the points, steps can also be synced and converted into Street Tag points. Please watch the short videos below which will give you more information about Street Tag and how to sign up by downloading the free app.

Street Tag video :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VcH7hAuZEDQ>

How to join a school team:

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/gKGtlls4cel>

How to add a child account:

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/hrJeACF4kA8>

We will be sending out a Tool Kit attached to this newsletter which gives you more information about how to sign up, how to add up to two children to your account and how to create your own virtual tags if you are unable to locate any in a specific location.

I do hope you will sign up to Street Tag and help Monkfield Park climb to the top of the Street Tag leader board.

As always, if you have any questions please contact the school office and I will endeavour to answer them.





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

Head Lice

This week we have been informed of a further cases of head lice in school. Sadly, head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families as they spread by head-to-head contact.

We appreciate what a scourge these little beasts are once they are picked up and how frustratingly difficult it is to break the cycle and banish these unwelcome visitors. We would appreciate your co-operation in breaking the cycle by thoroughly checking your child's hair each week and treating where necessary. There is no need to buy expensive treatments, as it is just as effective to apply conditioner to wet hair and use a lice comb to remove any live lice and eggs. Please don't forget that the whole family needs to be checked at the same time and that bedding should be thoroughly washed. More information and support can be found from the NHS site on:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



Sentence starters

- Ask your Reception child to tell you about doubling.
- Ask your Year 1 child to tell you the time to the hour using an analogue clock.
- Ask your Year 2 child to name the five oceans.
- Ask your Year 3 child to show you how they created their power point presentation.
- Ask your Year 4 child to identify lines of symmetry in shapes around the home.
- Ask your Year 5 child to tell you the Sikh creation story.
- Ask your Year 6 child to explain what white light is made up of.

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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

7th July—Re-scheduled Key Stage 2 Sports Day from 9.30am

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 (these will be scheduled to be sent to you at 7pm)

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—New Reception children start school until 12.00pm

8th September—Meet the teacher evening

11th September—New Reception children in school until 1.00pm

15th September—New Reception children in full time until 3.30pm

22nd September—OPAL presentation for parents

25th September—Flu vaccinations

26th September—Friends of Monkfield Park (FOMP) AGM at 3.30pm

10th October—Phoenix Class Assembly

14th October—Parent consultation evening

23rd October—Parent consultation evening

20th October—Online Safety week

24th October—Break up for Half Term

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

Butterfly Symmetry

This week in our Group Time sessions, we have been learning about symmetry. We looked at some pictures of different butterflies and noticed how the colours and patterns on each wing were the same. During their play, the children then had a go at using different coloured shapes to create their own symmetrical butterflies.



Fred Talk

The children in the Rabbit Group have also started learning to speak in Fred Talk this week! Fred is a toy frog from the Read Write Inc phonics scheme who comes to join us for our phonics sessions. Fred doesn't speak like us! Fred splits up the sounds in words and then puts them back together again. The children have loved meeting Fred this week and have had great fun waking him up when he's been asleep in his bag! Look out for a video on Evidence Me to help you practise speaking in Fred Talk at home.

End of Term Events

On Monday 21st July we will be holding an after school Picnic and Play at the park across the road, opposite C&LC, from 3.30-4.30pm. All children and their families are invited to come along and join together to socialise, play and celebrate the end of the school year. Bring a blanket and a picnic!

On Wednesday 23rd July at 2.15pm, we will be holding a Leavers' Celebration event for all Rabbit Group children and their parents and carers. If your child does not usually attend preschool on Wednesday afternoons, please do bring them along for the event, as we would love all of our leavers to be there to be presented with their Learning Books.

Jane Turner, Early Years Teacher and Pre-School Manager