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Welcome to Reception

It was wonderful to meet so many of you at the 'Meet the Teacher Evening' on Monday. Thank you for taking time out of your busy lives to come to school to find out what the expectations and routines are for your child's new year group so that you can help them to navigate their way through the school year. We really appreciate the support we receive from you and value the strong partnerships between home and school. We will be posting the PowerPoint presentations for each year group on the website, so please do take the time to read through the important information for each class if you were unable to attend the evening.

Monday was a very special day for our new Reception children as they began their learning journey with us at Monkfield Park. We hope it is a journey filled with excitement, joy and long lasting friendships for each one of them. It has been wonderful getting to know the youngest members of the school community and I hope that they are looking forward to being in school full-time from Monday.

With kindest wishes
Mrs Howell.

Wellingtons

Just a reminder that as the children will be playing on the field all year round they will need a pair of wellingtons or waterproof boots to change into at lunchtimes. This will be in addition to their school shoes which they will need to wear inside the school buildings and when the weather is dry. If you have any spare wellingtons which your children have grown out of we will be very happy to take them off your hands if you would like to donate them to school. Any donations of wellingtons can be left at the School Office. Please speak to us if you are experiencing problems sourcing wellingtons.



Name That Uniform!

Please can you ensure that all items of school uniform and equipment that your child needs for school are clearly named. This does not have to be a sewn in name tape and can simply be your child's name written in pen on the label. It makes it almost impossible to reunite lost/misplaced items with their owners without this. We already have a growing pile of brand new sweatshirts and cardigans which we cannot reunite with their owners as they are not named.





Would you like to know what the children do at playtime? Have you wondered what OPAL really looks like in practise?

We are excited to announce a very special OPAL event we will be holding on Monday 22nd September at 2pm. We would like to invite parents and carers to join us in school for a very special OPAL play event. Nicola, our OPAL mentor, will be giving a presentation about OPAL and our OPAL journey at 2pm. Following the presentation you will be able to join the children on the field for a special playtime event where you can experience OPAL for yourself with your child.

It would be wonderful if you can join us to experience OPAL for yourself and to see the huge benefits it has for the children.

Join the free, fun game!



This week representatives from Cambridgeshire County Council came to school to tell us about an exciting new initiative to encourage us all to get moving and discover more of Cambourne. Beat the Street is a free, fun initiative that will see Cambourne transformed into a giant game! See how far you can walk, cycle, run, scoot and wheel in just 4 weeks. There are great challenges to enjoy and prizes up for grabs. The game will start on Wednesday 24th September 2025 and end on Wednesday 22nd October 2025. Please look out for the information leaflet your child will be bringing home this week.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child tell you about their favourite story they have read in school this week.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you all about their new classroom.

Ask your Year 2 child to name three different types of farm.

Ask your Year 3 child to pick a three digit number and tell you the value of each digit.

Ask your Year 4 child to demonstrate one of the balances they worked on in PE this week.

Ask your Year 5 child to tell you the mnemonic to remember the position of the planets.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain how to use six point coordinates on an ordinance survey map.

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Headteacher – Mrs Annie Howell

**Deputy Pre-School Manager & Breakfast Club Manager (11.25 hours -
£28,598 pro rata) and Care & Learning Centre Assistant (25.75 hours -
£25,583 pro rata)**

The post below is required as soon as possible, term time only plus five training days.

We are looking for an enthusiastic, caring professional who is highly motivated and passionate about children's learning and well-being. You will be flexible, patient, have a can-do/roll up your sleeves attitude, together with a cheerful welcoming disposition to support the varying needs, challenges and ages of our children, who are the reason why we are here.

To be considered for shortlisting, you must meet the qualification criteria set by the DfE (a minimum NVQ level 3 qualification in childcare with 2 years supervisory experience, together with GCSE Maths & English qualifications at Grade 4/C). On a daily basis you will be working alongside the Pre-School Manager, and deputising for the Pre-School Manager as and when required during absences as a job share with the other Deputy Pre-School Manager.

This is a new post with a full training programme for the successful applicant, with very close links with Monkfield Park Primary School.

The 11.25 hours per week are worked between 7.45 am and 9.00 am, and deputising for the Pre-School Manager during their lunch break (one hour daily).

The 25.75 hours per week are worked 9.00 am to 4.15 pm (3.45 pm on a Friday).

Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The above post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Please call for an application pack. CV applications will not be considered. Visits are very welcome - please contact the school office. We look forward to you joining our team.

FORTHCOMING DATES

15th September—New Reception children in full time until 3.30pm

22nd September—OPAL presentation for parents and play session

22nd to 25th September—Bikeability Level 2 for Year 6 children

25th September—Flu vaccinations

26th September—Bikeability Level 1 for Year 4 children

26th September—Friends of Monkfield Park (FOMP) AGM at 3.30pm

1st October—Year 1 trip to Castle Headingham

3rd October—Harvest Festival

6th October—Individual photographs

10th October—Phoenix Class Assembly

14th October—Parent consultation evening

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE FOR Y6— 22nd October—Parent consultation evening for Year 6

23rd October—Parent consultation evening

20th October—Online Safety week

24th October—Break up for Half Term

27th to 31st October—HALF TERM

3rd November—Children return to school

26th to 28th November—Children's Art Gallery

9th December—Y1 and Y2 Christmas production

10th December—Y1 and Y2 Christmas production

16th December—Y4 Christmas Carol Concert

17th December—Y4 Christmas Carol Concert



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If you have a child who will be three in September you can book places for the Autumn term in our pre-school now. Graded Good by Ofsted in June 2024 we can provide 15/30 hours of funded provision with a qualified Early Years teacher and dedicated and supportive Early Years staff, in a caring and nurturing learning environment. We are open from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm during term time and welcome visits from parents and carers. Please contact the school office to arrange a visit and discover the Monkfield Way. Please contact us on: 01954 273377 or by e-mail: clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

Head Lice!

Although the term has just started, we have already been informed of a number of cases of head lice in school this week. As a mum, I appreciate what a scourge they are and how frustratingly difficult it is to break the cycle and banish these unwelcome visitors. We would appreciate your co-operation in managing this by thoroughly checking your child's hair each week and treating where necessary. There is no need to buy expensive treatments, as it is just as effective to apply conditioner to wet hair and use a lice comb to remove any live lice and eggs. Please don't forget that the whole family needs to be checked at the same time and that bedding should be thoroughly washed. More information and support can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



Reception 2026 Tours



We appreciate that selecting the right school for your child is not an easy decision to make. Each parent and carer is looking for a school that will make the educational experience as motivating and rewarding as possible for their child. To help you make this important decision we would like to welcome parents and carers into school to see at first hand what makes Monkfield Park such a special place to learn. We are offering a number of parent tours so that you can see the school in action and talk with the Headteacher and staff.

Please join us for one of our parent tours which can be booked by contacting the school office on 01954 273377 or by email :office@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk The tour dates are:

Thursday 18th September at 10am

Tuesday 30th September at 2pm

Friday 10th October at 9.30am

Wednesday 22nd October at 2pm

Thursday 13th November at 5pm

Tuesday 25th November at 10am

Friday 5th December at 2pm

Thursday 11th December at 10am

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful school and hope you will join us for one of the tours. If you are unable to make any of these dates, please contact the school office and we will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient date for you to visit the school and meet Mrs Howell, the Headteacher.



For general queries regarding the Care and Learning Centre, please contact the school office by e-mail on: 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

Welcome Back Everyone!

Welcome back everyone, and an especially warm welcome to our 13 new children and their families starting with us this term! The returning children settled back really well after the Summer break and have had a great time reconnecting with their friends and exploring all the resources we have on offer. Last week, staff carried out Home Visits for all of our new children and then they each came for a short Starter Session. This week they have been beginning to extend their hours and stay for longer. It's been lovely to begin to get to know them as they settle in. We can't wait for the exciting term ahead!

Welly Boots

Autumn is fast approaching, and the children will soon be needing to wear welly boots out in the garden. Please ensure that you send in a clearly named pair of welly boots for your child to keep at pre-school. Thank you!

Evidence Me

Hopefully by now, you have all managed to set up an account with Evidence Me, our online observation and information sharing platform. We hope you have enjoyed seeing photos of what your children are getting up to at preschool. Please remember to comment on the observations to let us know your feedback, as this is really important to us and helps us to work in partnership.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Jane Turner
Early Years Teacher
Pre-School Manager