

# Newsletter 5

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## Harvest Reminder

October is usually marked by crisp air, chilly nights, bonfires, changing leaves and a plethora of pumpkins. So far we haven't really noticed many of these autumnal signs and a further heat wave is forecast for the coming week, but I am reliably informed that there has been a bumper pumpkin harvest this year. Pumpkins are traditionally a central part of any harvest display but we are not asking for pumpkins for our harvest celebration on Monday, but for donations of dried, tinned or non-perishable items. If you are able to send any donations of the following item we will be very grateful:

Noodles and rice	Soap, toiletries and nappies	Olive oil
Toilet rolls	Long life juices and cordials	Pasta sauces
Stock cubes	Dried and tinned goods	Tinned tomatoes
Cleaning products	Long life milk	Milk powder

Puddings e.g. rice pudding, custard, Angel Delight, jelly and sponge

All your donations will be donated to the Cambourne Food Bank to help those families who are in need of support.

Mrs Howell.

Don't forget  
parents'  
evening!

Each day our teaching staff are available to greet 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. When we work together in partnership to support your children we are able to achieve the best outcomes for them.

Parent consultation evenings for this term are all taking place face-to-face, so that you are able to look at your child's books and work in their classroom prior to your discussion with the teacher. The dates are

Tuesday 10th October from 5.00 pm to 7.30 pm

Thursday 19th October from 4pm 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.

## Future Thinking

Education is about inspiring children to be aspirational and follow their dreams so it is important that we help the children to think about aspirational careers from an early age. With this in mind, we were delighted that Network CB23 hosted a careers convention for our Year 5 and Year 6 children this week. The convention gave the children the opportunity to meet with a range of local employers from different industries in the Cambridge area who were able to give them a greater understanding of the range of different jobs and careers available to them. As you can see from the comments by the children, it was a very successful event.



*I liked the careers convention because I got a lot of information about what I could do with my life. I got to understand what other people do for a job and the journey they took in their career.*

**Vaanya, Year 6**

*I really enjoyed the career convention for lots of reasons. To start off with, there was a variety of careers to choose from like Bidwells to surgical robots. The presentation of all the careers was very well shown. Some had lego models; others, like the architectural stand, had artefacts they had found, some of which were Roman. The booklets we had gave us a chance to write notes about the different stations helping us to compare them. The trip was really interesting and jam-packed with knowledge. **Finley, Y6***

## Outdoor and Adventurous

A big well done to all the children who participated in the Outdoor and Adventurous Activities event at Comberton Village College this week. The children tackled a variety of problem solving activities which were focussed around the values of determination and teamwork, The children were excellent ambassadors for the school, demonstrating wonderful team working and problem solving skills.



### Individual and Sibling Photographs

Many of you are already thinking about Christmas gifts and have been enquiring about when the school photographers will be visiting. I am pleased to announce that the photographers will be coming to school on Monday 9th October. They will be taking both individual and sibling photographs during the school day.

This is always an event which requires a lot of planning and organisation on the day. To enable the event runs as smoothly as possible, please can you ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their correct school uniform, which includes their green school sweatshirt or cardigan. The backgrounds used by the photographers are white and so the dark green sweatshirt provides the necessary



contrast. If your child has PE on that day, please can they wear their school polo shirt and sweatshirt.

Please be aware that we need your consent to take your child's photograph. If you have not given consent to the school office we will not be able to take your child's photograph.

The photographers will be available to take photographs with siblings who attend pre-school from 8.30 am in the morning. If you have a pre-school aged child and would like to have their photograph taken with an older sibling, please could you all arrive in school at 8.30 am and enter the Activity Hall via the external hall doors which lead on to the staff car park. Please note that there may be a short waiting time if there is a demand for the family group photographs.



### **Applying for a School Place**

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, and you live in Cambridgeshire you need to apply for a Reception place for September 2024.

We appreciate that selecting the right school for your child is not an easy decision to make. Each parent and carer is looking for a school that will make the educational experience as motivating and rewarding as possible for their child. To help you make this important decision we would like to

welcome parents and carers into school to see at first hand what makes Monkfield Park such a special place to learn. We are offering a number of parent tours so that you can see the school in action and talk with the Headteacher. In addition we will also be offering an open evening event so that you can meet and chat with the Reception teaching team. Please join us for one of our parent tours which can be booked by contacting the school office. The dates for the tours are:

Wednesday 11th October at 9.30am

Wednesday 18th October at 2.00pm

Thursday 9th November—Open Evening from 6.00pm

Friday 24th November at 9.30am

Monday 4th December at 2.00pm

Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful school.

# Headteacher Roll of Honour

Each week this space will provide a celebration of children who may be especially noticed for demonstrating learning or behaviour that we feel should be recognised and commended. This week I would like to congratulate:

Lucy in Aquila Class: The children have been learning about the importance of empathy in friendships and Lucy summed this up perfectly for everyone by writing a very thoughtful acrostic poem.

Vaanya in Delphinus Class: Thinking about the future can be something we all struggle to do. However, Vaanya has been giving a lot of thought to possible future careers and impressed many of the representatives at the careers convention with her searching and intelligent questions.

Theo in Green Class: Handwriting can be very tricky but Theo is putting so much effort into his letter formation. He is determined to make sure they are all sitting on the line and has been working on making sure all his sentences have a capital letter and full stop. Great work Theo.

## Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to show you the skeleton dance.

Ask your Year 1 child what makes a good friend.

Ask your Year 2 child to name the stages of a human life cycle in order .

Ask your Year 3 child which spelling technique they learnt about; Silly Sentences, Pictionary or Mnemonics.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain what having empathy means.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain what the 5 'Ws' are.

Ask your Year 6 child to name the colours in Spanish and include them in a sentence.

## A Polite Reminder About Jewellery

For health and safety reasons jewellery and elaborate hair ornaments should not be worn to school. The only exceptions are watches and small studs for pierced ears—hoop earrings are not allowed to be worn in school. All jewellery items, including 'fitbits', MUST be removed during PE lessons and hair must be tied back to prevent injury. Children should remove their own earrings and store them safely or parents should remove them before the start of the school day. The Local Authority Health and Safety guidance no longer permits the taping of pierced ears during PE lessons. Staff cannot remove earrings for children or be responsible for storing them. As an alternative, silicone studs may be worn during PE lessons. Please can you check that all bracelets, bangles and necklaces are removed before your child comes to school each day. Thank you for your support in this matter.



**FORTHCOMING DATES Autumn Term 2023**

9th October—Individual school photographs

10th October—5.00pm -7.30pm—Parent consultation evening

11th October—Tour for prospective parents at 9.30am

13th October at 9:15am— Phoenix Class Assembly

13th October 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm - Headteacher's Drop In

16th October—Art Week

18th October 8.30 am to 9.30 am - Headteacher's Drop In

18th October—Tour for prospective parents at 2pm

19th October 4:00pm —7:00pm—Parent consultation evening

20th October 2.30—3pm CLC Song Time

23rd—27th October—HALF TERM

30th October—Children return to school

30th October to 3rd November—Children's Art Gallery

7th November—9.30am to 10.30am — Headteacher's Drop In

9th November—Open Evening and Tour for prospective parents at 6pm

w/c 13th November—Anti bullying week

17th November—Children in Need Day

22nd November—Flu vaccinations for all children

23rd November—2.30pm to 3.30pm — Headteacher's Drop In

**Change of date for Indigo Class Assembly. This will now take place on 24th November at 9.15am**

24th November—Tour for prospective parents at 9.30am

4th December —Tour for prospective parents at 2.00pm

12th December at 2pm—Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert

13th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity Play

13th December at 6pm—Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert

14th December—9.00am to 10.00am—Headteacher's Drop In

14th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity Play

14th December at 6pm—Year 3 and Year 4 Carol Concert

20th December—LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

21st December—3rd January 2024—CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

4th & 5th January—INSET Days (school closed for children)

8th January—Children return to school