

Newsletter 4

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Dates for your Diary

Winter Activity Days

- ◆ Room 1: Wednesday
12th December at
10.30 am and 1.45 pm.
- ◆ Room 2: Thursday 13th
December at 10.45 am
and 1.45 pm.

Please come and join the children in a range of Winter based activities and singing seasonal songs

Drop-In Session

On Friday 4th January from 3.00 pm until 4.15 pm we will be holding our Spring Term Drop-In Session. Parents are invited to come along (with or without children) to see the rooms set up for a typical session and chat informally with the staff.

General Information

This half term we are looking at fairy tales and traditional stories and we will be ending the term with our Christmas activities and celebrations.

The pre-school will close for Christmas at 3.00 pm on Wednesday 19th December 2018 and re-open at 9.00 am on Monday 7th January 2019.

Our Holiday Club will be open on Thursday 20th, Friday 21st December 2018 and Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

We are closed for all sessions on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th January 2019 for training days in line with Monkfield Park Primary School.

Ofsted feedback

Ofsted visited Monkfield Park on Tuesday of last week. Although we aren't able to share the outcomes until the final letter from Ofsted is published, we are able to tell you that this was a great opportunity to share the work of Monkfield Park with the Inspector. Thank you to all of those who wished us well and who provided such positive feedback in their Parent View online questionnaires

We will of course update you when we have more information.



BBC Children in Need 2018

We will be supporting the BBC Children in Need Appeal on Friday 16th November 2018. The theme this year is 'Spots & Stripes' and children are invited to come to pre-school on that day wearing clothes spotty or striped clothing.

A collection pot will be in the entrance hall and your donations to the Children in Need Appeal will be very welcome.

Magical Moments

We love to hear about your child's achievements outside the pre-school. We use our 'Magical Moments' slips to share this information. This could be anything from dressing themselves, putting on their own coat before coming to pre-school, writing their name for the first time or gaining a certificate for swimming, dancing etc.

These are then added to their Learning Journeys. Magical Moment slips are available from the entrance hall or ask in your child's base room.



Children's Work

During their time with us your child will experience lots of different activities, some of which can't be taken home, but may be photographed and added to your child's 'Learning Journey'.

Paintings, drawings etc. can go home. Please remember to check with your child when you collect them for any work they may have done which they want to take home.

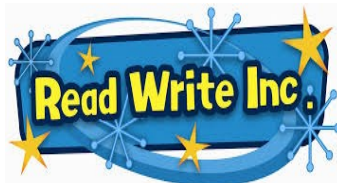


Children learn from the experience of activities such as mixing paint and therefore the process involved can be much more important than the end product.

Read, Write Inc. Activity Suggestion

We are reading Traditional stories and Fairy Tales this half term and engaging the children in listening to the repeated refrains and joining in.

Talk to your children about what they remember from the stories we are sharing and what happens at the end.



Lunches

Our new school lunch system is now live. If you would like your child to have hot meals please let us know so we can set up an account for you.

As each lunch is chosen and taken, the balance in your child's account will reduce. Please remember that if your child does not come to pre-school and you have pre-ordered a meal it should be cancelled on-line by 8.55am. If you are unable to do this, please contact the office as changes can be made until 9.30am.

Outdoor Play



We play outside every day. Now that the weather has turned colder please ensure that your child has appropriate named clothing for the time they are outside.

Please name coats, hats, scarves, gloves, wellington boots and any other items clearly.

Ask your child in Room 1.....

- ◆ About what the Three Little Pigs used to build their houses?
 - ◆ About the Big Bad Wolf?!



Ask your child in Room 2.....

- ◆ What the Big Bad Wolf does?
- ◆ About the pig biscuits we have made?

Anti-Bullying Week

This week is Anti-Bullying Week and we are using Traditional Stories to heighten the children's awareness of being kind and respectful to each other.

Wanted!!!



Toy cars and vehicles are very popular in the pre-school.

If you have any unwanted ones at home we would welcome your donations.

Thank you.

