

Newsletter 7

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Come and Share session in Reception

Reception parents were invited to their very first 'come and share' session of this academic year. They looked at the types of learning which our Reception children take part in during their busy day at school. As well as this, the parents were able to share their child's learning journey which chronicles their achievements throughout the year. Parents were amazed by how much learning has already happened during the first half term of education for their children. Of course, the children thoroughly enjoyed having the chance to show their parents around their classroom and to celebrate their milestones together with them. We look forward to more 'come and share' events throughout the year.



School Meals costs

The cost of a meal is £2.25 and costs for the next half term are as follows:

Weekly	£11.25
Until Christmas	£83.25

Children in Need

For our Children in Need fundraiser this year, we will be inviting children to come into school dressed in spotty clothing of some kind on **Friday November 18th**. The theme for the nation this year is 'Spotacular' so we thought it appropriate that we join in the fun by wearing an item/items of clothing that match the theme. Items could include something small such as a pair of spotty socks, right up to a spotty top or a whole outfit full of spots. In return, we ask that each child makes a donation of £1 which will be donated to the cause.

Year 2 wildlife adventure at The Belfry Hotel



Year 2 spent last Friday afternoon at the Belfry Hotel taking part in a nature activity to support their current Science theme of 'Where do you live?' They were invited to make hedgehog homes out of plant pots and decorated them using paint, leaves, twigs and other greenery. The children loved it and could not wait to put their hedgehog homes in the school grounds to see if any hedgehogs will use them! They talked about animal habitats and what types of conditions would be best suited to attracting and sustaining wildlife. Thank you to the parent helpers who were able to assist us during this visit.



Head Teacher roll of honour

Musa in Columba—Musa has begun to believe that he is a learner and has shown that through his academic efforts he can make good progress.

Rebecca in Aquila Class—Rebecca can always be seen putting in 100% effort into everything she tackles. She is a great team player and works hard to make improvements to her work as well.

Rose in Delphinus Class—Rose has a quiet and considered approach to all that she does. She is unassuming of everyone and is a great listener.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to describe the colours and patterns they can see on the falling Autumn leaves.

Ask your Year 1 child to name some common British birds.

Ask your Year 2 child what the following symbols mean: < > and =.

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you their top three facts about volcanoes.

Ask your Year 4 child to describe the properties of regular and irregular 2-D and 3-D shapes.

Ask your Year 5 child to tell you how they'd make a new member of our school feel welcome.

Ask your Year 6 child how their animal has adapted to its environment.

Forthcoming dates

w/c 24th October—half term (children return on 31st October)

11th November 9am—Phoenix Class assembly

18th November at 9am—Indigo Class assembly

13th December 10am—Year 3/4 carol concert

14th December 9.30am—Reception 'come and share' event

14th December 2pm—Year 3/4 carol concert

15th December 2pm—Year 1 nativity

15th December 6pm—Year 3/4 carol concert

16th December 10am—Year 1 nativity

19th December—Christmas lunch

20th December—Christmas parties

20th December—Last day of term

21st December—Christmas holidays begin

4th January INSET day (school closed to children)

5th January—All children return

Drone competition

The drone competition which we launched on behalf of Amazon Prime Air last week has been a huge success in school. We noticed some weary looking parents on the playground on Monday morning, who had clearly been helping their children to achieve their very ambitious drone designs or models, which we were all very impressed with. This competition has truly captured the imagination and creativity of our children who have come up with some fascinating and well thought out ideas which fulfilled the remit of the criteria which had been set by Amazon Prime Air. However, the school was only able to nominate three models and three drawings from each year group to submit for the competition which was for Years 2-5. They were submitted today and we are hopeful for a positive outcome from participating in the competition.



Friends of Monkfield Park

	<p>CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING</p> <p>Friday 2nd December 7pm – 9pm</p> <p>Lots of wonderful independent and individual stalls, refreshments and raffle. £1 entry. We still need some help. Here is the website location to volunteer http://service.ptasocial.com/register/FOMP</p>
	<p>PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING/FOREIGN COINS</p> <p>We collect empty branded printer cartridges for recycling. There is a collection box in the school office.</p> <p>We also collect foreign coins of any currency. These can be left with the school office.</p>
<p>AGM</p>	<p>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</p> <p>Thank you to those who came along this morning. It was great to see you and we look forward to another successful year raising funds for our school.</p>
	<p>CONTACT US</p> <p>Via email friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com , via our Facebook page or via the school office.</p>



Parenting Workshops—Monkfield Park Primary School

Aimed at offering Mum's and Dad's of children aged 4-11 years a supportive, informal environment, in which to gain information, knowledge and skills around parenting issues.

Helping Your Child Deal With Difficult Emotions - Tuesday 1st November, 2:00pm-3pm

Parents Drop-In – Tuesday 8th November, 2:00pm-3pm

Parenting Styles – Tuesday 22nd November, 2:00pm-3pm

Parents Drop-In – Tuesday 29th November, 2:00pm-3pm

Sibling Rivalry- Tuesday 13th December, 2.00pm-3.00pm

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