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Wishing you all a happy Summer

On behalf of everyone at Monkfield Park, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing Summer break and to thank you for supporting your children at Monkfield Park. In particular, we would like to wish our leavers in Year 6 well and with good fortune as they move on to their time in secondary education. We hope that they look back both fondly and positively about the wealth of experiences they've been offered with us.

However you choose to spend the holiday period, we hope that you have plenty of opportunities to appreciate family time together and to enjoy the beautiful weather that we have predicted.

Mrs Jarman

Key Stage 1 and Reception treasure hunt



Reception and Key Stage 1 took part in a marathon treasure hunt this week as part of supporting their transition into their new classrooms. The children had to collect bears and compete against other in a race to see who would be the winning team. As you can see from the photograph, they all had a marvellous time with their friends.

Year 2 visit the seaside



Sunshine, sand and sea; we couldn't have asked for a more perfect school trip to the seaside this week. The sea life centre was educational and informative where the children experienced touching starfish and crabs and learnt all about rock pools and how they are formed. Exploring the sea life centre reminded the children of some of the interesting facts that they had learnt whilst writing non-fiction reports in school and really brought that learning to life seeing the creatures themselves. We were most fascinated by the camen, leather-back turtles and axolotl (that looked truly pre-historic!) We then enjoyed our lunches and an obligatory ice-cream before having a refreshing paddle in the sea. It was a lovely trip which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.



Bells on cycles

We are aware of the many children who benefit from cycling around Cambourne and who enjoy both the physical and mental advantages of this. However, we are also aware of the number of pedestrians and cycles who share the paths around by our school. Following a 'near miss' collision in Cambourne recently, between a pedestrian and cyclist, we would encourage cycles to be fitted with a bell. These relatively inexpensive additions could prevent accidents where they are used to alert pedestrians to cyclists, thereby reducing the likelihood of either a cyclist or pedestrian becoming injured.

Active Challenge

This academic year, we introduced an active challenge chart into each classroom to see which class can be the most active throughout the school week. Classes are enjoying completing 1 minute, 2 minute and 5 minute active challenges throughout the school day as a brain break. Each time they complete a challenge, the number of active minutes are added to their class chart. At the end of each week, the total number of minutes for each class is collected and added to a whole class display.

The two winning classes that were the most active this half term were Indigo Class and Delphinus Class. They enjoyed a morning working up a sweat on the school's latest equipment addition of scooters and skateboards. It is fair to say they had great fun whilst being physically active at the same time.



Head Teacher Roll of Honour

During assembly this week, we talked about ways in which to overcome barriers we may face. The following children have put this into practice already. Well done to the following children:

Aliona in Indigo Class—Aliona took great care in sewing her puppet in school. She worked together with the help of others to get it just the way she wanted it. Well done Aliona.

Franklyn in Pegasus Class—For allowing yourself to become a real part of Monkfield Park and for making excellent contributions to discussions.

Theo in Lacerta Class—Theo you are always looking to better yourself and to become the best you can be. You are always positive in the face of a challenge—a great quality to celebrate.

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to think of a question for their new teacher.

Ask your Year 1 child what they investigated in Science this week.

Ask your Year 2 child what they learnt from the rock pool experience at the sea life centre.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain how to make the perfect sandwich.

Ask your Year 4 child what they have enjoyed learning most about Chembakolli and why.

Ask your Year 5 child what is the success criteria for designing and making a maths game.

Ask your Year 6 child what love means.

Forthcoming Dates

20th July—Last day of Summer term

4th September—INSET day (school closed to children and families)

5th September—Key Stages 1 and 2 return to school

10th September—Reception children begin school

17th September—Meet the teacher evening (details to be circulated in the Autumn term)