

# Newsletter 24

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**Electronic Booking System for Parent Consultation Evening**

Just in case you were distracted by 'the Beast from the East' last week and didn't get round to reading your newsletter, I would like to draw your attention to our new electronic booking system. We have taken the decision to move to an online system to make bookings for the parent consultation evening easier for everyone. Please go to:

<https://monkfieldpark.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Full instructions on how to access the booking system were included in last week's newsletter. You will be able to book appointments using the online system from Saturday 3rd March until Monday 19th March. If you experience any problems please contact the school office for assistance.

**Monkfield's Jolly Post People**



Last week during Book Week the children in Blue and Green classes enjoyed reading some of the most famous books written by the well known children's author Julia Donaldson. Julia is probably best known for her iconic book, The Gruffalo. The children were so enthused by Julia's books they each decided to invent some new characters for her and to write her



a letter to tell her about their ideas and what they love about her writing. Having addressed their letters the children walked to the post box in Morrisons to post their letters to Julia. They learnt about safe places to cross the road and what a post box looks like. It was all very exciting.

**People Who Help Us**



We were very excited to welcome the brave fire fighters from our local Cambourne Fire Station to school this week. The children in Orange and Yellow classes were very excited to be given a tour of the fire engine and to learn about how the fire fighters help to keep us safe. The children were able to see at first hand the huge range of tools and equipment that the fire fighters use in their job and were thrilled to experience at first hand the siren and flashing emergency lights.

### Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you how much a range of items cost when they are shopping with you.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you what they have learnt about medicine.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you about the countries they've discovered around the world.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain how soil is formed.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain how to convert between different units of length.

Ask your Year 5 child to retell the story of Manuk, including what life was like in Korea in 1951.

Ask your Year 6 child to retell their comic book strip story.

## Head Teacher Roll of Honour

During the week I am very fortunate to see so much wonderful learning going on across the school and to have some fascinating and inspirational conversations with the children about their individual achievements. I would particularly like to honour the following children this week:

Xanaura in Columba class: Xanaura is a wonderful friend to everyone. She is always kind and helpful, giving up her playtimes to help others. She always tries her hardest in class and as a result makes very good progress.

Elliott in Cygnus class: Elliott knows how important it is to keep fit and healthy. He has written his own recipe book which is bursting with delicious recipes to help others learn about healthy eating. Fantastic work Elliott.

Niall in Green class: Niall has told me that he sometimes finds writing tricky but he has been determined to improve. His perseverance has paid off and we have been so pleased with the fantastic writing he has produced both in school and for his homework. Well done Niall.

### Thank you CITRIX



We would like to say a big thank you to CITRIX for promoting the study of Science and technology. Following the very successful computing activity day for Year 6 during STEM Week, CITRIX has made a £500 donation towards the purchase of some new STEM books for the school library.

Director of Product Development, Chris Gissing, said "I'm delighted to provide the school with the latest books on programming and other tech topics. I was highly impressed by Year 6, and I'm sure some of them will go on to study STEM subjects in future".

We know the children will derive huge benefits from the donation of the most up to date Science books.

### Sport Relief 2018



Please don't forget that next Friday, 23rd March, we will be marking Sports Relief in school by holding a 'dress down day'. We are encouraging children to come to school in their sports kit and the Friends of Monkfield Park will be holding a bucket collection on the playground at the start of the school day to collect money for this very worthwhile charity.



Even though the weather has been a little unpredictable of late the children are still having two PE lessons each week. All the children have one indoor PE session and an outdoor games lesson every week. Please can you ensure that your child is prepared for both lessons and has their correct PE kit in school every day.

For indoor PE the children should wear blue shorts and a plain white T shirt. Children may also wear black plimsolls if they wish.

For outdoor games lessons your child will need warm jogging bottoms and a warm sweatshirt, a plain T shirt and sensible, supportive training shoes. Children with long hair will also need a band to tie their hair back.



### International Week 2018

From 26th to 29th March we will be holding our annual International Week. As a school we come together to celebrate our rich and diverse school community. Ms Deegan would still like to hear from any parents/carers who would like to be involved in this week. If you have any traditions and activities from your culture that you would be prepared to share with the children e.g. stories, dances, games etc., please contact Ms Deegan via the school office.



The wonderful thing about spelling is that you can practise it anywhere, even when taking a shower!

Why not use a steamy window (in your bathroom, in the car, etc) and practise your weekly spellings by tracing the words with your finger on the glass!

### Forthcoming Dates

20th March 9.30am—Reception Come and Share

22nd March 5pm—Parent Consultation Evening

23rd March 9am—Cygnus Class assembly

23rd March—Vision Screening

w/c 26th March —International Week

27th March 2pm—Year 5 performance

27th March 4pm—Parent Consultation Evening

28th March 6pm—Year 5 performance

29th March—last day of Spring Term

30th March—EASTER HOLIDAYS begin

16th April—Children Return to school

18th April—PGL Information evening

19th April—Vision screening

24th April—Green Class visit to Sedgwick Museum

25th April—Y1 Multi-skills festival

26th April— Blue Class visit to Sedgwick Museum

1st May—Year 2 Tennis festival

3rd May—County Maths Challenge

4th May—Columba Class assembly

11th May—Phoenix Class assembly

14th—17th May—SATs week

22nd May—Reception performance

23rd May—Reception performance

25th May—last day of half term





## Summer Fete— Saturday 23rd June 2018 — Help Wanted!

We are happy to confirm that the date of this year's Monkfield Park Summer Fete will be **Saturday 23rd June 2018**.

If you would like to get involved in the planning or to help out on the day then please do get in touch either through our Facebook page or via email to [friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com). With lots to do beforehand and on the day all help would be greatly appreciated.



## Sport Relief 2018

Monkfield Park is supporting Sport Relief 2018 on **Friday 23rd March** by holding a 'dress down day'. We are encouraging children to **come to school in their sports kit** and will be holding bucket collections at the gates at the start of the school day.



## 200 Club

Our 200 Club winner for February is Mel Webster, Congratulations Mel!

Just a reminder that we sent out the 6-month Subscription forms for our 200 Club last week so if you would like to join in and be included in the draw from March 2018 please make sure to return the form and the Subscription fee to the school office by Friday 23rd March. If you haven't received the form then please email us at:

[friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com)



## STEM Books Donation from Citrix

Friends of Monkfield Park would like to say a big thank you to Chris Gissing, Director of Product Development from Citrix, who has followed up holding a computing activity day for Year 6 during Science Week with a £500 donation towards STEM books for the school library.



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