

# Newsletter 13

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## Top secret laboratory visit!

Thanks to Monkfield Park's success in Amazon Prime's 'Design a Drone' competition, ten lucky children got to visit their top secret lab in Cambridge for a private tour! As we tried to fly our own drones on a computer simulator, we learnt about how they use coding to autopilot drones which is what Amazon Prime intends to do for their delivery service. But our piloting did not stop there, as we were able to fly real-life drones! Fortunately, the drones were safely enclosed behind a plastic wall as flying a drone is far harder than it looks. Not only that, Lauren's winning drone was revealed in a display cabinet in the lab which is being kept there to inspire the Amazon drone designers.



## Forthcoming dates

13th December 10am—Year 3/4 carol concert	8th February 10am—Year 2 Spring performance
14th December 9.30am—Reception 'come and share' event	8th February 3.45pm—Reception phonics workshop for parents
14th December 2pm—Year 3/4 carol concert	9th February 2pm—Year 2 Spring performance
15th December 2pm—Year 1 nativity	w/c 13th February— HALF TERM
15th December 6pm—Year 3/4 carol concert	20th February—All children return
16th December 10am—Year 1 nativity	21st—24th February—Science Week
19th December—Christmas lunch	w/c 6th March—Book Week
20th December—Christmas parties	10th March 9am—Columba Class assembly
20th December—Last day of term	22nd March 10am—Reception Spring performance
21st December—Christmas holidays begin	22nd March—Parent consultations
4th January INSET day (school closed to children)	23rd March 2pm—Reception Spring performance
5th January—All children return	24th March 9am—Cygnus Class assembly
11th January 6pm—Year 6 parents meeting for SATs	w/c 27th March—International Week
17th January—Year 4 swimming begins	30th March—Reception come & share in the morning
27th January—Reception & Year 6 NHS height and weight checks	30th March—Parent consultations
27th January 9am—Lacerta Class assembly	31st March—LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM (CHILDREN RETURN ON 18TH APRIL)

### Sentence starters

- Ask your Reception child to move their body to represent different toys.
- Ask your Year 1 child to tell you about the animal fact file they have written.
- Ask your Year 2 child about Henri Rousseau and his painting style.
- Ask your Year 3 child to tell you how many items they can buy for £1 in the great pet sale.
- Ask your Year 4 child where water goes when it is boiled.
- Ask your Year 5 child what a 'cam' is and how it works.
- Ask your Year 6 child what information you will find in the lead of a newspaper report.

## Head Teacher roll of honour

We are fortunate to have many caring children at Monkfield Park and their efforts do not go unnoticed. This week we pay special tribute to the following children:

- Mike in Pegasus Class—Mike used his bi-lingual skills to good effect this week and it also helped Mrs Jarman!
- Daksh in Violet Class—Daksh always tries to be helpful at lunchtime and is often seen to be offering a friendly hand to the grown ups.
- Adam in Green Class—Adam has shown his thoughtful side this week by trying to help a friend who felt unwell.

### Friends of Monkfield Park



#### CHRISTMAS TREE

"Tree"mendous thanks to **JPT Design Consultants** who have generously sponsored the beautiful 12 foot Christmas Tree which is in place in the main hall. <http://www.jptdesign.co.uk/>

#### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING

Many thanks to all those who attended our Christmas Shopping Evening last week. In total we raised **£238**.



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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/monkfieldparkprimaryschoolcambourne/>

### Help us to become a Healthy School

Sugar swaps—Swapping sugary snacks and drinks for ones lower in sugar can make a huge difference to children's calorie intake. Not only that, but it's better for their teeth too. Here are a few ideas on what to swap:

- Swap to water, semi skimmed milk (but remember that children under 2 need full fat milk) or diluted fresh juice instead of drinks with added sugar like cola or squash.



- Switch to snacks like fresh or dried fruit, breadsticks and unsalted nuts instead of sweets or biscuits.
- Swap to lower sugar cereals, fruit or toast instead of cereals with lots of sugar.

### All aboard the Polar Express!



The parents/carers of Year 2 children are invited to join us on a magical journey to the North Pole to round off our learning of the famous book 'The Polar Express'. Wear your pyjamas and enjoy a hot chocolate whilst watching the movie version in the Main Hall at 1:30pm. Hope to see you there! A letter with the full details about this event will be sent to Year 2 parents, so please look out for this.

### Sibling rivalry workshop for parents

Our final workshop for parents will take place on Tuesday 13th December from 2-3pm at the school. The focus will be upon sibling rivalry, a sometimes difficult family issue. If you would like to take advice on this from one of the Parent Support Advisors then please come to the school office and sign in where you will be directed to a private area for a 1:1 meeting.