

# Newsletter 14

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**Welcome Back Mrs McCrae**

We are pleased to welcome Mrs McCrae back to Blue Class following her maternity leave. Mrs McCrae will be teaching in class Monday to Wednesday.

**A Very Merry Christmas from all at Monkfield Park**

School was filled with festive cheer this week as families and friends joined us



for our annual Christmas performances.

The Year 3/4 carol concert was a musical extravaganza of traditional carols and well loved Christmas tunes. We were entertained by some wonderful solo instrumental performances from our very talented young musicians which included pianists, a quartet of singers, a trumpet solo, two violin solos and a recorder duet. The combined voices of one hundred and twenty children created some beautiful melodies and some lasting musical memories which imbued everyone with Christmas spirit.

Year 1 reminded us of the real meaning of Christmas through their performance of 'Hey Ewe' - a Nativity play with a twist. Told from the perspective of the curious sheep who found it difficult to go to sleep, the children performed with great energy and enthusiasm. We were all impressed by their singing of the catchy tunes, their super acting and delightful moves.

We were so proud of all the children as they had spent so many weeks rehearsing, learning the songs and perfecting their lines. A very well done to everyone.

**Festive Fun**



On Monday volunteers from the Friends of Monkfield Park will be serving the traditional Christmas lunch to the children whilst members of staff serenaded them with carols and Christmas songs. Children can enter into the spirit of the occasion by wearing their Christmas jumper on that day. Children can make a donation to our charity for this year, 'Anna's Hope', if they wish to wear their Christmas jumper.

**Carol Singing at Cavendish Court**



Following on from their successful performances in school, members of the choir visited Cavendish Court this week to sing carols for some of the elderly residents of Cambourne. The children have been working hard under the direction of Mrs Johnson to produce a performance that would bring some Christmas cheer to different generations. The residents enjoyed singing along with some of the well known carols and were delighted to have the opportunity to chat with the children afterwards.

### Sentence starters

- Ask your Reception child to find many cube shaped objects.
- Ask your Year 1 child to tell you about the features of a vehicle.
- Ask your Year 2 child what strategies they have to keep them safe from bullying.
- Ask your Year 3 child to tell you about a country they would like to visit in Europe.
- Ask your Year 4 child to explain the six steps to solving a maths word problem.
- Ask your Year 5 child how to discuss the character of Dr Drax in the book Comic.
- Ask your Year 6 child about the World War I day.

## Head Teacher roll of honour

As the Autumn term comes to an end I would like to honour the following children who have demonstrated the true spirit of the Monkfield Way.

Isaac in Orange Class—Isaac is always kind to everyone and is determined to try his hardest at everything he does even when he finds things tricky.

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

Charlotte and Matthew in Cygnus Class—Charlotte and Matthew showed us that they are willing to accept any challenge and put the needs of others before themselves. They bravely stepped in at the last minute to sing in the quartet at the Carol Concert when another member of the group was ill. Thank you for being brave.

### School lunch costs for the spring term

Please note that the cost of a school meal for the Spring term is £2.30 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:

Until Feb Half Term £62.10

Spring Term total £128.80

### World War 1 Wow Day

While the rest of school was busy celebrating Christmas Year 6 stepped back in time to Britain in 1914 when everyone had begun to realise that WW1 would not be over by Christmas. The children thoroughly enjoyed a range of activities



including darning socks, decorating biscuits, learning how to march, building a scaled model of the front line trenches and learning how to immobilise an injured limb by applying splints invented by Hugh Owen Thomas. The day gave the children the opportunity to participate in some creative learning which enabled them to live as children would have done at the beginning of the 20th century.



### Forthcoming dates

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| 18th December—Christmas lunch                     | 6th February 10am—Year 2 Spring performance  |
| 19th December—Christmas Festive Fun Day           | 7th February 2 pm—Year 2 Spring performance  |
| 19th December—Last day of term                    | 8th February 2pm— Reception Come and Share   |
| 20th December—Christmas holidays begin            | 9th February—Year 1 Come and Share afternoon |
|   | 9th February— School Discos                  |
|   | w/c 12th February— HALF TERM                 |
|   | 20th February—All children return            |
|   | 26th February —2nd March—Science Week        |
|   | w/c 5th March—Book Week                      |
|   | 20th March 9.30am—Reception Come and Share   |
|   | 23rd March 9am—Cygnus Class assembly         |
|   | 22nd March 5pm—Parent Consultation Evening   |
| 3rd January INSET day (school closed to children) | w/c 27th March —International Week           |
| 4th January—All children return                   | 27th March 2pm—Year 5 performance            |
| 10th January—Year 4 swimming begins               | 27th March 4pm—Parent Consultation evening   |
| 10th January 6pm—Year 6 parents meeting for SATs  | 28th March 6pm—Year 5 performance            |
| 11th January—Educational Psychologist Drop Ins    | 30th March—EASTER HOLIDAYS begin             |
| 26th January 9am —Green Class assembly            | 16th April—Children Return to school         |
| 2nd February 9am —Dorado Class Assembly           |  |

### School Uniform

We know that many of you will be buying new school uniform for the return to school in January. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the items of school uniform your child requires.

- ◆ Green school sweatshirt or school cardigan;
- ◆ White polo shirt
- ◆ Plain grey trousers or skirts (or grey jogging bottoms for Reception children)
- ◆ Outdoor shoes that are suitable for safe, active play. The school recommends black shoes, NOT trainers. For safety reasons, high heels are not acceptable footwear.

PE Kit— plain white t-shirt, blue shorts, socks, plimsolls/trainers for indoor use

- ◆ -Trainers for outdoor use
- ◆ -Tracksuit or jumper/sweater for cold weather

## **Merry Christmas**

On behalf of all the staff at Monkfield Park, we would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy new year. Thank you for all your support over the course of this year, it is always appreciated, and we look forward to continuing to do our very best for all the children and their families in 2018.



## Christmas Bingo

A big thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas Family Bingo last Friday night. It was lovely to see so many of you there and we hope you had a lovely time, I know we did. It was a great night of family fun with lots of laughs. The evening raised a total of £232.70 profit.



## Micro Scooters Cashback for schools

We are so excited to be part of the Micro scooters Schools Cashback. If you are ordering anything directly from Micro scooters website please enter our code at the checkout so our school receives 10% Cashback. This is for any purchases including accessories not just on scooters. Our school code is 131996.



## EasyFundraising

With Christmas just around the corner don't forget you can help support the school by shopping through Easyfundraising. The school will receive cashback on those all important Christmas presents.



## Reindeer Food

We will once again be selling reindeer food for Christmas Eve. We have made sure it is wildlife safe so doesn't include any glitter. Each bag costs £1 and you can either collect from the school office or send us a message.



## Merry Christmas

We just wanted to say a Big THANK YOU to everyone who has supported us this term. In particular we would like to thank T.J.C Services for the donation of the beautiful Christmas tree and J.P.T Designs for the gift of the stunning Christmas tree lights. We would now like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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