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Bicycles and Scooters, A Polite Reminder



We are always keen to encourage children to be active by cycling and scooting to school. However, to ensure the safety of children, parents and carers at the beginning and end of the school day, we do not allow bicycles and scooters to be used on the playground. Please can you ensure that you and your children dismount from bicycles and scooters at the school gates and push them across the playground to the bicycle racks. We appreciate that it can be tempting for children to use their bicycles and scooters on the playground at the end of the day when waiting for siblings but respectfully ask you to remind your children that for everyone's safety this is not allowed. Thank you.

Year 1 Multi-Sports Festival

On Wednesday children in Blue and Green classes travelled to Comberton Village College to take part in a multi-sports festival. The children had lots of fun joining in with a range of activities including skipping, hula hooping, tennis, football skills and much more. It was a great event and the weather couldn't have been better!



Farewell to the Chicks

Year 2 have spent the week nurturing and observing our brood of nine chicks. They have watched them grow from small, helpless, newly-hatched chicks to become energetic young birds with their own personalities, who have amused us all throughout the week with their antics. Every day the children have handled the chicks to give them direct experience of caring for these endearing creatures and the chicks have also become the stars of the curriculum. It has been delightful to see the children engrossed in drawing the chicks, writing about them, producing life cycle diagrams and instructions for looking after them as part of their science topic. Sadly, we must now return the chicks to the farm where they will stay until they are re-homed in the near future. This has been a truly magical and unforgettable learning experience for the children.





Annul Parent/Carer Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who has completed the annual Parent/Carer questionnaires. The questionnaires are very important to us because they let us know how you, the parents and carers, think we are doing. We think your feedback is a crucial part of your child's education and it is vital that you have the opportunity to tell us what you think we do well and where we can make improvements. The questionnaires for school and the Care and

Learning Centre will be available to complete online until Saturday 5th May. All the questionnaires can be accessed using the links below.

School Parent/Carer Questionnaire 2018: <https://goo.gl/forms/yEbr4gaoXr0vtAZN2>

Care and Learning Centre Parent/Carer Questionnaire 2018: <https://goo.gl/forms/VrteGdx3jW7Ua89J2>

Out of School Club Parent/Carer Questionnaire 2018: <https://goo.gl/forms/zf6nrg46G7JpNPz1>

We do hope you will take the time to complete the questionnaires as we value all your feedback.

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to double a number up to 10.

Ask your Year 1 what they learnt on their trip to Sedgwick Museum.

Ask your Year 2 child what changes they have noticed in the chicks this week.

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you how to order fractions which have the same denominator.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain a multiplication method that they have used this week.

Ask your Year 5 child how to say they like or don't like to eat something in Spanish.

Ask your Year 6 child to tell you about the history of electricity.

Head Teacher Roll of Honour

The Easter break already seems like a dim and distant memory but it has been quite inspirational to see the quality and volume of work that the children are producing in school at the moment. Everyone seems to be motivated to produce the best work that they can but I would like to honour the following children for their efforts this week:

Matthew in Dorado Class—Matthew has really impressed me this week with his focus and concentration in maths and the great work he has been producing. He has also been making some really sensible choices in the playground. Well done Mathew.

Sofia in Green Class—Sofia always tries hard at everything she does but this week she really challenged herself even further when she attended the Multi- skills festival at Comberton Village College. Well done for being so determined to be the best that you can.

Dakshith in Lacerta Class—Dakshith is very determined to improve in every lesson but he really impressed us with his focus, concentration and perseverance in his tennis lesson this week. He showed true resilience in achieving his goals.

Relaxation and Wellbeing

It is great to hear that the children are enjoying being active at home and accessing the Go Noodle dance videos via the website shared in the newsletter recently. We are passionate about keeping children active at home and would like to share with you another fabulous active resource that can be used to engage in exercise and activity at home. Cosmic Yoga is an online resource that teaches yoga, mindfulness and relaxation through interactive videos. Stories are told using yoga poses, whilst core stability, strength and balance are built on. Examples include: The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Star Wars. We use it in school to promote relaxation and also as a choice for Golden Time. Cosmic Yoga videos can be found via the website <http://www.cosmickids.com/> or alternatively on YouTube. We hope you have fun using it as a family and enjoy the physical benefits.



Locality Team Drop In Sessions

The Locality Team family workers, Sam Stacey and Claire Merrington, will be holding drop in sessions in school on the following Tuesdays at 2pm: 8th May, 22nd May, 5th June, 19th June, 3rd July and 17th July. There is no need to book, just turn up and chat to Sam and Claire about any issues which may be affecting you or your child or family e.g. from sleeping issues to behaviour problems or fussy eaters.



Forthcoming Dates

1st May—Year 2 Tennis festival	5th and 6th June—Burwell House residential for Year 4
3rd May—Year 5 County Maths Challenge	7th June—Headteacher's Drop In 10—11am
4th May—Columba Class assembly	11th—15th June—Phonics check week
9th May—Headteacher's Drop In 2—3pm	11th—15th June—Healthy Lifestyles Week
11th May—Phoenix Class assembly	21st June—KS2 Sports Day (Reserve 22nd June)
14th—17th May—SATs week	21st June—Headteacher's Drop In 2—3pm
21st—25th May—PGL week for Year 6	28th June—KS1 Sports Day (Reserve 29th June)
22nd May—Reception performance	3rd July—Year 6 performance
23rd May—Reception performance	4th July—Year 6 performance
23rd May—Year 4 History Wow Day	5th July—Headteacher's Drop In 10—11am
24th May—Reception Come and Share	13th July—Reports sent out to parents/carers
24th May—Headteacher's Drop In 3—4pm	16th July—Reports Drop In Session
24th May—Burwell House Information Evening	19th July—Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
25th May—last day of half term	19th July—Headteacher's Drop In 2—3pm
4th June—INSET Day	19th July—Year 6 Leavers' Party
5th June—Children return to school	20th July—Last day of Summer term

Summer Fete — Saturday 23rd June

Thank you to all who came to the Fete planning meeting this week. We have lots of good ideas and there are plenty of things to get done, look for more info in next week's newsletter! If you would like to get involved beforehand or help out on the day then please email us at friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com or get in touch through our Facebook page as the Fete is coming up quickly and we welcome all help!



Bag2School Collection

Don't forget Bag2School will be collecting **next Friday 4th May** so please return your bags before then.

It's a great chance to have a good Spring Clean now it finally feels like Spring! They accept any of the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE —Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing, Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and ties, Jewellery, Lingerie, Socks, Belts, Soft toys, Household linen, Curtains, Towels, Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers).



Friends 'Meet & Greet' Coffee Morning—Friday 27th April— 9am-10am

It was lovely to meet all of you who came to our coffee morning today. For anyone who couldn't make it but is interested in getting involved with Friends of Monkfield Park we would love to hear from you so please email us at friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com or get in touch through our Facebook page



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