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We Welcome Your Views

Last Friday, we launched our annual stakeholder questionnaires. These questionnaires are very important to us because they let us know how you, the parents and carers, think we are doing. Your feedback is a crucial part of your child's education and it is vital that you have the opportunity to tell us about what we do well and where we can make improvements. Our school community is very diverse and we want to ensure that we are meeting the needs of all our families wherever possible. We have acted on many of your suggestions in previous questionnaires including introducing mid-term reports, offering both in person and online parent consultations and improving playtimes for the children.

The children will also have the opportunity to complete their surveys in school so that we have their views too. There are separate questionnaires for School and the Care & Learning Centre and these will be available until 6.00 pm on Friday 20th June. The questionnaires can be accessed using the QR codes or via the link below.

We have reduced the number of questions to make the survey more manageable so please do take a few minutes to give us your views.

With best wishes

Mrs Howell

Head Lice Alert

This week we have been informed of a number of cases of head lice in school. Sadly, head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families as they spread by head-to-head contact.

We appreciate what a scourge these little beasts are once they are picked up and how frustratingly difficult it is to break the cycle and banish these unwelcome visitors. We would appreciate your co-operation in breaking the cycle 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 from the NHS site on:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



Parent Survey



Your Opinion Counts

School Parent/Carer Questionnaire 2025:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14aXQFDqYtGbmTKynKHbPZhidydx4Lr6UhNVwdE3yAdU/edit#responses>



Out of School Club Parent/Carer Questionnaire 2025:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TbVNC-8rvH-IRPK9rcOr2F2htkhs4vYz6GGawEKf7cU/edit>



We do hope you will take the time to complete the questionnaires as we value all your feedback and are always striving to make improvements where we possibly can.



BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

September will be with us before we know it, so now is the time to book your pre-school place for the Autumn term. 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

Staying Safe in the Sun

As the weather is beginning to get warmer the children are spending more time outside both for their learning and their break times. Please can you make sure that your child brings a named, re-fillable water bottle to school each day as it is very important that they keep hydrated. The children are able to fill their bottles from the drinking water taps in their classrooms. Squash is not allowed in water bottles as it is very damaging to children's teeth due to its acidity, high sugar content and/or artificial sweeteners.

When the weather is particularly warm and sunny it is also important that your child brings a sun hat and sun cream to school each day. We are unable to apply sun cream for your child so please apply some before coming to school in the morning and encourage your child to practise applying it themselves on exposed skin. Sun cream can contain nut oils so please can we ask that you check the ingredients before sending any creams into school as we have a number of children with severe nut allergies.



Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to pretend to be a mini beast. Can you guess which mini beast they are?

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you which fossils they have seen in class this week.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you some o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to times.

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you which countries Italy shares its borders with.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain how the digestive system works.

Ask your Year 5 child to recall the who, what, where, when and how from their newspaper articles.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain why their emotions change as they get older.

FORTHCOMING DATES SPRING TERM 2025

16th June—Year 5 trip to Warner Brothers' Harry Potter Studios

18th June—Key Stage 1 and Reception Sports Day

20th June—Lacerta Class assembly

20th June—Reserve Key Stage 1 and Reception Sports Day

24th June—New Reception Come and Play session at 9.30am

27th June—Aquila Class assembly

1st July—Key Stage 2 Sports Day

2nd July—Reserve Key Stage 2 Sports Day

2nd July—New Reception Parents' Evening

3rd July—Year 6 Transition Day at Cambourne Village College

4th July—Year 6 Transition Day at Cambourne Village College

7th July—School Council Ice Lolly Sale for HOPE International

8th July—School Council Ice Lolly Sale for HOPE International

9th July—School Council Ice Lolly Sale for HOPE International

8th July—Year 6 performance at 6pm

9th July—Year 4 World War 2 WOW Day

10th July—Mini-Medics sessions for Year 6

10th July—Year 6 performance at 6pm

11th July—Move up morning

11th July—End of year reports to parents

11th July—FOMP Summer event

14th to 18th July—Year 6 PGL residential trip

15th July—Year 2 Beach WOW Day

16th July—Reception Summer celebration

22nd July—Year 6 Leavers' assembly at 10am

23rd July— Last day of term

24th July to 2nd September—Summer holiday

1st September—Staff INSET day

2nd September—Staff INSET day

3rd September—Children return to school for the Autumn Term

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

Growing, Wiggly Caterpillars

Last week, the children were thrilled by the arrival of our five live caterpillars. When they first arrived, they were really tiny, but each day they have grown visibly bigger. We have been observing them carefully at Group Time and thinking of words to describe them. We put our ideas together and came up with the description that they are, "Black with white stripes, wiggly, spiky, getting bigger and they have webs around them".

The children are really looking forward to watching the life cycle progress over the next few weeks - observing the caterpillars form cocoons and change into butterflies. We will then release them into the pre-school garden.

Last week they looked like this...



This week they look like this.....



Pre-School parent/carers questionnaire

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Reception Transition Visits

We hope that the children who went to visit their new Reception Class at Monkfield Park Primary this week had a great time! The next two visits are in the mornings. If you would like to, you can take the children along to the visit yourself, or if you prefer and your child is at preschool that morning, staff at CLC will take them for the visit and bring them back to pre-school afterwards. For those children attending different schools, we are normally contacted by the Reception teachers to arrange for them to come and visit the children whilst they are at pre-school and chat to staff. We will let you know when this takes place.

Best wishes,

Jane Turner,
Early Years Teacher and Pre-School Manager