

# Newsletter 4

Friday 1st November 2019

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## Term & Holiday Club Dates

The pre-school closes for Christmas at 3.00 pm on Wednesday 18th December and re-opens at 9.00 am on Monday 6th January 2020.

We are closed on Friday 3rd January 2020 for a Training day in line with Monkfield Park Primary School.

Our Holiday Club will be open on the 19th, 20th, 23rd & 24th December from 8.00 am until 6.00 pm daily and sessions are charged by the hour so you can book to suit your needs.



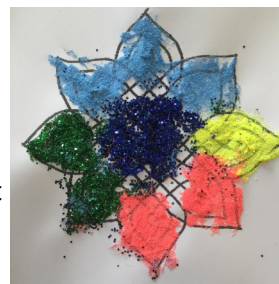
## 3 & 4 Year Old Room News

This week we have busy learning about Diwali.

The children have made beautiful diva lights and colourful rangoli patterns using chalk, sand and glitter.

We listened to the story of Rama and Sita and also sang a Diwali song.

Ask your child if they can sing it to you at home.



## 2 Year Old Room News

The children in Room 2 have had a busy start to the new half-term. We have been talking about Halloween & Bonfire Night and have made some lovely firework pictures which are proudly displayed on the wall.

Morrison's have kindly donated some plants and bulbs and we have been busy adding these to our outdoor area.



### Naming Items



Please ensure you clearly name all of your child's items such as hats, coats, scarves, gloves and wellington boots.

Some children have the same lunch boxes and water bottles so it is really helpful if these can also be clearly named on the outside so the adults can identify who they belong to.



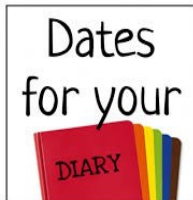
### September 2020 Reception Class Places

The application process for children due to start primary school in September 2020 began on 12 September 2019. The national closing date for applications is 15 January 2020. Any applications received after this time will be late and considered only in May 2020, after all "on-time" applications, so it is very important that parents do apply by the closing date.



Parents & Carers are invited to contact Monkfield Park Primary School on 01954 273377 or by email using [office@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk) to arrange a Reception tour prior to making their decision on which school to choose and submitting their application.

### Dates for your Diary



We hope you all had a lovely half term—we have enjoyed hearing about what the children did. We would like to welcome our new children and their families to the pre-school and look forward to getting to know them over this next half term. We have a busy time ahead and would like to inform you of key dates between now and Christmas. Further details will follow.

- ◆ Between now & 18th November you will receive a copy of your child's autumn term summative assessment by email.
- ◆ w/c 18th November - 1:1 Parent/Carer consultations will take place. A booking sheet will be available in the entrance hall w/c 11th November for you to sign up.
- ◆ Monday 16th December (1.30 pm - 3.00 pm) and Tuesday 17th December (9.00 am - 10.30 am) we will be holding 'Stay & Play' sessions which you are invited to come along to.

### Headlice

Please check your child's hair regularly for headlice  
There is no need to buy expensive treatments, as it is more effective to use a lice comb to remove any live lice as well as eggs. Please don't forget that the whole family needs to be checked and that bedding should be thoroughly washed. More information and support can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



### Children in Need 2020

On Friday 15th November we will be supporting the annual Children in Need event.

Children are invited to come to pre-school dressed in individual or colour combinations of red, blue, green and yellow in return for a £1.00 donation. There will be a box for donations in your child's base room on the day.



### attendance MATTERS

#### Absences

Please remember to inform us by 9.30 am if your child is going to be absent, arriving late or being collected early from any session they are booked to attend. If we haven't heard from you by this time we will try to contact you to find the reason for the absence using the numbers given on your child's admission form.

You can let us know by phone 01954 273301 (please leave a message if no-one is available to take your call) or via email using [clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk)

Hot meals can be cancelled and credited if we are informed of the absence by 9.30 am.

### 'Friends' of Monkfield Park



Friends of Monkfield Park (FOMP) was set up to support the School and Care & Learning Centre and over the years we have raised thousands of pounds which has been spent on equipment and resources to enhance the children's educational experience and the school's facilities.

We are about much more than just fundraising though – FOMP also exists to provide closer links between home and school and is an excellent way to bring staff, parents & friends together in support of the school for a common goal, whilst also having some fun!. All parents and members of the school community are encouraged to get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time available. Any offer of help no matter what it is, is invaluable to us whether its manning a table at a sale, helping at the annual fete, sourcing prizes/donations, making a poster or even helping shifting stuff from our shed! We couldn't do the events that we do without everyone's help!

Over the last few years we have raised over £10,000 each year which goes straight back into the school. We have donated items such as the Trim Trail Equipment, the shaded benches on the field, building the Reception classes playground and also funded things such as Guided Reading Books, items for Golden Time for the children and we annually contribute towards Coaches for school trips. Last year we contributed £13,000 towards the Library refurbishment which has just been completed, it looks great and will benefit children at the school for years to come! This year we will primarily be fundraising towards the re-development of the Care & Learning Centre's outdoor areas. Get in touch if you would like to help out in any way at [friendsofmonkfield-park@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmonkfield-park@gmail.com) or follow our Facebook Page!

### 48 Hours Sickness Policy



Please be reminded that if your child has vomited they must not return to the Care & Learning centre until 48 hours after the last bout of vomiting.

The 48 hour policy also applies if your child has had dihorrea.

Thank you for your co-operation.