

# Newsletter 29

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## Celebrating the Coronation

As I write this we are preparing to celebrate the forthcoming coronation of King Charles on Saturday. This is the first coronation to have taken place since 1953 so we have been learning about the pageantry, the ceremonies and the tradition which will mark this momentous occasion. Whilst the coronation ceremony will be rooted in history and the longstanding traditions we have been learning about, it will also reflect the monarch's role today and the diversity of our society. This afternoon we will be celebrating with our very own traditional party - hopefully coming together on the field as a whole school if the weather is kind. The children will be playing a range of traditional games and enjoying some delicious coronation cupcakes produced by Mrs Tucker and the wonderful team from Dolce and an ice cream provided by the Friends of Monkfield Park. Hopefully, we will have lots of photographs to share with you in next week's newsletter. However you are celebrating I wish you a long weekend filled with joy and hopefully sunshine.

Mrs Howell

## Year 4 Visit Burwell House

Earlier this week some of our Year 4 children, took their very first overnight trip away from their families to take part in the amazing outdoor opportunities on offer as part of their Burwell House residential experience. Burwell House, a beautiful 18th century house, is in the historic village of Burwell. The children were eager to be involved in all aspects of their stay, learning alongside and from each other. For those who loved problem solving, there was plenty of opportunity to put this to the test as the children had to complete an orienteering course around the extensive grounds of Burwell House. Team building was a major focus of the whole visit and children also had to work out how to complete a range of fascinating challenges. Other activities included an exploration of the historic village of Burwell, playing the famous Burwell Fox game and creating natural sculptures. The children had a wonderful time and returned to school feeling happy if a little tired.





Burwell House





### Introducing the Governors

As promised in last week's newsletter. each week I will be introducing some of the members of our governing body.

The current Vice Chair of the governing body is Jane Crowden. Jane is our Local Authority Governor and brings a huge wealth of educational expertise to the governing body. Jane is also the link governor for safeguarding, health and safety and inclusion, including SEND.

Jane joined the Governing Body in March 2018 and serve as a Local Authority Governor having enjoyed a long career in education, as a teacher, a senior leader, and as a Local Authority Adviser. Now retired, Jane has been putting her experience and expertise to good use, helping to continue to develop Monkfield Park Primary as a school where all children are challenged to achieve the highest standards of which they are capable. Jane says, "whilst working for the Local Authority it was always a pleasure to make occasional visits to Monkfield Park, and it has been exciting to see the school grow from its early beginnings as the first school in the new village of Cambourne to the lively, vibrant and well-established community that it now is.'



Janet Sparrow is one of our newest governors having become a Co-opted Governor in October 2022. Janet also brings a huge wealth of educational experience to her role having enjoyed a long career in this country, The Bahamas and the USA. She was a teacher, secondary school deputy head teacher and Local Authority Education Manager before spending a number of years working in hospice care.



On retirement, Janet and her husband moved to Spain to pursue their love of travel, language and culture. They returned to England in April 2022 and, on moving to Cambourne, Janet told us. "I was keen to contribute to my new community. I want to use my knowledge and experience to further develop the strategic direction of Monkfield Park Primary School and to help ensure that its high standards continue to enable every child to achieve their best."

### Headteacher Drop Ins

Mrs Howell, the Headteacher, will be offering parent drop ins for anyone who wishes to discuss any aspect of school life throughout the Summer term. The dates can be found below, but please remember that these are offered on a first come, first served basis and you may therefore have to wait to be seen if there are a number of people waiting to meet with Mrs Howell.

Friday 17th May 8.30—9.30 am

Wednesday 5th July 4.30—5.30pm

Thursday 8th June 4.00—5.00pm

Monday 17th July 2.00—3.00pm

Tuesday 20th June 9.30—10.30am



### **FORTHCOMING DATES SUMMER TERM 2023**

8th May	Bank Holiday to celebrate the King's coronation
9th May	Children return to school
9th to 12th May	Key Stage 2 SATS week
16th May	Year 5 performance at 2pm
17th May	Wellbeing Wednesday (Reception and KS1)
18th May	Year 5 performance at 6pm
19th May	Blue Class Assembly
22nd to 26th May	PGL week for Year 6
24th May	Reception Summer Singing Performance at 9.30 am
25th May	Reception Summer Singing Performance at 2.00 pm
26th May	Break the Rules day
26th May	Break up for Half Term
5th June	INSET Day
7th June	Wellbeing Wednesday (KS2)
15th June	Whole School Tudor WOW Day
16th June	Class photographs
20th June	Year 3 performance at 2.00 pm
21st June	Reception and KS1 Sports Day (Reserve Sports day on 23rd June)
22nd June	Year 3 performance at 2.00 pm
23rd June	Phoenix Class Assembly
28th June	Key Stage 2 Sports Day (Reserve Sports Day on 4th July)
30th June	Cygnus Class assembly
5th July	Reception Come and Share
6th July	New Reception parent evening
7th July	Reports sent out to parents and carers
11th July	Year 6 performance at 6.00 pm
12th July	Year 6 reports and SATS results sent out to parents and carers
13th July	Year 6 performance at 6.00 pm
18th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 10.00 am
19th July	Last day of the Summer term and school year

# Headteacher Roll of Honour

Each week this space will provide a celebration of those children who may be especially noticed for demonstrating learning or behaviour that we feel should be recognised and commended. This week I would like to congratulate:

All the children in Delphinus and Pegasus Class: You have all worked so incredibly hard since joining Year 6 in September. We have all been constantly blown away by your enthusiasm for your learning, your perseverance when you have found things tricky and your resilience in always finding those learning points in your mistakes and using them to move forward. In addition, how you always try your hardest in everything you do. We all know how incredible you all are but next week is your opportunity to show everyone that you are truly amazing. Go for it, stay cool and be your usual brilliant selves.



## Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you what sites they might see on a tour bus around London.

Ask your Year 1 child to name the parts of a plant.

Ask your Year 2 child what they think came first, the chicken or the egg?

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you how many ways they can partition a whole number into fractions.

Ask your Year 4 child to tell you what £3.64 is in pence and how they worked it out.

Ask your Year 5 child to tell you which their favourite Ancient Greek god is and give their reasons.

Ask your Year 6 child to name as many features of poetry as they can.

### Nail Varnish and Jewellery—A Further Reminder

Please can we remind you that children are not permitted to wear nail varnish in school. We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child removes all makeup and nail varnish before coming to school. I have had to remind a number of children about removing nail varnish this week.

The only items of jewellery permitted to be worn are wrist watches, cultural or religious adornments and studs for pierced ears, all of which MUST be removed during school PE lessons, for health and safety reasons. The school cannot accept responsibility for removing or storing studs and items that are removed cannot be stored communally to avoid contagion/infections. The Local Authority PE advisor has informed us that silicone studs, such as the ones pictured here, can be worn safely in PE lessons. These can be purchased online from Amazon or Claire's Accessories.





For general queries regarding the Care and Learning Centre, please contact the school office by e-mail on: [clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk) or by telephoning 01954 273377.

To speak with a member of the Care and Learning Centre staff please telephone 01954 273301

### Room News

This week the children have been busy preparing for our coronation party. We have decorated the room, made crowns, Union Jack flags and listened to the National Anthem. Some of the children have also taken this learning into their child-initiated play and produced some amazing pictures and collages of kings and queens. Today we had such an exciting day! First, we pretended to be kings and queens ourselves! The children from both rooms then got together for some party food and games. We hope that you all have a wonderful bank holiday weekend celebrating the King's coronation with your families.



### Head Lice

There have been some recent cases of head lice in the preschool. We would be grateful if you could all check through your child's hair using conditioner and a nit comb over this weekend, and treat if necessary, following the advice in last week's main newsletter.

Many thanks.

*Jane Turner, Early Years Teacher*