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Join the Governing Body?

Would you like to play a part in improving children's education and supporting the school's staff?

We currently have two vacancies on our governing body for parent governors and recently sent a letter to you regarding the election process. In order to encourage more people to apply the governing body has decided to extend the deadline for the

submission of applications to **Friday 11th May 2018**. All applications should be submitted via the school office. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Chris Kidson, Chair of Governors or the school office for further information.

Horticulture in Action

On Monday Year 1 had a visit from Kevin who is a Horticulturalist! He showed us a range of interesting and exciting plants including a 'dinner plate', 'cobra lily', 'rat tail' and a 'panda' plant. The plants really looked like their names, for example the panda plant was furry and spotty and the cobra lily looked like lots of snakes in addition to also being carnivorous! Kevin explained how plants protect themselves from being eaten by having spines, the place they grow or the shape they grow. The children looked at the structure of the plant and named the different parts.



Year 5 Maths Challenge

On Thursday evening Monkfield Park hosted heat four of the Cambridge County Math's challenge. Eleven teams of the most talented Year 5 mathematicians from across the county came together to compete for a place in the grand final which will be held at Duxford Air Museum in June. Monkfield's fab four have been getting themselves into great mathematical shape over the last few weeks and they certainly gave a very convincing performance. The teams tackled some very tricky questions which involved quick thinking, great mathematical reasoning and super maths knowledge. Although we did not win the heat the children performed brilliantly as a team and won a certificate for being the best performing team in the memory round. We are all incredibly proud of their achievement.



Key Stage 1 Tests for Year 2 children



Your child's teacher is responsible for judging the standards your child is working at in English, maths and science, by the end of Key Stage 1. To help inform those judgements, pupils sit national curriculum tests, commonly called SATs, in English and maths. They may also sit an optional test in English grammar, punctuation and spelling. The tests are a tool for teachers

to help them measure your child's performance and identify their needs as they move into Key Stage 2. They also allow teachers to see how your child is performing against national expected standards. The tests can be taken any time during May and they are not strictly timed. Pupils may not even know they are taking them as the teachers will incorporate them into everyday classroom activities. Teachers will use the results from these tests, along with the work your child has done throughout the year, to help them reach their own judgements about how your child is progressing at the end of Key Stage 1. These teacher assessment judgements will be reported to you by the end of the Summer term. A short video explaining the SATs process can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cuXJidYP7-0>

Sentence Starters

- Ask your Reception child to pretend to be Goldilocks in writing a letter to the three bears.
- Ask your Year 1 child to tell you what a horticulturist does and where they work.
- Ask your Year 2 child what their favourite activity was at the Tennis Festival and why.
- Ask your Year 3 child to tell you about the three main disciplines of athletics.
- Ask your Year 4 child what the similarities and differences are between the 5 types of vertebrates.
- Ask your Year 5 child how to multiply or divide a decimal number by 1000.
- Ask your Year 6 child how electricity impacts on their life today.

Head Teacher Roll of Honour

This week I would like to honour the following children for their outstanding contributions to school life, their passion for learning and consistent hard work:

Soha in Cygnus Class—Soha is always determined to make sure her work is the best that it can be. She diligently checks every piece of work against the steps to success and relishes every extra challenge.

Tymon in Lacerta Class—Tymon is passionate about science and maths and never fails to impress me with the level of his knowledge. This week he has been helping Mr Frame to fill the raised beds so that everyone can have the pleasure of watching their seeds and plants grow.

Oliver in Aquila Class—Oliver has found that he has a real talent for writing songs and poetry. This week he impressed me by performing two of his songs which were written about the topics he is studying in class. I was particularly moved by your song about the second world war.

Jessica in Blue Class—not only is Jessica working hard to improve her work in every area she is always on the look out for opportunities to help everyone. Thank you for showing great kindness to both the teachers and your peers in school.

Phonics Workshop

Thank you to so many parents for coming along to the Year 1 phonic workshop this week. We had almost 70% of parents attend. The children loved showing their parents some of the games they play in school during their phonics sessions and showing off their phonic knowledge. Thank you to the parents for the positive response to this and we hope that some of these games can be replicated at home. Look out in book bags for games being sent home over the coming weeks.



Locality Team Drop In Sessions

The Locality Team family workers, Sam Stacey and Claire Merrington, will be holding drop in sessions in school on the following Tuesdays at 2pm: 8th May, 22nd May, 5th June, 19th June, 3rd July and 17th July. There is no need to book, just turn up and chat to Sam and Claire about any issues which may be affecting you or your child or family e.g. from sleeping issues to behaviour problems or fussy eaters.



Forthcoming Dates

9th May—Headteacher's Drop In 2 –3pm	11th—15th June—Phonics check week
11th May—Phoenix Class assembly	11th—15th June—Healthy Lifestyles Week
14th—17th May—SATs week	21st June—KS2 Sports Day (Reserve 22nd June)
21st—25th May—PGL week for Year 6	21st June—Headteacher's Drop In 2 –3pm
22nd May—Reception performance	28th June—KS1 Sports Day (Reserve 29th June)
23rd May—Reception performance	3rd July—Year 6 performance
23rd May—Year 4 History Wow Day	4th July—Year 6 performance
24th May—Reception Come and Share	5th July -Headteacher's Drop In 10—11am
24th May—Headteacher's Drop In 3 –4pm	13th July—Reports sent out to parents/carers
24th May—Burwell House Information Evening	16th July—Reports Drop In Session
25th May—last day of half term	19th July—Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
4th June—INSET Day	19th July—Headteacher's Drop In 2 –3pm
5th June—Children return to school	19th July—Year 6 Leavers 'Party
5th and 6th June—Burwell House residential for Year 4	20th July— Last day of Summer term
7th June—Headteacher's Drop In 10—11am	21st July—INSET day, children not in school

Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre Holiday Club

Over the half-term holiday period the Care and Learning Centre holiday club will be running from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm daily. The Holiday Clubs are charged by the hour which enables parents and carers to book hours to suit their needs. The minimum chargeable unit is one hour and all sessions will be charged by the hour. Children who attend for full days or over lunchtime will also need to bring a nut-free packed lunch.

The current cost of Holiday Club sessions is £4.95 per child per hour for children aged 3 to 11 years and £5.55 per hour for children aged from 2 until the term after their third birthday. There is a £30 once-only registration fee for children who are not already registered at the Care and Learning Centre for out of school clubs.

Below is a list of the many exciting activities that have been arranged for the children who will be attending the Care and Learning Centre over the holiday period. If you would like further information or to book a place at the Holiday Club for your child/children please contact the Care and Learning Centre.

May Half-Term Holiday Club Schedule 2018

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 29th May 2018 Foodie Fun	Potato printing	Bake a cookie	Decorate your cookie	Mud and sand pies!
Wednesday 30th May 2018 Games Day	Cricket	Water volley ball	Paper chase	Design a game
Thursday 31st May 2018 Bugs and beasties	Bug hunt	Design your bug	Model your bug	Scavenger hunt
Friday 1st June 2018 Music and Drama	Create a show with your friends	Song and dance routines	Show time!	After show party

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 :

clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

Summer Fete — Volunteers/Donations Needed— Saturday 23rd June—12-4pm

The Summer Fete is getting ever closer and we have a long To Do list! We need your help to make it a success and are looking for the following—

- ♦ Volunteers to help make up a poster to advertise the Fete—if anyone has any expertise in this area and is happy to help then please do get in touch asap!
- ♦ Volunteers to help with contacting local businesses about donating Raffle Prizes for the Fete.
- ♦ Volunteers to help out on the stalls on the day and also with setting up and clearing away—If you can help for half an hour even that will be a major help!
- ♦ Arena Acts to perform on the day—if you are part of a local group that would like to perform at the Fete then please do let us know.
- ♦ Donations of Full Bottles of Wine for the Water & Wine Stall.
- ♦ Donations of any unwanted gifts/items for the Tombola.
- ♦ Donations of pre-loved Cuddly Toys.
- ♦ Donations of items for the Mystery Bags—Pocket Money Toys, Stationery, Stickers, Hair Accessories, Wrapped Sweets, Bouncy Balls, left over Party Favours, etc. Please make sure all of these items are new and unused.

Please remember with any donations that we are a nut free school and check expiry dates are for after July!

All donations and offers of help can either go to the School office or email us at friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com or get in touch though our Facebook page. Thank you in advance for your help!

