

# Newsletter 37

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**Year 6 perform**

The curtain was raised for the final time for Year 6 this week, as they performed 'Cinderella Rockerfella' for their end of year production. This was the event that began their final 'farewell' to Monkfield Park as they look forwards to their secondary education. Year 6 certainly bowed out in spectacular style as they wowed the audience with their acting capabilities and beautiful, uplifting harmonies. From humour to romance, their show had it all and was a homage to the wonderful personalities who we have seen grow and develop. Well done to Year 6 and we hope that our audience members enjoyed it as much as we did.



**2015 to 2016 2K run**

With the sporting calendar drawing to a close, one of our final events of the year is the annual 2k run, which requires that our children run just over 7 laps around the school playing field. This is no mean feat, yet all of the children in our school have participated and have used their laps to add to our Road to Rio total. Well done everyone, every kilometre counts!



**School shoes**

Although the end of term is fast approaching, we are seeing a number of children attending school in shoes which are not recommended in our school uniform policy. We understand that parents/carers don't necessarily like to buy shoes at this time of the year, and would therefore request as an alternative, that simple black pumps or PE plimsolls are worn as an alternative if children's regular school shoes have become too small or are damaged beyond repair.

**Reports drop in for parents**

Please be aware that teaching staff will be available between 3.45 pm and 5.15 pm on Monday 18th July to discuss any queries on your child's report. This opportunity does not require you to make an appointment but you should go around to the school office to sign in and await a turn to be seen. Please be aware that you may have to wait or come back slightly later since the teacher may already be in a discussion with another parent. Reports will be sent home on Friday 15th July.

**Sentence starters**

- Ask your Reception child what they liked about the Year 1 classes when they went to visit.
- Ask your Year 1 child how to measure the circumference of an object.
- Ask your Year 2 child to tell you some facts about thunderstorms and lightning.
- Ask your Year 3 child to tell you their ideas for a healthy and delicious sandwich.
- Ask your Year 4 child to list vocabulary associated with the four operations in maths.
- Ask your Year 5 child to talk about how they are presenting their information about Burghley House to encourage other people to visit.
- Ask your Year 6 child what their most memorable part of the Year 6 performance was.

**ICT Did you know?**

That you should regularly review your child's 'search history' on their internet devices.

## Head Teacher roll of honour

Ishaaq in Violet class—Ishaaq was a very caring friend this week when he went out of his way to look after someone who looked like they needed help.

Hope in Yellow Class—Hope is so thoughtful and has used this quality to help write a welcoming letter to the children who will be joining Reception in September.

Jamie in Orange Class—Jamie always brings a smile to everyone's face. She has such a cheerful disposition which helps everyone in her class to start the day cheery and bright, with a positive outlook. Thank you Jamie!

### Friends of Monkfield Park

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As ever we would love some help in the run up to and on the day of the fete. **TASKS ARE NOW LIVE ON PTA SOCIAL** Please don't worry that you will be bombarded with messages, we use this website in its simplest form to list tasks and allow volunteers to choose their slot, click this link to register with our community on PTA Social:  
<http://service.ptasocial.com/register/FOMP>



### RAFFLE TICKETS

You should have received home a book of raffle tickets in the last week. Don't forget to return your stubs and money.

Please do ask if you need anymore!



### SUMMER FUNDRAISER

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 12.30pm – 5.30pm, along with Circus performances at 1pm, 2.30pm and 4pm.

**IF YOU HAVEN'T RECEIVED YOUR TICKETS PLEASE SHOUT!**

**BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

**Latest Availability:**

**1.00pm - only 18 tickets left**

**2.30pm – only 4 tickets left**

**4.00pm – good availability**



### CONTACT US

Via email [friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com) , via our Facebook page or via the school office.

#### Forthcoming dates

14th July— Violet Class to visit Woolsthorpe Manor  
15th July—Reports sent home  
16th July—Friends Summer event  
18th July—End of term lunch  
18th July 3.45pm—5.00pm—Reports drop in for parents  
19th July - Indigo Class to visit Woolsthorpe Manor  
20th July—Last day of Summer term for children  
21st July—INSET day (school closed to children)  
1st September—INSET day (school closed to children)  
2nd September—INSET day (school closed to children)  
5th September—Key Stages 1 and 2 return to school

#### School uniform

Just a quick reminder that you can place an order with Tesco online uniform right up to **Friday 15th July** for delivery in time for the new school year. Simply visit [uniformeasy.com/#school-search](http://uniformeasy.com/#school-search) and find Monkfield Park Primary School. We have a small amount of stock that is kept in school as per the lists below.

#### **Sweatshirts**

Age	Total
3/4	29
Small (adult)	15
medium	28
large	30

#### **Cardigans**

Age	Total
3/4	3
11/12	8

#### **Bookbags/Bottles/Hats**

	Total
Short strap	7
Hats	45

#### Keeping children reading over the Summer!

Every year, thousands of families all over the country take part in the UK's biggest reading event for children in libraries, the Summer Reading Challenge, run by the charity The Reading Agency. The aim of the challenge is to get children to read any six books of their choice from their library during the Summer holidays. Every year there's a different theme; this year it's The Big Friendly Read, as a link with the global year-long Roald Dahl 100 celebrations, honouring the world's No.1 Storyteller. The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at children aged four to eleven. It is run in all libraries in Cambridgeshire and is completely free. All children who join will receive a collector's folder in which they can record details of books they have read. Each time they complete a book, children will be given a post card featuring a Roald Dahl character...some of the postcards have scratch and sniff panels. By completing the challenge, children will receive a certificate and medal at special presentation ceremonies held during September. Children at Monkfield Park were recently told information about this in a special assembly, led by one of our local librarians.

#### Changes to government funded childcare – Existing parents' survey

From September 2017, many families will see their entitlement to government-funded childcare for 3 and 4 year-olds increase from 15 to 30 hours per week. The Childcare Act 2016 extends the entitlement to free childcare and Early Years Learning for children of working parents with the aim of removing what is a key barrier to the workplace for many who have children.

While the Department for Education (DfE) will be paying for the additional hours of childcare that working parents access, the Act makes it the statutory duty of local authorities to ensure that all eligible families can take up the funded hours they want.

To support the Local Authority in providing enough places for all eligible children, they are asking families with children under 5 to complete a short survey looking at what childcare they use already and what childcare they would be looking to access from 2017 if eligible for the extended entitlement. You are able to access the survey at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/30hours](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/30hours) but if you require a hard copy then the office will happily provide you with one.

### Maths in Action at Duxford

Some of you may remember that back in May we were celebrating the success of some of Year 5 mathematicians who had won their heat of the Cambridgeshire County Council Primary Maths Challenge.

On Monday evening our team of marvellous mathematicians set off to compete in the final at the Imperial War Museum, Duxford. The 130 original teams had been whittled down to just 30 finalists! In a highly charged atmosphere the children drew on all their maths skills and stamina to complete a series of very complex problems in and around the vintage aircraft in the Air Space hangar. Not only were the children fantastic ambassadors for our school but they came a very decent fifth place. A very big well done to them all, we are so very proud of them.



### Tennis tactics



This week, representatives from the Cambourne Tennis club visited the children during assembly. They informed them about the exciting upcoming expansion of the club which will include new courts being built. The Tennis Club is hoping to run a club at Monkfield Park in the Autumn term and is keen to get as many children as possible involved in this kind of activity. Membership until the end of March 2017 is just £5 per person which seems like an offer that is too good to be missed. For more details please contact Alex Button on 07850031172 or by e-mailing [alex@overandin.com](mailto:alex@overandin.com).

### Year 3 visit West Stowe

Year 3 had a grand day out to the West Stowe Anglo-Saxon Village. A great time was had by all children and accompanying adults. We also consolidated our topic learning from this term in a hands on way. We handled artefacts, tried on costumes and explored a real Anglo-Saxon village! Behaviour was exemplary and children showed off their knowledge enthusiastically. They were a real credit to Monkfield Park. Other visitors and staff at the village remarked on what a well behaved group we were and how proud we must be! Indeed we are!

