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HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

On behalf of everyone at Monkfield Park I would like to wish all our families a very Happy New Year and thank you all for your kind Christmas greetings, cards and gifts.

The children have been eager to share their reminiscences about their Christmas break and they all seem to have had a very active and exciting time. We hope that you were also able to enjoy a well earned and restful break, making precious memories with family and friends over the festive period.

We have many exciting things planned for the children in 2023 and look forward to sharing these with you.

Mrs Howell

Reception Places 2023



The deadline for
applying for you
child's school
reception place is:

JANUARY
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The deadline for making applications for a Reception place for September 2023 is fast approaching.

All applications must be made to the Admissions Team by midnight on **15th January 2023**. **Any applications received after this date will be entered into the second round.**

We appreciate that selecting the right school for your child is not an easy decision to make. Each parent and carer is looking for a school that will make the educational experience as motivating and rewarding as possible for their child whilst also helping them to develop as resilient, socially aware young people. To help you make this important decision we would like to welcome parents and carers to our school to see at first hand what makes Monkfield Park such a special place to learn. If you would like to arrange a visit to talk to us about what we can offer you and your child please contact the school office and we will be very happy to arrange a tour for you.

For further information you can also visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions. Alternatively, you can contact the Admissions Team by telephone on 0345 045 1370 or by e-mail on: admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

FORTHCOMING DATES SPRING TERM 2023

9th January—Height and Weight measurements for Reception and Year 6 children

10th January—Year 4 swimming lessons begin

19th January—Network CB23 Public Speaking competition

19th January—Year 6 SATs information evening for parents

27th January—Cygnus Class assembly

2nd February—Year 5 and Year 6 Friendship Games

3rd February— Indigo Class assembly

7th February - Safer Internet Day

8th February—Year 1 WOW Day

10th February—Dorado Class assembly

10th February—Reception children vision screening

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

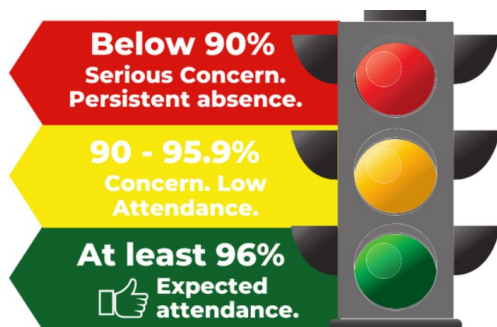
30th March—Parent consultation evening

31st March —LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM

17th April—INSET Day

18th April—Start of Summer term

Attendance Really Does Matter



This week I have been analysing the attendance data for the Autumn term and will be sending out letters to inform you if your child's attendance has already fallen below the expected level of 96%. Schools are required to ensure that parents are informed of any attendance concerns at the earliest possible stage and therefore this initial letter will be to simply make you aware of your child's attendance level. If concerns persist, then we will contact you again to request a meeting to discuss

how we can support you to improve your child's attendance.

If your child is registered at a school they must by law attend that school regularly and punctually. Your child should only miss school if he/she is ill or unable to attend for some other unavoidable reason, including self-isolation as a consequence of COVID 19. We know that if your child is absent from school, we cannot teach them all the curriculum asks them to learn and even small gaps in attendance can make a huge difference to children's understanding and development. Consequently, the government now classes persistent absenteeism as 10%, which means that any child with an attendance of less than 90% will be classed as a persistent absentee and will be monitored by the Local Authority Attendance Officer as part of their termly visits to the school. In these instances the Local Authority may issue a Penalty Notice where absences are deemed to be neither exceptional or unavoidable.

As always, our expectations for children are high and we are keen to work with families to support them in achieving the goal of at least 96% attendance for every child. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

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 .

20th January 9.30—10.30am

25th January 8.30—9.30am

31st January 2.30—3.30

8th February 3-4pm

24th Feb 2.30-3.30pm

8th March 8.30-9.30am

23rd March 9.30—10.30am



A BIG THANK YOU FROM FOMP

Thank you to everyone who attended the FOMP Christmas Fair event in December. Through your generosity, FOMP raised an incredible **£819**, which will be used to purchase books to support the children's learning.



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

Room News

Happy New Year and welcome back to everyone! We would like to say a big thank you to all of our families for the generous gifts, cards and kind words the staff received at Christmas. We hope that you all had a restful Christmas break and managed to stay healthy.

The children have settled back to preschool really well and are enjoying seeing their friends and being busy again, taking part in all of the activities on offer.

This term we are also happy to welcome some new children and families to the Care and Learning Centre. We look forward to getting to know them all and hope that they will have lots of fun with us!

One small change some of you may have already noticed is that Mrs Beresford has taken the decision to revert to her maiden name of Turner. The children have adapted to this change very quickly and have become very adept at reminding us all.

Finally, if your child is due to begin school in September 2023, please can we urge you to apply for your school place before 15th January. The deadline for applications is midnight on 15th January 2023. If you would like to visit the school or talk to Mrs Howell, the Headteacher, please contact the school office who will be very happy to make arrangements for you to visit the school.