

Newsletter 13

Friday 8th December 2017

In this issue:

- ◇ **Christmas is Coming**
- ◇ **Forthcoming dates**
- ◇ **Sentence starters**
- ◇ **Head Teacher Roll of Honour**
- ◇ **Friends of Monkfield Park**
- ◇ **Getting Active**
- ◇ **All aboard the Polar Express**
- ◇ **Positive Playtimes**
- ◇ **Effective Discipline work-shop for parents**
- ◇ **Greater Cambridge Partnership**
- ◇ **Friends of Monkfield Park**

Christmas is Coming

Thanks to the hard work of 'The Friends of Monkfield Park' school is beginning to look very festive indeed. On Wednesday we took delivery of a magnificent Christmas tree which now adorns the Main Hall in preparation for our forthcoming Christmas performances and celebrations. The tree was very kindly donated by the Harrington-Smith family and we would like to extend our gratitude to them for their very thoughtful gift.

On Monday 18th December 'The Friends of Monkfield Park', members of staff and governors will serve Christmas lunch to the children. As part of this Christmas Festivities Fun Day, children (and staff) are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on that day. However, if you have outgrown your festive sweater or don't have one please do not worry as staff will have a range of seasonal adornments and pictures to colour in and pin to the children's sweatshirts so that no one feels left out. Following lunch the children will be participating in a range of fun Christmas activities and games throughout the afternoon.



Forthcoming dates

12th December 2pm—Year 3/4 carol concert	6th February 10am—Year 2 Spring performance
13th December 9.30am—Reception 'come and share' event	7th February 2 pm—Year 2 Spring performance
13th December 10am—Year 3/4 carol concert	8th February 2pm— Reception Come and Share
14th December 2pm—Year 1 nativity	9th February—Year 1 'Come and Share afternoon
14th December 6pm—Year 3/4 carol concert	9th February— School Discos
20th February—All children return	w/c 12th February— HALF TERM
15th December 10am—Year 1 nativity	26th February —2nd March—Science Week
18th December—Christmas lunch	w/c 5th March—Book Week
19th December—Christmas Festive Fun Day	20th March 9.30am—Reception Come and Share
19th December—Last day of term	23rd March 9am—Cygnus Class assembly
20th December—Christmas holidays begin	22nd March 5pm—Parent Consultation Evening
3rd January INSET day (school closed to children)	w/c 27th March —International Week
4th January—All children return	27th March 2pm—Year 5 performance
10th January—Year 4 swimming begins	27th March 4pm—Parent Consultation evening
10th January 6pm—Year 6 parents meeting for SATs	28th March 6pm—Year 5 performance
11th January—Educational Psychologist Drop Ins	30th March—EASTER HOLIDAYS begin
26th January 9am —Green Class assembly	16th April—Children Return to school
2nd February 9am —Dorado Class Assembly	

Sentence starters

- Ask your Reception child to tell you what their superhero power would be and why.
- Ask your Year 1 child to compare different objects using the language shorter and longer.
- Ask your Year 2 child to sequence the story of 'The Polar Express'.
- Ask your Year 3 child to tell you five alternative synonyms for the word nice.
- Ask your Year 4 child what their favourite song from the carol concert is and why.
- Ask your Year 5 child what the phases of the moon are and why does the moon appear to change shape?
- Ask your Year 6 child about the importance of women in WWI.

Head Teacher roll of honour

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

Sophia in Pegasus class—Sophia is always polite, kind and helpful to all members of staff and children. She is always looking for ways to help others and is very aware that a smile and kind word can make a big difference.

Vinayak in Aquila class—Vinayak is always kind and supportive. We were very impressed by his mature attitude when his class were having their flu immunisation as he supported those children who were anxious.

Max in Blue class—Max brightens every day with his warm smile. He is such a good role model and is always kind and thoughtful.

Would you like to get active in the New Year?



South Cambridgeshire District Council has appointed a new physical activity coordinator, Ellen Bridges, who is leading a new initiative—Let's Get Moving Cambridgeshire.

Ellen's role is to promote existing sessions, set up new activities and support individuals and families to become more active in 2018. If you would like some help setting up a new activity in Cambourne or would like some support to become more active Ellen can help.

Please contact her directly on ellen.bridges@scambs.gov.uk or 01954 713294.

All aboard the Polar Express!

To round off our English topic on the famous book, 'The Polar Express' by Chris Van Allsburg, the parents and carers of Year 2 children joined us for a magical journey to the North Pole this week. Everyone settled down with their pillows and enjoyed hot chocolate with marshmallows whilst watching the movie version of the book in the Main Hall. We all learnt a little more about the book's themes of friendship and bravery whilst experiencing some true Christmas spirit.





Positive Playtimes

As part of our efforts to improve children's experiences at playtimes some of our Year 5 children took part in Play Leader training this week. Play Leaders are children who support other children on the playground to play games, resolve conflict peacefully and develop friendship skills. The children had great fun learning new games and activities as well as designing some of their own as part of their training. The Year 5 Play Leaders are all wonderful role models and are very eager to make playtimes more active and positive for everyone.

Effective Discipline—workshop for parents

Our final workshop for parents will take place on Tuesday 12th December from 2-3pm at the school. The focus will be upon effective discipline, a sometimes difficult family issue. If you would like to take advice on this from one of the Parent Support Advisors then please drop in to the school office and sign in where you will be directed to a private area for the meeting.



Cambourne to Cambridge Transport Consultation

Drop-in session Monday 11 December 2017 at The Cambridge Belfry Hotel, Cambourne from 4-8.30pm for the Cambourne to Cambridge project.

The Cambourne to Cambridge project aims to deliver fast and reliable bus services, serviced by a new Park & Ride site, together with high quality cycling and walking facilities, for people travelling between Cambridge and the towns and villages to the west of the city.

As one of the UK's fastest growing areas, we are proud of our economic success but, as a result, our roads must cope with more and more traffic. If we don't act now by 2031, time spent in traffic jams could almost double and the quality of the air we breathe deteriorate. To address this the Greater Cambridge Partnership wants to deliver new infrastructure which offers a real alternative to driving.

Since consulting with you in 2015, options have been narrowed to look at two possible on-road bus routes and an off-road bus route. Whether you live, work, study or travel in or through the area, we need your views so that we can create the best scheme for the area's needs, both now and in the future.

Have your say on:

- two new options for a new Park & Ride site
- improved, faster and more reliable bus services
- new or improved cycling and walking facilities

Find out more and let us know your views through the online survey available at www.greatercambridge.org.uk/c2c.

You can also have your say at a local event or through the postal survey being delivered across the area immediately affected by the project in and between Cambourne and Cambridge.

Remember to have your say before the consultation closes on the extended date of Monday 29 January 2018.

Christmas Cards

A big thank you to everyone who order Christmas Cards and/or other products this year. We were very pleased with the new company we used this year. The total profit raised was £539.46, an increase on previous years. We hope you all enjoyed the lovely artwork.



Micro Scooters Cashback for schools

We are so excited to be part of the Micro scooters Schools Cashback. If you are ordering anything directly from Micro scooters website please enter our code at the check-out so our school receives 10% Cashback. This is for any purchases including accessories not just on scooters. Our school code is 131996.



EasyFundraising

With Christmas just around the corner don't forget you can help support the school by shopping through Easyfundraising. The school will receive cashback on those all important Christmas Presents.



Reindeer Food

We will once again be selling reindeer food for Christmas Eve. We have made sure it is wildlife safe so doesn't include any glitter. Each bag costs £1 and you can either collect from the school office or send us a message.



Join



Shop



Raise

Collect **FREE** funds for us

any time you shop with  **easyfundraising**
feel good shopping

Sign up
now