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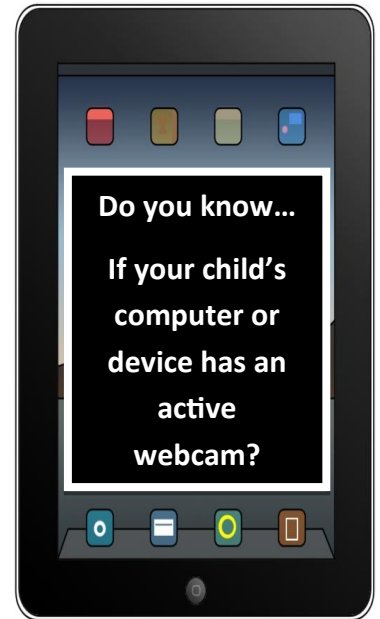
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Harvest Festival at Monkfield Park

This year we are delighted to be supporting another local charity during our harvest festival, which we will be celebrating throughout the week of **5th October** during collective worship. We have chosen the Cambridge city foodbank organisation as the recipient of all of our harvest collections. The food bank is run by volunteers in Cambridge at five distribution centres. They offer food for local people in crisis as well as directing people to other agencies that may be able to support them with any other problems they are facing. A letter will be sent to you in due course with suggestions for harvest donation items which they are especially in need of. Further information about the charity can be found on their website which is www.cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk



Forthcoming dates

w/c 5th October—Harvest Festival

Friday 9th October at 9.00am—Lacerta Class assembly

Friday 16th October at 9.00am—Violet Class assembly

14th October—Parent consultation evening (details to follow)

19th October—Individual photos

22nd October—Parent consultation evening (details to follow)

23rd October—INSET day

w/c 26th October—Half term

3rd November—Flu vaccinations for Y1 & 2 children

13th November—Children in Need

16th November—anti bullying week

4th December at 9.00am—Indigo class assembly

8th December at 10.00am—Year 3/4 carol concert

9th December at 2.00pm—Year 3/4 carol concert

9th December at 10am—Year 1 Nativity

10th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity

10th December at 6pm—Year 3/4 carol concert

11th December—Christmas lunch

17th December—Christmas parties

18th December—last day of Autumn term

4th January—INSET day (school closed to children)

5th January children return

Local MP visits Monkfield Park

On Thursday of this week, we were visited by the local MP for South Cambridgeshire Heidi Allen. Heidi came to the school to congratulate staff and children on winning 'Primary School of the Year 2015' and to look at the way in which Monkfield Park serves the children and families within its community. Heidi was impressed by the range of learning opportunities that the children are given and described the school as an 'inspirational place' for children to learn. Heidi visited each and every classroom and gave children the opportunity to ask questions about her job as a member of parliament. We were able to tell her about the exciting cross curricular lessons that happen at the school as well as how we use the school budget creatively to that children have access to a wide range of experiences and resources at the school and to ensure that they reach the ambitious goals which we all set ourselves. She even invited us to the Houses of Parliament, so watch this space!



Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to show different body actions of different parts of their body.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you about the Harvest song they have been learning.

Ask your Year 2 child which materials Andy Goldsworthy used in his artwork.

Ask your Year 3 child to work out how long it will take to get somewhere (by car/ bus/train), using the 24 hour clock.

Ask your Year 4 child to describe the difference between fiction and non fiction texts.

Ask your Year 5 child if they believe the Highway Man was a hero or a villain.

Ask your Year 6 child about the traditional flavours of Caribbean cooking.

Head Teacher roll of honour

During assembly this week we talked about the importance of following instructions as soon as they are given. The following children have demonstrated that they are excellent role models for this and should be congratulated.

- Annie from Blue Class—You have shown superb listening skills in assembly every single day this week.
- Elliott from Cygnus Class—It was a pleasure to hear you giving your ideas about how to maintain the school rules.
- Lauren from Delphinus Class—For helping Reception children to follow instructions on the walking bus (not an easy task)!

Friends of Monkfield Park

NOTICE OF OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will take place on Wednesday 4th November at 3.45pm. Please look out for more details in book bags over the coming week.

We have mentioned in the last few newsletters the election of the Friends of Monkfield Park, Core Committee. If you would like to know about what would be involved in a committee role or other roles in Friends of Monkfield Park or perhaps you have ideas for fundraising this year. Please get in touch with us. We would love to hear from you.

BAGS2SCHOOL

Our next collection will be on Thursday 22nd October. Please gather together any clean clothing in reasonable condition, soft toys, shoes (tied together please), belts and purses. Bags will be distributed in due course.

INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

We will shortly be joining a programme to raise funds by recycling printer cartridges within the school and from your homes. Please can you set aside any you have used for us! We will also be able to accumulate points on a green scheme which the school can use to acquire items for outside areas such as bulbs, trees, butterfly boudoirs, bird houses, hedgehog houses, bug boxes, toad hides, vegetable / herb garden equipment, gardening tools, bird tables and bird feeders. Information on this will follow once the scheme is up and running.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Christmas is just around the corner which means each time you shop online you could be earning precious pennies for our school. All you have to do is register with easy fundraising and they do the rest!

<http://m.easyfundraising.org.uk/monkfieldparkprimaryschool>

FOREIGN COINS

Thank you to those who brought in their coins, what a wonderful start! In order to change the coins into valuable funds we need a minimum weight of 5kg so please keep your donations coming in. There is no final deadline for this ongoing fundraising. US\$ and Euro coins especially give an excellent return but any foreign currency you couldn't change back because it was too small is most welcome.

GETTING INVOLVED

There is always an opportunity to get involved without further obligation, if you have a spare half hour we can use it!!

Please contact us via email friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com, via our Facebook page or through the school office.