

# Newsletter 37

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## So Much to Celebrate

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to join us for both the Key Stage 2 and Reception & Key Stage 1 Sports Days this week. It was so wonderful to see so many of you and you all helped to make them both such a success. The weather was perfect and the children and staff had a fantastic day full of energy, team work and lots of fun. I know Sports Day is one of the highlights of the year as it is such an inclusive event giving every child the opportunity to shine.

Monday is another highlight of the school year as it will be our annual Move Up Morning when the children get to meet their new teachers. There is always much excitement but we also know that there can be a lot of anxiety for some of our children. Please be assured that we will be working hard to make sure the children get accustomed to their new classrooms and start to get to know their new teachers. Following Move Up Morning we will be sending the children's reports out to you on Monday evening. It is quite a logistical feat to get 400 reports and all the associated attachments scheduled to reach you all at the end of the school day, so we are grateful to our wonderful office staff, Mrs Cox and Mrs Taylor, who do this with such incredible efficiency. I do hope you will agree that the reports give an honest and accurate picture of your child's learning and many successes over the year. We are very proud of everything that the children have achieved this year, both in and out of the classroom, and we hope that you also feel there is much to celebrate with them.

With very best wishes,

*Mrs Howell*

## Breakfast Club Opening Hours



As of 3rd September 2026, Breakfast Club at the Care & Learning Centre will be opening earlier at 7.30 am each day, for school and pre-school children. There will be a fee of £3.65 per child for this additional session (7.30 am to 8.00 am). Please contact Mrs Cox & Mrs Taylor in the office to book your child a place [clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk) or 01954 273377.

Please note that there will be a slight change to when breakfast will be served (between 7.45 am and 8.15 am), so please make sure your child arrives in good time if they need breakfast. Children will be taken to the classrooms as usual at 8.45 am in time for classroom doors opening at 8.50 am.

We've listened to parental feedback, so we hope our new morning opening time will help you.

# Oh They Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside

As a glorious culmination of their learning about coastal features and the growth of seaside resorts in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, Year 2 spent the day at Old Hunstanton beach this week. The sun shone but there was a stiff sea breeze which ensured the children had a marvellous time studying the beach, building sandcastles, playing some traditional games and venturing into the sea for a paddle before returning home happy and exhausted.



# Sports Day 2026

The weather conditions were perfect after the heat of the previous week and both events were a great success, with the children participating enthusiastically in various activities and races. It was wonderful to see such a strong sense of sportsmanship and teamwork displayed by the children as they cheered each other on and celebrated everyone's achievements. The day was hugely enjoyable with great participation and a healthy dose of competition. The winning house for both Key Stages this year was Challenger.

## FORTHCOMING DATES SUMMER AND AUTUMN TERM 2026

- 3rd July—FOMP Summer Fete from 3.30pm**
- 6th July—Move Up Morning
- 6th July—End of year reports sent to parents
- 7th July—Year 6 production at 6pm
- 9th July—Year 6 production at 6pm
- 14th July—Reception park trip
- 15th July—OPAL event
- 16th July—Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 10am
- 17th July—Last day of the academic year.
- 20th July to 31st August—Summer holiday
- 1st September—INSET Day (school closed for children)
- 2nd September—INSET Day (school closed for children)
- 3rd September—Children return to school for Autumn term**
- 7th September—New Reception children begin school until 12 noon**
- 8th September—New Reception children begin school until 12 noon
- 8th September—Meet the teacher evening**
- 9th September—New Reception children begin school until 12 noon
- 10th September—New Reception children in school until 1.00 pm
- 11th September—New Reception children in school until 1.00 pm
- 14th September—New Reception children in school full time
- 28th September to 1st October—Year 6 Bikeability

## Sentence starters

- Ask your Reception child to tell you what they have learnt about aeroplanes.
- Ask your Year 1 child to tell you how to tell the time.
- Ask your Year 2 child tell you about their favourite part of the seaside trip and explain why it was such a memorable highlight of the day.
- Ask your Year 3 child to explain what a pictogram is.
- Ask your Year 4 child to explain what propaganda is and how it was used in the second World War.
- Ask your Year 5 child to explain how to accurately measure your hand span.
- Ask your Year 6 child to explain the skills that are needed to maintain a marriage or civil partnership.



For general queries regarding the Care and Learning Centre, please contact the school office by e-mail on: [clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk) or by telephoning 01954 273377.

To speak with a member of the Care and Learning Centre staff please telephone 01954 273301

### **Tasty, healthy fruit**

This week we have been reading the story of 'Handa's Surprise' and talking about some of the different fruits in the story. We felt and looked at a pineapple, mango and passionfruit, describing them using words such as 'spiky', 'bumpy', 'rough' and 'smooth'. We then cut the fruits open and looked inside before tasting them at snack time. Thank you so much to the parents who donated fruit for this exciting activity! We have also been talking about other foods and learning which ones are healthy and which are just for treats to eat occasionally.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Jane Turner

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