

# Newsletter 30

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## Safety in the Sun

The warm weather has been welcomed by us all this week after a long, hard Winter. We are very fortunate to have our wonderful field where the children can run and play. However, it can get very hot and we are aware of how damaging exposure to the sun can be.

During the hot weather please can you ensure that your child has the following in school:

- A water bottle so that they can remain properly hydrated throughout the day (please name your child's bottle);
- A sun hat;
- Sunscreen (please name your child's bottle).

## Year 2 Florence Nightingale Day



We know that children learn best when they are fully immersed in a topic so we try to provide them with inspirational opportunities to live and breath the history topics they are learning about through our 'Wow History Days'. This week Year 2 were transported back to 1854 where they found themselves in the middle of the Crimean War. Visiting Scutari Hospital they joined 'the Lady with the lamp', Florence Nightingale, in her mission to treat many of the injured and sick casualties. The children set to cooking wholesome meals for the wounded soldiers, providing clean and hygienic wards, and teaching the trainee nurses about the importance of keeping rats and

other vermin out of the hospital. Having made their own lamps, the children brought comfort to many of their patients as they patrolled the wards with Florence. Everyone had a great time in their role-play, learning many new facts and developing a better understanding of the important role Florence Nightingale played in developing the country's Health Service and the modern standards of nursing.



## Mending Words

The children in Violet and Indigo classes were so enthused by their work with Florence Nightingale learning how to heal human patients, their teachers decided to extend this into other areas of their learning. In their grammar lessons the children have been learning about apostrophes of omission, which can be quite a tricky thing to grasp, so they were set the challenge of mending words. I think you'll agree that their word repairing was very successful.

## Year 4 Stibbington Visit

Children in Year 4 travelled to the village of Stibbington this week to discover what life was like for evacuees during the second world war. Arriving at the railway station, clutching their gas mask cases, the children waited expectantly to receive their luggage labels which gave them their new identity for the day and to discover where they would be billeted. At the school they learnt about rationing and played with period toys in addition to traditional lessons in singing, spelling and arithmetic. The highlight of the visit was the air raid which featured planes, bombing and a visit to the air raid shelter.



## Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you what they do at different times of the day e.g. I have lunch at 12 o'clock.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you how camels and polar bears have adapted to their habitats.

Ask your Year 2 child to recall the life of Florence Nightingale in chronological order.

Ask your Year 3 child to describe the important features of a clock.

Ask your Year 4 child to give examples of when formal and informal language are used .

Ask your Year 5 child what are the conditions needed for an iron or steel nail to rust?

Ask your Year 6 child to tell you the events which make up a decathlon.

## Head Teacher Roll of Honour

Thank you to the following children who have done much to make our school a supportive and caring place this week through their example of hard work kindness.

Jake in Pegasus Class—Jake never complains or makes a fuss. He has a 'can do attitude' towards every challenge he is faced with and has shown true resilience and great perseverance.

Carlijn in Lacerta Class—I am always amazed by Carlijn's enthusiasm for her learning and how she is always keen to help and support others. She has such a positive attitude and strives to consistently produce excellent work.

Harry in Phoenix Class—Harry has a strong moral code and always stands up for what he believes to be right. In addition he works extremely hard and has an amazing determination to succeed.

Lily-Rose in Green Class—not only is Lily-Rose working hard to improve her work, she has such a positive attitude to everything we do in school which makes her a delight to teach.

## Pop Up Museum

Way back in September, Year 6 visited the archaeological excavations which took place adjacent to the Village College. Led by Oxford Archaeology East and funded by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the excavation of the Iron Age/Romano British homestead gave a fascinating insight into the history of Cambourne. Following on from the excavations the students at the Village College designed and curated their own museum to show-

case the excavation and the finds. Our Year 5 children visited last Friday and were most impressed by the interactive displays. They thoroughly enjoyed having the

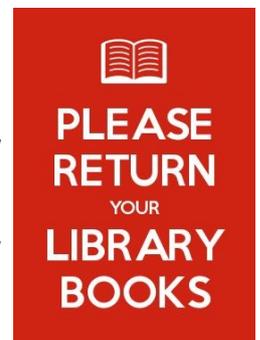
opportunity to talk to the students about their discoveries and trying their hands at the many activities on offer such as reconstructing pots.



## Library Book Amnesty

A recent audit of our library system has revealed many children have had the same books on loan since September! This can cause problems as many of the books are very popular titles which are frequently requested by the children. In addition the system may not allow children to take out more books if they have reached their quota .

We would be grateful if you could search your book shelves at home to see if you have any books with a Monkfield Park stamp hiding there. Any outstanding loans can be returned to the school office or your child can hand them to Mrs Askew in the school library.



## Forthcoming Dates

14th—17th May—KS2 SATs week

21st—25th May—PGL week for Year 6

22nd May—Reception performance

23rd May—Reception performance

23rd May—Year 4 History Wow Day

24th May—Reception Come and Share

24th May—Headteacher's Drop In 3 –4pm

24th May—Burwell House Information Evening

25th May—last day of half term

4th June—INSET Day

5th June—Children return to school

5th and 6th June—Burwell House residential for Year 4

7th June—Headteacher's Drop In 10—11am

11th—15th June—Phonics check week

11th—15th June—Healthy Lifestyles Week

21st June—KS2 Sports Day (Reserve 22nd June)

21st June—Headteacher's Drop In 2 –3pm

28th June—KS1 Sports Day (Reserve 29th June)

3rd July—Year 6 performance

4th July—Year 6 performance

5th July -Headteacher's Drop In 10—11am

13th July—Reports sent out to parents/carers

16th July—Reports Drop In Session

19th July—Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

19th July—Headteacher's Drop In 2 –3pm

19th July—Year 6 Leavers 'Party

20th July— Last day of Summer term

21st July—INSET day, children not in school

## Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre Holiday Club

Over the half-term holiday period the Care and Learning Centre holiday club will be running from 8am to 6pm daily. The Holiday Clubs are charged by the hour which enables parents and carers to book hours to suit their needs. The minimum chargeable unit is one hour and all sessions will be charged by the hour. Children who attend for full days or over lunchtime will also need to bring a nut-free packed lunch.

The current cost of Holiday Club sessions is £4.95 per child per hour for children aged 3 to 11 years and £5.55 per hour for children aged from 2 until the term after their third birthday. There is a £30 once-only registration fee for children who are not already registered at the Care and Learning Centre for out of school clubs.

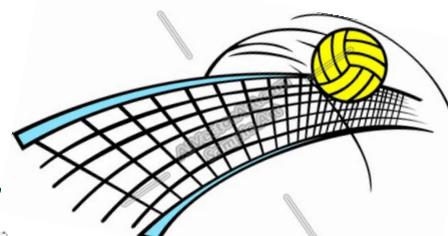
Below is a list of the many exciting activities that have been arranged for the children who will be attending the Care and Learning Centre over the holiday period. If you would like further information or to book a place at the Holiday Club for your child/children please contact the Care and Learning Centre.

### May Half-Term Holiday Club Schedule 2018

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>Tuesday 29th May 2018</b> Foodie Fun	Potato printing	Bake a cookie	Decorate your cookie	Mud and sand pies!
<b>Wednesday 30th May 2018</b> Games Day	Cricket	Water volley ball	Paper chase	Design a game
<b>Thursday 31st May 2018</b> Bugs and beasties	Bug hunt	Design your bug	Model your bug	Scavenger hunt
<b>Friday 1st June 2018</b> Music and Drama	Create a show with your friends	Song and dance routines	Show time!	After show party

If you would like to book any sessions or have any questions about the Holiday Club please do not hesitate to contact the Care & Learning Centre on 01954 273301 or by email :

[clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk)



## Summer Fete — Volunteers/Donations Needed— Saturday 23rd June—12-4pm

The Summer Fete is getting ever closer and we have a long To Do list! We need your help to make it a success and are looking for the following—

- ♦ Volunteers to help make up a Poster to advertise the Fete, if anyone has any expertise in this area and is happy to help then please do get in touch asap!
- ♦ Volunteers to help with contacting local businesses about donating Raffle Prizes for the Fete.
- ♦ Volunteers to help out on the stalls on the day and also with setting up and clearing away—If you can help for half an hour even that will be a major help!
- ♦ Arena Acts to perform on the day, if you are part of a local group that would like to perform at the fete then please do let us know.
- ♦ Donations of Full Bottles of Wine for the Water & Wine Stall
- ♦ Donations of any unwanted gifts/items for the Tombola.
- ♦ Donations of pre-loved Cuddly Toys
- ♦ Donations of Items for the Mystery Bags—Pocket Money Toys, Stationery, Stickers, Hair Accessories, Wrapped Sweets, Bouncy Balls, left over Party Favours etc. Please make sure all of these items are new and unused.

Please remember with any donations that we are a nut free school and check expiry dates are for after July!

All donations and offers of help can either go to the School office or email us at [friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com) or get in touch though our Facebook page. Thank you in advance for your help!

