

Newsletter 21

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Reading club

Reading club at Monkfield Park has become a popular lunchtime club, which has a focus upon encouraging children to widen their reading repertoire and to develop their enthusiasm for sharing and enjoying literature with each other. Over the past weeks, Mrs Sawford, who leads the club, has introduced a range of authors and text types that promote deeper thinking about story plots and characterisation. The latest venture involved the introduction of some non fiction texts to the group, who were so keen and enthusiastic that they even wanted to steal away some of the books that they had read!



World Book Day and author visit

Don't forget that next Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. To mark the occasion, children are invited to dress as their favourite book character. Inspiration can be found at www.worldbookday.com. We would also like to remind you that we have a famous author coming to visit our school during our Book Week on **Tuesday 10th March**. The author of the series 'The Time-Travelling Cat' and 'The Big Red Bath', Julia Jarman, will be carrying out exciting reading and writing workshops for each year group! At the end of the school day, she will be in the Main Hall for you and your child to purchase her books and get them personally signed by Julia herself.

Parent Questionnaire

Please don't forget that you have until **Friday 6th March at 10.00 am** to complete our online and anonymous parent questionnaire. You will be able to access the link for this by following:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1q-VHF1Gr5n9VMsLDTIVev1RltfO_hLWMfSZ0akri7zg/edit

There are only 10 questions for completion, so this shouldn't take too much time. We would appreciate your feedback to help us know what we do well and how we can improve.

Headteacher Roll of Honour

Isla in Pegasus Class—For being a caring and considerate member of her class this week. You have shown great compassion for your peers.

Kevin in Violet Class—For giving your number work your best shot! I have been so impressed that you've been challenging yourself, well done.

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to retell the story of The Three Little Pigs in their own words.

Ask your Year 1 child what the 5 senses are.

Ask your Year 2 child to show you some 'whole and parts' around the house.

Ask your Year 3 child to add up how much money you need to buy two items in your shopping.

Ask your Year 4 child to tell you 3 facts about Chembakolli.

Ask your Year 5 child to discuss their favourite Greek myth covered this week.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain the difference between ratio and proportion.

Gritter visit

Year 4 had a very exciting visitor to the school on Tuesday afternoon – Gritty McMelterson! One of Cygnus class pupils, Zoe, was lucky enough to have chosen the name for one of the County Council's new gritting machines. So Year 4 were delighted when the driver Jon offered to bring the gritter into school. The children listened enthusiastically when Jon told us all about how Gritty worked, and even better, they were each able to sit in the driving seat to see what it felt like to drive! Jon told us that Gritty was due to go out on a mission; to grit Cambourne's roads that night. Thank you Gritty McMelterson for keeping us all safe from the snow and ice.



FORTHCOMING DATES

5th March—World Book Day—Dress up

6th March—Mid year reports sent home

9th March—Book Week

18th March at 2pm—Year 5 performance

19th March at 6pm—Year 5 performance

20th March at 9am—Blue Class assembly

24th March—Height and weight checks for Reception & Year 6

26th March—Parents' evening

31st March—Parents' evening

1st April—LAST DAY OF TERM

2ND APRIL –16TH APRIL—EASTER HOLIDAY

17TH APRIL—INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN)

20TH APRIL—CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Coronavirus advice

Following information sent to all educational and childcare settings, from Public Health England, please be advised that in school we are following the procedures as set out below. We hope that this information also provides you with information about what to do if you or your child feels unwell.



Public Health
England

Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing
your hands with
soap & water or
hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks
& sport
activities



Before
cooking
& eating



SCHOOL
ETC.
On arrival at
any childcare
or educational
setting



After using
the toilet



Before
leaving
home



Try not to touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come
into contact with your mouth
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share
items such as bedding,
dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19. Parents can visit NHS.UK to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See NHS.UK for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

