

Newsletter 36

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End of term summing up

Since the end of term is next Thursday 22nd July, this will be the final newsletter of this academic year. As this eventful school year draws to a close, it is an opportunity to reflect upon how admirably our children, families and staff have coped with the ever changing landscape of education and with the new experiences and expectations that this year has presented. We are hopeful that the Autumn term brings with it a new sense of hope. We know that our families have appreciated us keeping everyone on an 'even keel' wherever possible and we are very grateful for all of the kind comments that have been passed on to us—these mean a lot in tricky times!

We continue to be immensely impressed with the resilience our children have shown. They have adapted so well to all of the changes that they have had to endure this year. Not least to our Reception children, who have had such an unusual start to school and our Year 6 children who worked so hard for their SATs that never happened. Thankfully, we don't need a numeric measure to see how capable and confident they have all become. Of course, it is time to say 'goodbye' and 'good luck' to our Year 6 leavers and to wish them well on their future endeavours. Once again, I have proudly watched this cohort enter our school, grow and finally fledge the nest with a huge sense of joy. Despite the circumstances of COVID, we were still able to enjoy our Year 6 production, aptly named 'What a year', during which the children looked back and forwards at events that will probably resonate with them for the rest of their lives! We look forward to wishing them a final farewell during our 'Leaver's Assembly' next week.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all well for the Summer break and on behalf of all of the staff at Monkfield Park to say a very heartfelt 'thank you' for all of your support over the course of this year.



Mrs Jarman



Year 4 sponsored drench

Staff from the school showed what good sports they were this week by taking part in a 'sponsored drench' all in the name of good fun and raising money for the Year 4 children. As reported in the newsletter last week, all classes have had to come up with ways of making £10 grow! The idea for the sponsored drench came from the children (of course) who thought that this would be an ingenious way of cutting down their overheads so that as much money as possible could be raised. Thanks to the entrepreneurial skills of Monkfield Park children, classes have amassed huge profits, although we will not know the totals until next week.

Let's hope that the children have learnt a lot about financial education through such fun and enjoyable tasks.



Maths Whizz Champion

Thanks to her commitment to learning, Shanaya in Dorado Class has won the MathsWhizz Championship for the month of July! We are so pleased that her dedication has been recognised and are overjoyed that Shanaya has attained this accomplishment. She will proudly feature in the July newsletter and will be receiving a trophy to mark her achievement. Well done Shanaya for keeping your focus in a difficult year and for pushing yourself that extra mile.



COVID—19 update

We are aware that as from Monday 19th July, the government restrictions around COVID-19 are being relaxed. Due to rising numbers, for the protection of our children, staff and families, we will be keeping all of our preventative measures in place until the end of term. This is done with the full support of our Local Authority. This means that we will continue with all of the contingency arrangements that have been put into place throughout this year, such as year group pods remaining in place, staggered start and end times, as well as all of the other factors previously communicated and contained in our risk assessment (available on the school website).

We will be sending all families a letter next week to outline key changes to our processes and procedures from September, so please do look out for this.

Headteacher Roll of Honour

Kacper in Delphinus Class—Kacper has made some sensible decisions over the past few weeks, which have had a positive effect upon his learning attitude. Well done Kacper.

Wali in Aquila Class—Wali chooses to use every spare moment to improve his learning. He has such a good attitude to bettering his own knowledge and skills and tries his very best in all that he tackles.

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you how much each coin in your purse/wallet is worth.

Ask your Year 1 child to explain the life cycle of a plant.

Ask your Year 2 child how many millilitres are in a litre.

Ask your Year 3 child to talk through their feelings about moving into Year 4.

Ask your Year 4 child what they know about the Western Wall.

Ask your Year 5 child how to reflect a 2D shape in a coordinates grid.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain why earthquakes occur.

Sending books home and end of term gifts

On Tuesday 20th July, the class teaching staff will be sending home the children's exercise books they have used this year. The art sketchbooks will go up to the next class and will therefore remain in school. We would advise that your child is supplied with their own named carrier bag so that they are able to carry their belongings more easily. We would recommend quarantining books for a period of 72 hours first. If children receive gifts from staff then we would also recommend quarantining these for 72 hours.



School uniform

We know that many of you will want to get ahead in readiness for the Autumn term. Our children always look so smart and have a sense of great 'unity' when they arrive in September with the correct uniform. We would therefore like to remind you early on of the expectations for this. This will hopefully allow you plenty of time to either shop online or in local shops, so that you are able to make any necessary preparations for the start of a new academic year. Although children do not necessarily need to wear a jumper with a school logo on, you are able to choose this as an option from the online ordering service that is <https://myclothing.com/>. Alternatively you can find our uniform in most high street shops or larger supermarkets. It comprises of the following:

School uniform

- School sweatshirt or school cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Plain grey trousers or skirts (or grey jogging bottoms for Reception children)
- In the Summer, girls may wear a green and white gingham dress and boys can wear grey school uniform shorts. We request that skirt lengths should be at least knee length.
- Outdoor shoes that are suitable for safe, active play. Black shoes and not trainers should be worn. For safety reasons, high heels are not acceptable footwear.



PE Kit



Reception and Key Stage 1:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Blue shorts
- Socks
- Plimsolls for indoor use
- Trainers for outdoor use
- Tracksuit bottoms for cold weather

Key Stage 2:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Blue shorts
- Socks
- Plimsolls/trainers for indoor use
- Trainers for outdoor use
- Football boots (without metal studs) or trainers for playing football
- Tracksuit or jumper/sweater for cold weather

Please note that our school prospectus and website information will be adapted to reflect the requirements above in readiness for September.

Forthcoming Dates

21st July—Year 6 Leavers' assembly at 10am (via Zoom)

22nd July—Last day of Summer term

23rd July—Start of Summer holidays

These dates may be subject to change if there are changes in Government and Local Authority guidance.

Staff News

We will be saying goodbye to Miss Sandever at the end of this term, as she takes up a new position in another Cambridgeshire school. Miss Sandever has been our PPA and intervention Teaching Assistant across most of the classes and therefore all of the children have come to know her well. We wish her well for the future and would like to thank her for her work at the school.

We also wish to thank Mrs Collins who has been working as a cleaner in our school. Although Mrs Collins will continue to work in our kitchen, she is hanging up her cleaning cloths and vacuum, so we hope that she enjoys a bit more time with her family.

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2021/2022

2021

Training Day Wednesday 1st September (school closed to children)

Autumn Term Opens Thursday 2nd September

Half Term 25th October – 29th October

Autumn Term Closes Friday 17th December

2022

Training Day Tuesday 4th January (school closed to children)

Spring Term Opens Wednesday 5th January

Half Term 14th February – 18th February

Spring Term Closes Friday 1st April

Training Day Tuesday 19th April

Summer Term Opens Wednesday 20th April

May Day Monday 2nd May

Half Term 30th May – 3rd June

Training Days Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th June (school closed to children)

Summer Term Closes Thursday 21st July





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Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Read amazing books

Collect awesome rewards

Discover ideas for taking care of
our environment.

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