

Newsletter 5

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If you have a concern.....

Monkfield Park values parental feedback, be that positive or negative, and will always do its best to work with families in resolving difficulties that children in the school might face.

Teaching staff are available at the beginning or end of the school day for short minor queries or exchanges of information, and are always happy to make a mutually convenient appointment to speak with you when they are not teaching the children, for more lengthy meetings. Alternatively there is a weekly Head Teacher drop in which any parent can attend without an appointment. If the class teacher has not been able to help you then you are always more than welcome to make an appointment with the Head Teacher, via the school office.

If you have something positive to say please tell everyone, if you have a concern please talk to us first.

Thank you.

Race for Life total

We are delighted to inform you that the families of Monkfield Park managed to raise £1,041.19 in sponsorship following our recent 'Race for Life' event. The money raised will go to Cancer Research UK. This is a phenomenal total which we can all be really proud of. Well done everyone!

Drone competition

As part of Amazon's new delivery service 'Prime Air', it has invited Cambridgeshire schools to enter a 'Design a Drone' competition. Monkfield Park has excitedly decided to take on the challenge as not only will the overly generous prizes be beneficial to Science in school, but it also gives the children exciting opportunities to develop their scientific thinking. The competition invites children to either build a drone using everyday materials such as wood, metal, plastic, paper and cardboard, or to draw a drone, considering which materials they would use. The competition is for Years 2-5 only, but Year 6 will be designing a drone for an inter-house competition. Designing the drone will be set as a homework challenge next Monday for those classes that are involved. On Wednesday, to help with the children's understanding of what a drone actually is, we were lucky enough to have a demonstration of a real-life drone in action. We look forward to seeing all of Monkfield Park's impressive drone designs!



Head Teacher roll of honour

Hamza in Pegasus - Hamza was extremely kind and thoughtful to another member of the school in assembly this week. Other children across the school witnessed this kind act which has set a great example.

Lucy in Dorado—for her excellent listening skills and ability to give thoughtful and insightful responses.

Seth in Phoenix—Seth has an all new positive outlook on his learning. He is positively bursting with keenness and eagerness which is both wonderful and obvious to see.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you about the different fruits they taste tested this week.

Ask your Year 1 child how many different ways they can travel with a ball.

Ask your Year 2 child if they can identify lines of symmetry in shapes around the house.

Ask your Year 3 child what the features of a poem are.

Ask your Year 4 child what life would have been like as a soldier in the Roman army.

Ask your Year 5 child who Charles Fazzino is and what type of art he is famous for creating.

Ask your Year 6 child which fruits are grown in tropical climates.

Forthcoming dates

12th October from 5pm—Parent consultation evening (more details to follow)

13th October 1.30pm—Reception 'come and share' event

14th October 9am—Blue Class assembly

17th October—Individual children's photographs

18th October—Flu vaccinations for Years 1, 2 and 3 children (more details to follow)

20th October from 4pm—Parent consultations (more details to follow)

w/c 24th October—half term (children return on 31st October)

11th November 9am—Phoenix Class assembly

18th November at 9am—Indigo Class assembly

13th December 10am—Year 3/4 carol concert

14th December 9.30am—Reception 'come and share' event

14th December 2pm—Year 3/4 carol concert

15th December 2pm—Year 1 nativity

15th December 6pm—Year 3/4 carol concert

16th December 10am—Year 1 nativity

19th December—Christmas lunch

20th December—Christmas parties

20th December—Last day of term

21st December—Christmas holidays begin

4th January—INSET day (school closed to children)

5th January—All children return

Friends of Monkfield Park

	<p>BAG2SCHOOL</p> <p>The next collection will be THIS Thursday 13th October at 9am in the car park beside school. Bags should have come home, ask your class teacher, please fill with:</p> <p>Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing, Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and ties, Jewellery, Lingerie, Belts and Soft toys</p>
<h1>AGM</h1>	<p>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</p> <p>Our AGM will take place Friday 21st October at 9.15am. Refreshments will be served and there will be quiet activities for younger siblings you may have with you. Please do join us to find out what we do and how you might be part of it. Letters were sent home last week regarding the election of a new committee for this school year. Please get in touch if you would like to find out more about the various roles.</p>
	<p>CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING</p> <p>Friday 2nd December 7pm – 9pm</p> <p>Lots of wonderful independent and individual stalls, refreshments and raffle. £1 entry.</p> <p>We still need some help. Here is the link to volunteer</p>
	<p>CONTACT US</p> <p>Via email friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com ,via our Facebook page or via the school office.</p>

Nut allergies in school

Please be mindful that it is our school policy not to permit nuts or nut products in school. Many of the children who attend Monkfield Park have severe food allergies and contact with nuts or nut products could potentially be fatal for them. Some products can often contain 'hidden' nuts and an example of this would be some brands of chocolate spread or 'Nutella'.

We look forward to your co-operation in this matter.