

Newsletter 31

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Parent drop ins for the remainder of the summer term

Please note the following dates which have been allocated to parent drop ins for parents during the remainder of the Summer term. Do remember that no appointment is necessary, just turn up! However, if a parent is being seen before you then you may have to wait. Drop ins are an opportunity to meet with the Head teacher about any aspects of school life.

7th June 1.30 pm—2.30 pm	27th June 8.00 am—9.00 am
14th June 3.30 pm—4.30 pm	5th July 8.00 am—9.00 am
19th June 2.30 pm—3.30 pm	11th July 4.00 pm—5.00 pm

Unwanted games, puzzles and indoor equipment

Do you have any board games, complete puzzles or indoor play equipment (such as Lego) that could be used for rainy days at Monkfield Park? If you do and you are willing to donate them, then please pass them on to your child's class teacher so that we can put them to good use for wet play breaks. A great way to have a half term sort out. Thank you!

Year 2 visit Woolsthorpe Manor



This week, Year 2 visited the birthplace and family home of Sir Isaac Newton who famously graduated from Cambridge University. Woolsthorpe Manor has an orchard and was a working



sheep farm. The children saw the very tree that inspired Newton's thinking about gravity and learnt that it must be over 351 years old. We understood why Isaac wouldn't have been a very good farmer (as his mother once wanted him to be) - he managed to lose himself in thought whilst 'watching' them which meant that his mother incurred a fine and on another occasion he left their horse behind when he went to market!

The highlight of the day was adding to our scientific knowledge by thinking about other forces that act against gravity, like air force, friction, centrifugal force and weather conditions, whilst building, flying and testing our own rockets. What a wonderful learning experience it was!

Year 4, World War II Day



Year 4 were transported back in time on Wednesday, coming to school dressed up as evacuees from World War II. They took part in a range of different activities and experiences, from cooking from a ration book to making gas masks and model Anderson Shelters. Some of the children even tried their hand at darning socks, which was a challenge for the adults as well. A really enjoyable and very different day!

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to describe an animal as part of a 'guess who?' game.

Ask your Year 1 child what the plants at school look like now and which parts have grown.

Ask your Year 2 child what their favourite part of their school trip was.

Ask your Year 3 child about different ways they can be safe.

Ask your Year 4 child what their favourite part of evacuee day was.

Ask your Year 5 child to tell you what makes them feel safe.

Ask your Year 6 child about their maths murder mystery.

Head Teacher roll of honour

Miles in Violet Class—Miles completed some fantastic writing this week, which kept us on the edge of our seats, with its gripping story line.

Harry in Indigo Class—Harry has been showing that he is able to understand the point of view of other people and to appreciate that we all have differences that should be celebrated.

Friends of Monkfield Park

NON UNIFORM DAY - "Bring a bottle" to school on Friday 9th June and you don't have to wear school uniform. We are looking for any type of bottles (non alcohol please) including drinks, ketchup, bubble bath etc. All bottles donated will be used at our Summer Fete.

BAKE SALE—Come along after school on **9 June** and support Year 6 who will be holding a healthy bake sale to raise funds for their leaving activities. We would welcome any donations of tasty treats (nut free) which we can sell at the sale. Please leave these at the office.



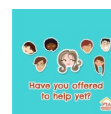
SUMMER FETE : SATURDAY 17 JUNE—Are you having a clear out over the half term? We would love to take any donations of good quality clean items we could use on our stalls:

- Teddies/soft toys
- Raffle donations
- Unwanted gifts
- Bottles of wine
- Bottles of anything for our hoopla stall (drinks, ketchup, bubble bath etc)



Are you able to help run a stall or game at our Summer Fete?

Please sign up on PTA Social <http://service.ptasocial.com/register/FOMP>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bake Sale Friday 9 June

Non Uniform Day (bring a bottle) Friday 9 June

Summer Fete Saturday 17 June

School shoes

Please be reminded that our school uniform requires black school shoes and not trainers. We are aware that some children are claiming to have broken their shoes and that they require replacements.

Dogs

Please be reminded that some of our children can be worried or frightened by dogs which are tied to the school gates. Unfortunately there has been an incident where a child was bitten by a dog and which caused injury. In the interests of the children's safety and to prevent dogs becoming distressed by the children at busy times of the day, please be mindful of where dogs are being tethered and whether they require supervision or not. Thank you for acting responsibly.

Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre Holiday Club

The Care & Learning Centre operates a Holiday Club during school holiday periods.

Holiday Club sessions are charged by the hour from 8.00 am until 6.00 pm daily which enables parents/carers to book hours to suit their needs (the minimum chargeable unit is one hour).

Children attending for full days or over lunchtime will need to bring a nut-free packed lunch. Also, we cannot heat or re-heat items sent in from home.

The cost of the Holiday Club will be £4.80 per child per hour for children aged 3 to 11 years and £5.41 per hour for children aged from 2 until the term after their third birthday.

(A one-off registration fee applies to register a child at the Care & Learning Centre).

The schedule for May half-term is detailed below.

May Half-Term Holiday Club Schedule 2017

Time and Date	10.00 am -12 noon	1.00 pm - 3.00 pm	3.30 pm - 5.00 pm	5.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Tuesday 30th May Mad Science Day	Concoctions Corner	Slime-ing Around!!	Static Magic	Making Parachutes
Wednesday 31st May Let's Get Physical	Outdoor Expedition	Obstacle Circuits	Newspaper Challenges	Team Games
Thursday 1st June Artist at Work	Giant Outdoor Paintings	Wax-Resist Creations	Creative Collages	Creative Colouring
Friday 2nd June The Natural World	Make a Miniature Garden	Treasure Hunt Challenge	Stick it!!!	Cloud Watching

If you would like to book any sessions or have any questions about the Holiday Club please do not hesitate to contact the Care & Learning Centre on 01954 273301 or by email clcof-fice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

Forthcoming dates

w/c 29th May—HALF TERM

5th June—INSET DAY (school closed to children)

6th June—Children return

6th & 7th June—Year 4 residential to Burwell House

7th June 6pm—Year 5 & 6 Sex and Relationships

9th June at 9am—Dorado Class assembly

9th June after school—Friends cake sale

w/c 12th June—Year 1 phonics checks

14th June—Year 5 visit Audley House

14th June 6pm—New Reception parents' evening

17th June—Summer fete

20th June—Year 4 Mini Olympics festival

21st June (a.m.) - Key Stage 2 sports day

23rd June (a.m.) - Key Stage 2 reserve sports day

27th June (a.m.) - Reception & Key Stage 1 sports day

30th June (a.m.) - Reception & Key Stage 1 reserve sports day

4th July 2pm—Year 6 performance

5th July 6pm—Year 6 performance

12th July (a.m.) Reception come and share event

14th July—Class swap morning

14th July—Reports sent home to families

17th July 3.30pm—Reports drop in for parents

19th July 10 am—Year 6 Leaver assembly

19th July—Year 6 Leaver party

20th July—Last day of term for children (end of term lunch)

21st July—INSET DAY (school closed to children)



Parenting courses

Because children don't come with instructions

Parenting Workshops
Monkfield Park Primary School

Aimed at offering Mum's and Dad's of children aged 4-11 years a supportive, informal environment, in which to gain information, knowledge and skills around parenting issues.

Parenting Styles – Tuesday 2nd May, 2pm-3pm
Parents Drop-In – Tuesday 6th June, 2pm-3pm
Understanding Challenging Behaviour- Tuesday 13th June, 2pm-3pm
Drop-In- Tuesday 27th June 2.00pm-3.00pm
Effective Discipline- Tuesday 11th July 2pm-3pm

Healthy Eating Recipes

Tandoori salmon with minted pea salad
(Serves 2)

2 tablespoons of tandoori powder
2 tablespoons of cold water
300 g of salmon fillet, skinned and cut in half
2 teaspoons of salt
Lettuce, cucumber, peas, mint leaves for the salad
2 tablespoons of natural yoghurt
Lemon wedges, to serve

Mix tandoori powder and water
Marinate the salmon in the mixture for at least an hour
Cook the peas and assemble the salad
Grill the salmon as required (overcooking will make it dry)
Serve the salmon with the salad, yoghurt and lemon wedges