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Thank you for Sharing Your Views

Thank you to everyone who completed the online stakeholder questionnaires over the last two weeks. We really do appreciate you taking the time to let us know what we are doing well as a school and where we need to make some improvements. As a school, we are very aware that we cannot get everything right all of the time but I want to assure you that we value your opinions and comments and will work with you to make changes for the better wherever possible. I am now in the midst of the lengthy process of analysing all your responses and will let you have a complete breakdown and summary of the results in the coming weeks.

The questionnaires are anonymous, so where specific concerns have been raised please could I urge you to contact the school office to arrange a meeting with me to discuss these further and to find a way of addressing them. Our school community is a reflective one and so we are keen to work with you in order to secure the best outcomes for every child and family. Wishing you a restful weekend.

Mrs Howell



Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7th February is Safer Internet Day. To mark this occasion we will be holding celebrations and learning based around the theme, 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. The emphasis is

on putting children and young people's voices at the heart of the day and encouraging them to shape the online safety support that they receive. It is more important than ever that parents, carers, staff in schools, government, policymakers, and the wider online safety industry take time to listen to children and young people and make positive change together. As part of the day 'Be Internet Legends' are hosting an online assembly for parents. If you would like to join the assembly on 7th February you can do this through the following link: <https://youtu.be/8dT1ygw8A9Y>

Pupil Premium Champion



Many of you may already know Mrs Flack, but since January she has been working in her new role as the Pupil Premium Champion. Mrs Flack works with many children across the school who need a little extra help to plug gaps in their knowledge and develop their confidence as active learners. Mrs Flack tells me that she is absolutely loving her new role in school and the children are a delight to work with. If you would like to arrange a meeting to discuss your child's learning and progress with Mrs Flack she will be on the playground at the start of the school day so please do chat to her.

The Friendship Games

On Thursday this week, some of our Year 6 children were invited to Cambourne Village College to take part in the 'Friendship Games'. Working in teams with children from the other local primary schools, the children took part in some interesting games organised by the Year 10 Sports Leaders. From New Age

Curling to archery, Speed Stacks, mini-golf and, the children's favourite, Bench ball, everyone threw themselves into the competition with great enthusiasm and energy. Their achievements were celebrated and everyone received stickers and certificates. Best of all, the children met other children who will also be starting at the Village College in September. With fun games and some new friends, the children declared that they all feel more confident about the transition to secondary school.



Number Day 2023

Friday was the NSPCC's annual number day when schools and nurseries across the country came together to celebrate maths and raise money for the NSPCC's vital work keeping children safe. The children had great fun dressing up in some wonderful digit themed costumes and participating in some exciting and challenging indoor and outdoor maths activities, including a whole school number trail. Can you solve one of the problems the children enjoyed?

My number is greater than 8, but less than 10.

My number has 2 decimal places.

The hundredths number is even.

The tenths number is 7.

The ones number is odd.

The hundredths number is greater than the tenths number.

What is my number?



FORTHCOMING DATES SPRING TERM 2023

6th February—Year 2 Great Fire of London WOW Day

7th February - Safer Internet Day

8th February—Year 1 London WOW Day

9th February— Year 3 Ancient Egypt WOW Day

10th February—Year 5 Victorian WOW Day

10th February—Dorado Class assembly

10th February—Reception children vision screening

22nd February—International Thinking Day

28th February—Year 6 scooter workshops

2nd March—World Book Day

3rd March—Green Class assembly

10th March—Mid term reports sent to parents

10th March—World Book day

10th March—Book fair in school

13th March—Year 6 transition meeting at CVC

15th March—Reception Spring Singing performance

16th March—Reception Spring Singing performance

17th March—Red Nose day

17th March –Aquila Class assembly

21st March—Y5 and Y6 Rugby Tournament

21st March—Parent consultation evening

27th March—Healthy Lifestyles Week

27th March—Team afternoon

30th March—Parent consultation evening

31st March —LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM

17th April—INSET Day

18th April—Start of Summer term

Introducing Mrs Brown



We would like to welcome Mrs Brown who has now joined us as a permanent member of the staff team. Mrs Brown's official title is Named Deputy Manager of the Pre-School, Care and Learning Centre Assistant and Manager of the Breakfast and After School Club provision.

Mrs Brown is very enthusiastic and brings with her many years of experience of working with children. She has many ideas about how she would like to improve provision for the children who attend our wrap around care and is keen to incorporate the children's ideas and views about what they would like Before and After School Club to look like.

Mrs Brown is looking forward to working closely with all our families.

A Library Full of Books

I am always proud and delighted to see children using the library to borrow books. Since the introduction of Accelerated Reader the children have been reading books at an incredible rate which has left the shelves looking a little empty. So I am delighted to report that following a full audit of our library we have been able to purchase approximately 2,000 new books to keep the children reading! The books have been arriving over the last week and we are now facing the gargantuan task of putting the books on to the school's library system and getting them onto the shelves for the children to read. We hope you will enjoy sharing many of these beautiful new books with your child.



REMINDER of the FREE Online Safety Webinar for Parents of Primary-Aged Children.



The event takes place on:
Thursday February 9th at 1900hrs
(UK)

Viewing is through [YouTube](#), no log-in required, parents simply need to click the link below on Thursday evening at 7pm.

[Webinar Access Link](#)

Headteacher Roll of Honour

Each week this space will provide a celebration of those children who may be especially noticed for demonstrating learning or behaviour that we feel should be recognised and commended. This week I would like to congratulate:

Chloe in Blue Class: Chloe greets me each morning with a wonderful smile. She is always eager to immerse herself in her learning and puts so much effort and care into all her work. Well done Chloe.

Blossom in Columba Class: Blossom has become such a confident reader and it has been lovely to see her with her head buried in a book and even sharing books with her friends on the playground. She has even suggested that we have book boxes outside at break times for children who want to share stories. A fantastic idea Blossom—thank you.

Bethany in Aquila Class: Bethany is becoming a real force to be reckoned with. She has a wonderful calm and determined approach to everything that she does and sets a great example for others. She always notices the little things which can make a huge difference to someone, such as holding a door open or greeting someone with a smile. Thank you Bethany.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to give you an example of a rhyming pair.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you what the colours of the different London tube lines are.

Ask your Year 2 child to identify and name some materials you can find around the house.

Ask your Year 3 child to show you how to write their name in hieroglyphs.

Ask your Year 4 child to tell you what a parable is.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain how to convert an improper fraction to a proper fraction.

Ask your Year 6 child to tell you how to make a switch to turn on different coloured LED lights.

Headteacher Parent Drop Ins

Mrs Howell, the Headteacher, will be offering parent drop ins for anyone who wishes to discuss any aspect of school life throughout the Spring term. The dates can be found below, but please remember that these are offered on a first come, first served basis and you may therefore have to wait to be seen.

8th February 3-4pm

19th March 4.30—5.30pm

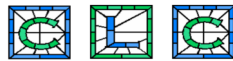
24th February 2.30—3.3pm

23rd March 9.30—10.30am

8th March 8.30—9.30pm



Monkfield Park



Care and Learning Centre



For general queries regarding the Care and Learning Centre, please contact the school office by e-mail on: 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

Welcome

A very warm welcome to our new children and families who have started at the Care and Learning Centre this week. It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled, as well as their enthusiasm to explore their new surroundings. Well done for such a great start!

Room News

This week, the children in the Rabbit Group have been learning about rhyming words. We have read the story 'Oi Frog' and had great fun thinking about which words rhyme in the book. I wonder if any of the children can remember the things that each of the animals in the story sat on? We have also learnt a funny rhyming song about cats wearing hats and ants wearing pants! Maybe your child can sing it to you at home? There will be lots more rhyming stories and games to follow over the next few weeks as the children extend this learning.

The children in the Hedgehog Group have been busy learning the new room routines as well as how to care for and tidy away their resources. They have particularly enjoyed using the super new wooden sandpit which we have recently purchased for the Hedgehog Room outdoor area.

