

Newsletter 14

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Mrs McCrae—baby news

We are pleased to let you know that Mrs McCrae has had her little boy. Mum and baby are doing well.

Christmas wishes from all at Monkfield Park

The children and staff have been in festive spirits this week as the echoes of Christmas carols and songs travelled throughout the



school from the Year 3/4 carol concert. We enjoyed small group singing and pianists as well as the delightful ensemble of the entire two year groups singing together to create some wonderful, melodic harmonies. Our photograph shows the children reciting '12 days of Christmas'. A selection of children also performed to the residents of Cavenish Court in Cambourne.

Year 1 reminded us of the real meaning of Christmas through their Nativity, as they took to the stage to perform in front of friends and families. We were very impressed by their singing and acting and were blown away by their enthusiasm!

Of course, we are also enjoying our Christmas jumper day today, which will raise money for our charity of the year which is 'Cancer Research UK'. Thank you for your donations from today and also across the week from the various performances.

After all of this, there will still be merriment next week as the children can look ahead to seeing the staff in panto, which has a theme of 'good overcoming evil' and also their Christmas dinner along with the upcoming Christmas parties.

Forthcoming dates

19th December—Christmas lunch	21st—24th February—Science Week
20th December—Last day of term	w/c 6th March—Book Week
20th December—Christmas parties	10th March 9am—Columba Class assembly
21st December—Christmas holidays begin	22nd March 10am—Reception Spring performance
4th January INSET day (school closed to children)	22nd March—Parent consultations
5th January—All children return	23rd March 2pm—Reception Spring performance
11th January 6pm—Year 6 parents meeting for SATs	24th March 9am—Cygnus Class assembly
17th January—Year 4 swimming begins	w/c 27th March—International Week
27th January—Reception & Year 6 NHS height and weight checks	30th March—Reception come & share in the morning
27th January 9am—Lacerta Class assembly	30th March—Parent consultations
8th February 10am—Year 2 Spring performance	31st March—LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM (CHILDREN RETURN ON
8th February 3.45pm—Reception phonics workshop for parents	18TH APRIL)
9th February 2pm—Year 2 Spring performance	
w/c 13th February— HALF TERM	

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you about some of the characters from the Christmas story.

Ask your Year 1 child to sequence the order of making a snowman. Encourage them to use the words 'first, next, then and finally'.

Ask your Year 2 child what similes they can remember from 'The Polar Express'.

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you what they know about information texts.

Ask your Year 4 child about the story of 'The Snowman'.

Ask your Year 5 child how to use a protractor.

Ask your Year 6 child what coding skills they have learnt.

Head Teacher roll of honour

Noah in Dorado Class—Noah has shown us this week that he can face challenges head on and turn them into rewarding experiences. Well done Noah!

Aqsa in Delphinus Class—Aqsa is an all round good person. Not only does she have pride in her work, but she is always ready to celebrate the efforts of other people.

Isabella in Columba Class—Isabella performed beautifully in the carol concert and perfected all of her actions.

Friends of Monkfield Park



The Friends of Monkfield Park would like to thank you all for your support and help during 2016, it just leaves us to wish you a very **Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.**

Trees at Monkfield Park

We are saddened that unfortunately our well known and loved tree lined avenue will be no more after the Christmas break. One of these trees has already died and was removed in the Summer Term. Some of the other trees are showing signs of ill health and their roots are constricted under the ground, causing the pavement to lift and presenting hazards to children and the public. We have of course seen the trees grow since the school was built, so this has not been an easy decision but we have to put the safety of the children and families first. We know that the trees will be missed but hope that you understand the action that has had to be planned.



Help us to become a Healthy School

Up and about! - The way life is today means that most of us spend too long sitting down, doing nothing. Not being active means our bodies don't burn off enough fat, which leads to it storing up inside.

- '2 hours max' - You may find it helpful to set a limit to how long your children can sit in front of the TV, computer or video game. Some families have found saying '2 hours max' of screen time each day helps them to make sure their children jump up and play, or go outside after they've been sitting for a while.
- Get children running around after school. We tend to think that children get loads of exercise at school, but they still need to be active out of school hours too.
- Get up and about after eating, instead of plonking down on the sofa. Moving around helps digestion and can be fun.



School lunch costs for the spring term

Please note that the cost of a school meal for the Spring term is £2.25 per day. Children in Key Stage 1 and Reception year groups continue to receive a free school meal. If you would like to pay in advance then please note the cost below:

Weekly £11.25

Until Feb Half Term £60.75

Feb Half till Easter £67.50

Spring Term total £128.25