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A Surfeit of Noses!

Monkfield Park is renowned for its altruism and generosity and over the years you have helped us to raise money for a number of national and local charities which help those who are in need. We also pride ourselves on having fun whilst raising these vital funds.

Next Friday is Red Nose Day 2026 when we will be dressing up and donning our red noses to raise vital funds for the Comic Relief Charity which helps so many communities in this country and across the world. However, with Red Nose Day fast approaching, I was amazed to see that we still have quite a stock of red noses for sale in the office. This year the noses are made from plant based materials and are fully recyclable. However, the most exciting news is that they are now fully customisable so you can embellish your nose with your own unique design and glitter, sequins, doodles or even bows. Take this opportunity to let your creativity go wild.

The noses cost £2 each which goes directly to Comic Relief ensuring that people in need all over the world will get the essentials they need to survive. Red noses will be on sale every day from the school office next week.

With best wishes,
Mrs Howell

Acts of Kindness During Ramadan

I had a lovely surprise on Wednesday when I was presented with the gift of a beautiful hamper of goodies by the Cambourne Crescent. Bursting with chocolate, biscuits, dried fruits and dates, the staff loved the treats and were very grateful to the Red Crescent for thinking of us during the period of Ramadan.

On Sunday evening I was invited by members of the Dialogue Society to join them and many of our families for the annual community Ifthar dinner. It was such an honour to be able to share this special and extremely delicious meal with them and to learn more about the work of the Dialogue Society whose members work to advance social cohesion by connecting communities and empowering people of different faiths to engage in dialogue with each other.



Red Nose Day

Friday 20th March 2026

Dress down for £1

FOMP will be providing bucket collections on the day

Scan me! →

To donate to our JustGiving page (Min £2 Donation)



The brand new "DESIGN-YER"

Red Noses will be available to purchase at the school office from Monday 2nd March for £2

It's time get creative and design your own Red Nose!

Staff News

I am delighted to be able to bring everyone some very good news.

Mrs O'Rourke, who is our Director for Pupil Pastoral and is known to many of you as Yellow Class teacher, is expecting her second baby in August.

I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs O'Rourke a happy and healthy pregnancy and in sending many congratulations and good wishes to her and her family.



Each day our teaching staff are available to chat with you at the classroom doors at the beginning and end of the school day. Many of you are able to have a brief catch up at these times but we know how important it is to have a more in depth discussion with your child's class teacher about their progress this term.

Parent consultation evenings for this term will be taking place in school to allow all parents the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher in person.

Tuesday 17th March from 4.00 pm to 6.30 pm.

Thursday 26th March from 4.00pm to 6.30 pm.

All appointments will last for 10 minutes and we politely ask that you keep to those timings. Bookings can be made using the electronic booking system, details of which have been e-mailed to you by the school office. If you have any problems with booking an appointment please contact Mrs Cox or Mrs Taylor in the school office who will be happy to help.

We will be running a crèche for younger children to allow you to gain the maximum from your appointment.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to teach you the words of the song '10 Little Dinosaurs'.

Ask your Year 1 child to compare the length of different objects you can find at home.

Ask your Year 2 child how do they recognise when they are feeling safe or unsafe and what should they do.

Ask your Year 3 child to name two major world rivers.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain what an improper fraction is and to give you some examples.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain who Dr Barnardo was and what he achieved.

Ask your Year 6 child to describe the perils faced by Shackleton and his crew.

Supporting Your Child with Worries

We are holding a parent information session in school to help support your child with their worries.

Please join us in school on Tuesday 24th March 9.15 am -10.30 am.

This is being hosted by our link school Educational Psychologist Joanne Withers. This will be a short informal presentation from Jo, with then a chance to ask questions and chat with Jo. She is unable to give individual consultations about a child. Please email the office to sign up.

Supporting Your Child with Their Worries

Do they sometimes find it tricky to get into school in the morning due to their worries?

Would you like some further support or advice on this?

If so, please join us in school on :

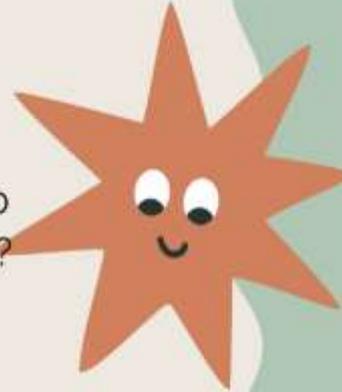
Tuesday 24th March

9:15am -10:30am

This parent session is being hosted by our link school Educational Psychologist Joanne Withers.

Please email the office to sign up for a place by 12pm Monday 23rd March

There will be a short informal presentation from Jo for about 40 minutes and then a chance to ask questions. Jo is unable to give individual consultations about a child



Head Lice Again!

I am sorry to have to inform you that head lice are very much back in school and we have been informed of a number of cases across the school this week.

As a mum, I appreciate what a scourge they are and how frustratingly difficult it is to break the cycle and banish these unwelcome visitors. Unfortunately, they are very tricky little creatures so it is important to be vigilant. We would appreciate your co-operation in managing this by thoroughly checking your child's hair each week and treating where necessary. There is no need to buy expensive treatments, as it is just as effective to apply conditioner to wet hair and use a lice comb to remove any live lice and eggs. Please don't forget that the whole family needs to be checked at the same time and that bedding should be thoroughly washed. More information and support can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>. Thank you for all your support.



FORTHCOMING DATES Spring Term 2026

16th March—Y2 WOW Day

17th March—Parent Consultation Evening

19th March—Year 5 and Year 6 Rugby tournament

19th to 24th March— Book Fair in Main Hall

20th March—Green Class assembly

20th March—Red Nose Day

24th March— Reception singing performance at 10am

25th March—Reception singing performance at 10am

25th March—FOMP Easter egg hunt

26th March—Parent Consultation evening

27th March—School breaks up for Easter holiday

30th March to 10th April— Easter Holiday

13th April—Children return to school for Summer term

13th to 17th April— STEM week

15th April— Year 3 School trip

21st—22nd April—Year 4 Residential to Burwell House

22nd April—Year 1 WOW Day

28th April—Year 2 Nature Reserve visit

1st May—Dorado Class assembly

4th May—May Day Holiday

6th May—KS1 Wellbeing Wednesday

11th to 14th May—Key Stage 2 SATS week

12th May—Reception Come and Share pm

15th May—FOMP Break the Rules Day

20th May—KS2 Wellbeing Wednesday

20th—22nd May—Year 6 PGL residential trip

22nd May—break up for half term

25th to 29th May—Half term holiday

1st June—INSET Day (school closed for children)

2nd June—Children return to school

2nd to 12th June—Year 4 Multiplication Checks

8th to 12th June—Phonic check for Year 1

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

Spring is Coming....

This week, we have been talking about Spring. We learnt that when the weather starts to get a little warmer, flowers and plants begin to grow again. Ms Turner bought in some snowdrops and daffodils from her garden and we looked at them carefully, learning new vocabulary such as 'leaf', 'stem', 'petal', 'bud' and 'blossom'. The children then made snowdrop pictures by cutting strips of paper to make the stems and finger printing the petals. It would be great if you could look for Spring flowers and buds in your gardens at home, or maybe when you are out and about? You could take some photos of the flowers you find and post them on to Evidence Me for us to share together.



Song Time

During this term the children have been busy learning new songs and rhymes, some of which have been related to our learning themes. We would like to invite all parents and carers to come and listen to our wonderful singing on Wednesday March 25th 9.10 am. If your child does not normally attend preschool at this time, you are very welcome to bring them along for this event.

Best wishes,
Jane Turner
Early Years Teacher & Pre-School Manager