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This week the Youth Engagement Service ran some workshops for the children in Years 5 and 6 on the draft Greater Cambridge Plan. With the proposed expansion of Cambourne around the new railway station, the planners are keen to know what children value most so that they can prioritise resources. The children made some very valid points about biodiversity and green spaces, wellbeing and social inclusion, homes, jobs and the infrastructure they feel will be needed as Cambourne develops and grows. The team was very complimentary and praised the children for their creativity, their ideas and the eloquent way they presented their views. The data generated from the workshop will be analysed and the results will be fed back to the Planning Policy Team as part of the consultation process, ensuring that the children's input is acknowledged in the planning policy document. It is pleasing to know that the children will have their say in the future of their town and community. As one of the children commented; "I hope this means we will actually get a swimming pool in Cambourne now".

With best wishes,

Mrs Howell

The English Challenge

What an incredible evening four of our Year 6 children had taking part in the annual Year 6 English Challenge which we hosted at Monkfield Park this year. The children were a real credit to the school as they enthusiastically worked as a team to tackle some very difficult problems which defeated most of the adults in the audience. The challenge was broken into various rounds: books—matching authors to books and identifying characters from descriptions; extra thinks—identifying book characters from their pictures; basic skills—spelling, punctuation and grammar, and text types—identifying the genre. Thanks to the team's incredible knowledge, we came a fantastic second having missed first place by just one point! There is still a possibility that the team could make it to the finals if they are the highest scoring runners up. We are keeping everything crossed for them as they certainly deserve it.

Are You Ready For the SCHOOL DISCO?

Only a week to go now so you had better hurry! It is time to dust off your dancing shoes and don your sequins for the first and most eagerly anticipated FOMP event of 2026. There will be three discos for each key stage at the following times:

Years 1 & 2—3.30 to 4.30 pm (children will attend straight from their classes. Please send your child to school with their disco clothes in a separate bag)

Years 3 & 4 - 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Years 5 & 6—6.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Please purchase your tickets and provide all of the relevant pick-up/allergy information required using the QR code below.

Please note that children must be collected by a parent or nominated adult. Children will not be allowed to walk home by themselves. All money raised from this event will go towards purchasing items to support the children in school and towards the coach costs for school trips across all years.



A BIG THANK YOU FROM FOMP

Thank you to everyone who attended the second hand uniform sale organised by FOMP at the Holiday Inn on Saturday. The sale raised an amazing

£248!

Thank you to the hard working committee members of FOMP for organising this.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to re-tell you the story of 'Walking Through the Jungle'.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you about the different parts of a letter.

Show your Year 2 child different coins or notes and ask them to tell you their values.

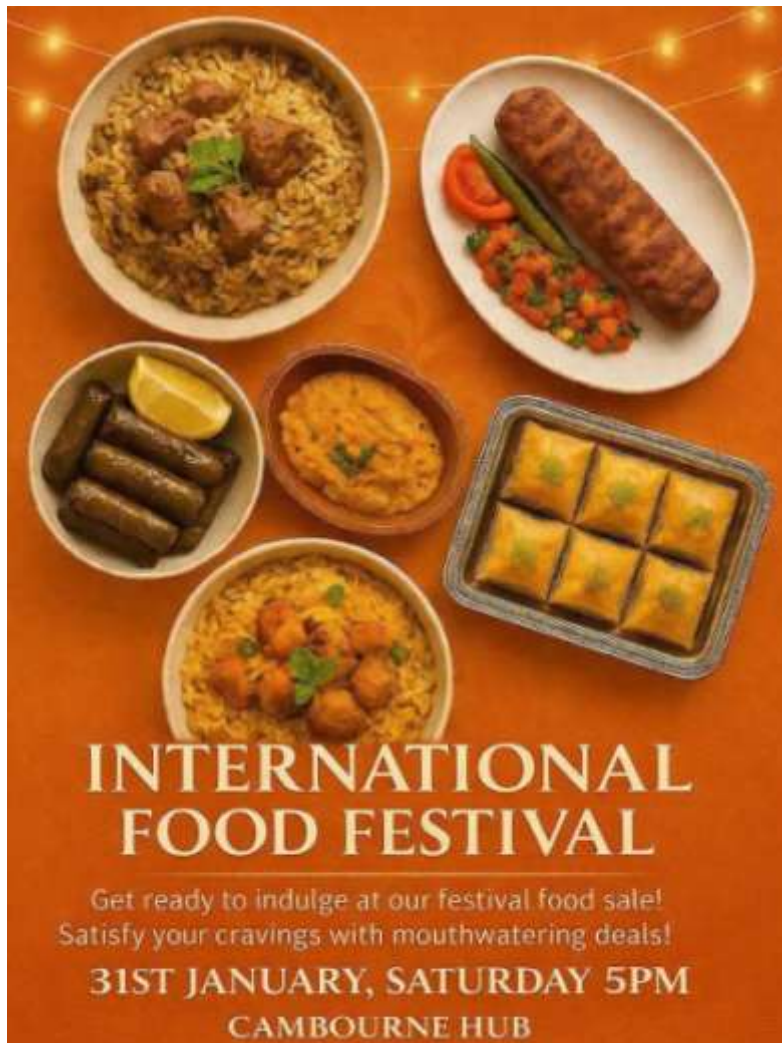
Ask your Year 3 child to explain which is the bigger measurement, 100 cm or 1 m.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain the difference between a crochet and a minim in musical notation.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain what an integer is.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain how to create cohesion within paragraphs in their writing.

CAMBOURNE CRESCENT INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL



A Polite Reminder About Parking!



We appreciate that the public car park in Priory Walk can be very busy at peak times but we have continued to receive a number of complaints about inconsiderate car parking! We have also noticed cars parking on the grass verge adjacent to the staff car park gates and parents blocking the gates when dropping off or collecting their children.

The Highway Code states that parking is prohibited on double yellow lines and yellow zig-zag lines outside schools **at all times**; this includes

stopping to set down or pick up passengers. Although the verge is not on school property we would request that parents and carers do not put our children in danger by stopping or parking in this area as it increases the likelihood of an accident.

Thank you for your support and understanding in this important matter and for working with us to ensure the safety of all the children and staff at Monkfield Park.

FORTHCOMING DATES Spring Term 2026

4th February—Y4 WOW Day

5th February—Network CB23 Maths Challenge for Y3 and Y4

6th February—NSPCC Number Day

6th February—FOMP School Discos

9th to 13th February—Children’s Mental Health Week

10th February—Reception vision screening

11th February—Y3 WOW Day

13th February—School breaks up for half term

16th to 20th February—Half Term

23rd February—Children return to school

26th February—Y5 WOW Day

2nd to 6th March—International week

6th March—Mid term reports to parents

6th March—Cygnus Class assembly

13th March—Violet Class assembly

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

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

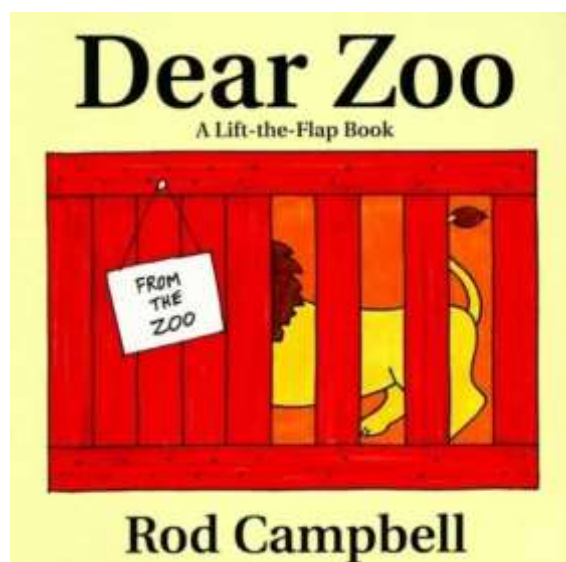
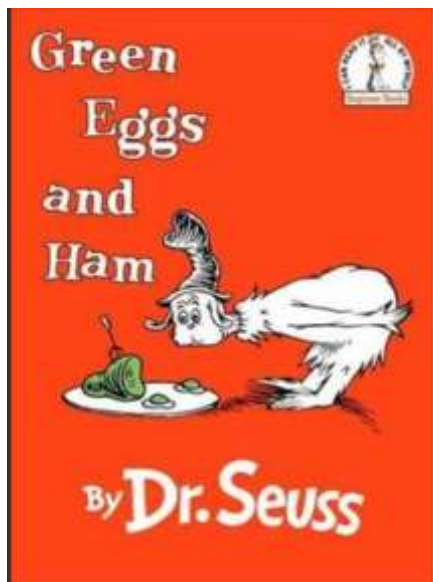
4th May—May Day Holiday

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

Together Time Learning

This week, the children in the Rabbit Group have learnt the second set of Read, Write, Inc pictures and sounds. They are really enjoying their new phonics sessions and doing so well at remembering and making the different sounds. Don't forget to look out for another video on Evidence Me to help you practise at home. The Rabbit Group children have also been reading the Dr Seuss story, 'Green Eggs and Ham', with more funny rhyming words to make us all laugh!



In Hedgehog Together Time, the children have been listening to the story, 'Dear Zoo', enjoying opening the flaps in the book really carefully. Their nursery rhyme of the week has been, 'Baa Baa Black Sheep'. Perhaps you could sing this together at home too?

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Best wishes,

Jane Turner

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