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Nail varnish

We have had a number of children returning to school after the weekend wearing nail varnish. Please be reminded that nail varnish is not permitted as part of the school uniform at Monkfield Park.

Pocket toys

Following a trial period of children bringing in their pocket toys from home, we are delighted to report that the children seem to be having greater fun and productive playtimes with their friends due to this initiative. We are therefore going to continue promoting the use of pocket toys for the longer term. We have noticed, however, that some of the pocket toys are quite large in size and would like to remind families that they should fit into children's pockets easily. The children will be reminded of this during our assembly on Monday. Additionally, children will be reminded that they should not include trading or swapping cards and we would appreciate your support in monitoring this. Please see an extract from the original letter sent out to families in the Autumn term, which is a reminder about what types of restrictions we have put upon the toys to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all of the children.

The toy must be pocket sized i.e. able to fit into a coat pocket or trouser pocket.

The toy must not be dangerous or offensive e.g. sharp.

The toy must not be a trading or swapping card game.

The toy must not be used to hurt another child.

Your child must return the toy to their tray at the end of playtime/ lunchtime. It is not allowed to be used during classroom/learning time.

The school cannot take responsibility for any toy lost or damaged. The toy your child brings into school is at their own risk.

Celebrating Chinese New Year

2017 is represented in the Chinese calendar as the 'year of the rooster' and children across the school have been looking at how this occasion is celebrated throughout the UK and China. In our picture you are able to see some of the children dressed up as a Chinese dragon. It is customary for the dragon to walk through the streets as part of welcoming in the Chinese new year. In addition to this, the children have been learning about the types of food that is eaten around this time by those who celebrate, the giving of 'lucky money envelopes' and the exchanging of cards. Happy Chinese new year to the families at Monkfield who celebrate and we wish you the best for 2017.



Forthcoming dates

8th February 10am—Year 2 Spring performance	22nd March—Parent consultations
8th February 3.45pm—Reception & KS1 phonics workshop for parents	
9th February 2pm—Year 2 Spring performance	23rd March 2pm—Reception Spring performance
w/c 13th February— HALF TERM	24th March 9am—Cygnus Class assembly
21st—24th February—Science Week	w/c 27th March—International Week
w/c 6th March—Book Week	30th March—Reception come & share in the morning
10th March 9am—Columba Class assembly	30th March—Parent consultations
22nd March 10am—Reception Spring performance	31st March—LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM (CHILDREN RETURN ON 18TH APRIL)

Help to keep our school healthy

Me size meals

Even though they are growing, it's important to make sure children get just the right amount of food for their age—not too little and not too much. So here are a few tips to ensure that your child is getting the right sized portions.



- Remember that children are smaller than adults. It sounds obvious, but an adult tummy is much bigger than a child's tummy—so try and give them a portion that matches their size and not the same amount of food as you.
- It's also healthier to give a smaller portion to begin with, then let them ask for more if they're still hungry.
 - Watch packaging sizes. Lots of food and drinks are designed for adults or for sharing.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to show you how they can move like a dragon.

Ask your Year 1 child about the differences between the island of Struay and Cambourne.

Ask your Year 2 child to name the properties of 3D shapes that they find around the house.

Ask your Year 3 child how light and dark are created.

Ask your Year 4 child to identify real life examples of the different types of angles.

Ask your Year 5 child to name as many different synonyms as they can for the word 'said'.

Ask your Year 6 child how a periscope works.

Head Teacher roll of honour

Isabelle in Orange Class—Isabelle has shown that she has the most impeccable manners which should be highly commended.

Robyn in Dorado Class—Robyn is always ready to be part of the Monkfield Park team. She is both responsible and reliable and understands the importance of looking after herself, our school and her friends.

Friends of Monkfield Park

DISCO

We hope you enjoy the Disco on Friday evening.

Huge thanks to **GOLDMINE DISCO** who will be providing the music for you all to dance too!



PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING/FOREIGN COINS

We collect empty branded printer cartridges for recycling. There is a collection box in the school office. We also collect coins of any currency. These can be left with the school office.



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Via email friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com, via our Facebook page or via the school office.



Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre Holiday Club

The Care & Learning Centre operates a Holiday Club during school holiday periods.

Holiday Club sessions are charged by the hour from 8.00 am until 6.00 pm daily which enables parents/carers to book hours to suit their needs (the minimum chargeable unit is one hour).

Breakfast is available from 8.00 am until 10.00 am daily. Children arriving between these times independently choose activities to participate in. The children eat together between midday and 1.00 pm and an afternoon snack is served between 3.00 pm and 3.30 pm.

Children attending for full days or over lunchtime will need to bring a nut-free packed lunch. Also, we cannot heat or re-heat items sent in from home.

The current cost of Holiday Club is £4.70 per child per hour for children aged 3 to 11 years and £5.25 per hour for children aged from 2 until the term after their third birthday (a one-off registration fee of £30.00 applies to register a child at the Care & Learning Centre).

The schedule for February half term is below.

February Half-Term Holiday Club Schedule 2017

Time and Date	10.00 am -12 noon	1.00 pm - 3.00 pm	3.30 pm - 5.00 pm	5.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Wednesday 13th February Art Attack	Look at me! Self-Art and Silhouettes	Sensory Painting: Feet, Hands, Blind-folded!	Food Art Collages	Creative Colourings
Tuesday 14th February Mad Science Day	Creeping Colours	Surface Tension	Make a Rainbow in a Glass	Balloon Rockets
Wednesday 15th February Creative Boxes	Fish Tanks	Treasure Boxes	Cereal Box Houses	What's in the Box Game
Thursday 16th February Winter Warming Day	Prepare and Make Warming Winter Soup and Bread	Winter Walk	Tasting Soup and Bread	Cosy Time
Friday 17th February Musical Moments	Making Wind Chimes	Making Den Den Drums	Shaker Making	Elastic Band Guitars

If you would like to book any sessions or have any questions about the Holiday Club please do not hesitate to contact the Care & Learning Centre on 01954 273301 or by email clcof-fice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk