

# Newsletter 2

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## WHAT'S NEW AT MONKFIELD PARK CARE AND

We are always looking for ways to improve at the Care and Learning Centre and are pleased to be able to tell you about recent changes that we have made and are continuing to work on:

- Themes – we have revisited the themes for learning in the Care and Learning Centre to better reflect what the children enjoy learning about and are enthused about. This half term the children are learning about 'animals'. We look forward to sharing their learning and achievements with you.
- Planning and provision – we have adapted our planning in each room to ensure that it mirrors what the children need to do next to help them learn. We are focussing particularly upon providing engaging table top activities that allow us to extend children's thinking and understanding through careful questioning.
- Flooring – we are hoping to use some of our budget to replace all of the indoor flooring in the Care and Learning Centre rooms.

Watch this space for further developments to look forward to.

## General Information

We have now welcomed our new children and their families to our setting. We hope your child is enjoying their time with us. Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any questions about the setting.. Any requests for changes to sessions must be received in writing or via email using

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

Please ensure you collect your child on time at the end of their sessions; if for any reason you are going to be late please ring and let us know.

Also, please let us know if someone different will be collecting your child. We will not let a child go with someone we are not expecting. If someone unexpected comes to collect your child we will ring you using the contact numbers provided to authorise the pick up. Please note that we do not allow anyone under sixteen years of age to collect children from the Care and Learning Centre pre-school.

## Outdoor Play



Remember that we play outside everyday-whatever the weather. Please send your child with suitable clothing for outdoor play. Our mud kitchens are always popular and children's clothes may get dirty, so we ask that you send your child in clothes they are comfortable in and won't be worried if they get them dirty.

A bag of named spare clothes can be kept on your child's peg.

### Change of Details

If any of your contact details change, please ensure you let us know; this can be done by letter, email using [clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk) or by completing a 'Change of Details' slip available from the rack in the entrance hall by the door into Room 2.

### Children's Work

The children work very hard creating mark-making and producing drawings and paintings for their parents and family. These works of art are available to take home from your child's base room, and we ask that you could collect any of your child's work by the Friday of each week.



We have very limited space available in which to store the children's work, so any work that remains uncollected each Friday will be disposed of.

Larger items of the children's work may already have been photographed for inclusion in their Learning Journeys.



### Snacks & Meals

Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre is a nut free environment and we also promote Healthy Eating. Children who attend the pre-school are offered fresh fruit and milk or water during their sessions. Due to the severe nature of allergies some of the children have we do not allow parents/carers to send in snacks for children during the sessions. Also we cannot accept sweets, cakes etc. on your child's birthday to share, as the children who cannot have such things become upset and may not understand why. If your child has any specific dietary requirements that you did not indicate on their admission form, please let us know.

Children who stay for lunch receive a 2 course meal which is prepared by the school kitchen; this is nutritionally balanced and meets Cambridgeshire County Council's requirements. The cost of the meal is £2.30 per day and the menu rotates over a three week period. You can view the menu on line at:

<http://www.cambridgeshireccs.co.uk>.

If you would like any further information about lunchtimes or snacks please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

### Staff News



On 2nd October we will be saying goodbye and good luck to Miss Folkes, who is off to pursue a new venture. Miss Folkes has worked at the Care & Learning Centre for nearly 2 years and I am sure you will join us in wishing her all the best for the future.

### Wanted!!!



If you have any unwanted metal spoons, keys, bells or other metal objects we would welcome any donations to use in our outdoor musical areas. Please hand any donations in at the office.



### Toys

Please encourage your child to leave their own toys at home.

Children become upset if their own things get lost or broken when they bring them in to the setting. Staff are not responsible for children's own toys and do not always have time to look for missing items.



**The theme in the setting for this half term is Animals**

#### Ask your child in Room 1.....



- ◆ about The Animal Bop they have been reading
- ◆ about the sounds the animals make
- ◆ how animals move

#### Ask your child in Room 2.....

- ◆ about Dear Zoo they have been reading
- ◆ about the animal stencils they have been drawing
- ◆ about the prints they made with the animals' feet



### Lost Property



If your child has lost an article of clothing, please check out our Lost Property bin. It is overflowing with mislaid and unclaimed items, some of which would have been very expensive to purchase.

These items will be retained until October half term and after that our lost property bin will be emptied and any remaining items will be disposed of.

### Dear children in Room 1 and Room 2

We would very much like it if you could bring in a picture of you and your pets (if you don't have any then a picture of your favorite teddy) at home for our animal displays this half term.

