

# Newsletter 23

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**Football success for Monkfield Park**

The Year 5/6 Monkfield Park football team celebrated success after their 6:2 win against Hardwick last week. We had some very talented goal scorers as well as a quick thinking goalkeeper who managed to defend the net well. If you see our team around school then please congratulate them and ask them about their new Monkfield Park football chant.

Years 3 and 4 were not so lucky and narrowly missed out on a 3:4 defeat, but there's always next time! Well done to anyone who took part, it was a pleasure to see you working so well as a team.

**Book Week 2016**

Have you heard of the Greatest Fairy Tale Ever Told? Well the children at Monkfield Park have, and it was even introduced by The Three Little Pigs (some of whom were very rude indeed). Hobgoblin Theatre Company visited our school to inspire us to look at play scripts, the content for creating a fabulous, intriguing and engaging story, and to immerse us in a world of fantasy through their excellent theatre performance and follow up workshops with the children. We will leave it to them to let you know if the Fairy Tale had a happy ending or not! Book Week was a wonderful opportunity for children across the school to celebrate their love of books through reviews, dressing up as book characters, and by writing, editing and making books of their own. We hope that your children have returned home enthused about books and that they have enjoyed their week. Please enjoy viewing our pictures of the visiting theatre group, workshops and the children dressed as their favourite book characters.



**Postcards for the Parish Plan**

Please don't forget that the postcards sent out before half term in relation to the children's contributions to the Parish Plan are due back by 11th March. Please either pass these on to class teachers or leave at the school office.

**Non uniform day for Sport's relief**

On Friday 18th March we will be allowing the children to come to school in non-uniform to raise money for Sport Relief. This is not a dressing up clothes day, please come as yourself. The Friends of Monkfield Park will be collecting a suggested donation of £1 in the playground before school.

**ICT Do you know?**

**The age restrictions for computer games/social media sites?**

### Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to help you do some recycling at home.

Ask your Year 1 child what their favourite book is and why.

Ask your Year 2 child what an adverb is.

Ask your Year 3 to explain the effects of not eating a balanced diet.

Ask your Year 4 child to describe a Haiku poem.

Ask your Year 5 child what their wish would be and why.

Ask your Year 6 child how light is reflected in a periscope.

## Head Teacher roll of honour

Jasmine from Delphinus Class—Jasmine takes her learning very seriously. She has put in exceptional effort during tuition and this has cascaded into all of her classwork too. We are very proud of you Jasmine.

Nikola from Pegasus Class—Nikola has transformed herself! She is always taking on the advice from adults in school who help her to make progress and remembers this from lesson to lesson. Well done Nikola.

Naomi in Phoenix Class—Naomi can always be relied upon to conduct herself well. She takes a considered approach to her learning and takes on board the 'top tips' which make her work consistently brilliant.

Jayden in Lacerta Class—Jayden really is an all rounder. His drive for perfection ensures that all of the work he produces is of a very high standard and this has been noticed. Congratulations Jayden.

### Friends of Monkfield Park

#### **YELLOW MOON**

If you are looking for Craft supplies be sure to visit <http://www.yellowmoon.org.uk/> use our code **FRE17206** at the checkout to help us get 10% commission for the school. There are already Easter Crafts in the sale, the site is useful for birthday parties and often there are discount codes for bigger orders in the banner for example £5 off orders over £30. The items are excellent quality, we used this company for many of our crafts for the Christmas Crafternoon. Last quarter we raised over **£11** commission, thank you for your support.

#### **EASYFUNDRAISING**

Last quarter we raised **£50.11**, thank you so much to those of you who use this service and help raise our valuable funds!

easyfundraising is the easiest way to raise money for our school. Shop with any of over 2000 well known retailers listed on [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and a percentage of what you spend is passed to us at no additional cost to you. Retailers include Amazon, M&S, Vodafone, eBay, Tesco, Viking and many more. Please register to support us today - <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/monkfieldparkprimaryschoolcambourne>

#### **HELP US HELP YOU - Making money from old rope!**

Please let us have your empty **ink cartridges** and please ask family and friends you see for their **foreign coins**. You can leave these at the school office at any time.

#### **BAGS2SCHOOL**

Advance notice of our next collection which will be on **Friday 29th April**, it will soon come around! If you are having a clear out at any point and you are able to store your good quality clothing, shoes and accessories please do keep them for us.

**FUTURE EVENTS** All of the committee have much less time to devote to fundraising this year. The majority work part time, have children below school age and are involved in other community groups. We had another group organise the very successful disco which I am sure your children all enjoyed immensely. We need help from the wider school community so please do consider how you might contribute.

***We are beginning to plan our Summer Fundraiser - our biggest event in the school calendar, if anyone wishes to be involved at this early stage, however small, please get in touch***

#### **HOW TO CONTACT US**

Via email [friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com), via our Facebook page or through the school office. Please click this link to register with our community on PTA Social: <http://service.ptasocial.com/register/FOMP>

### Forthcoming dates

9th March at 10am—Reception performance

10th March at 2pm—Reception performance

10th, 11th, 14th, 15th March—Book Fair

17th March—Parent consultations

23rd March—Parent consultations

24th March—Last day of term

25th March—8th April—Easter break

**11th April—INSET day (school closed to children)**

12th April —children return

### Parent support group

Would you, or someone you care for, like help with stress, anxiety and depression? The County's self-refer Psychological Wellbeing Service was launched last year to make it easier to access treatments such as personal therapy, guided self-help and group sessions including training in Mindfulness. Practitioner Marina Halim will be at our Wellbeing Group in Cambridge on March 14 to tell us more. Join us from 10am to 12noon at the Masonic Hall, Bateman Street, Cambridge. To book on please contact [jackie@pinpoint-cambs.org.uk](mailto:jackie@pinpoint-cambs.org.uk)

<http://www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk/events/pinpoint-wellbeing-group-parent-carers-1>

## *Mrs Jarman's jargon buster*

### **Key Stage 1—contracted words (also known as contractions):**

These are short words made by putting two words together. Letters are omitted in the contraction and replaced by an apostrophe. The apostrophe shows where the letters would be if the words were written in full. Please see the examples below:

do not—don't

will not—won't

should have—should've

they are—they're

has not—hasn't

### **Key Stage 2—The active and passive voice:**

A sentence is written in active voice when the subject of the sentence is performing the action e.g. 'The cat was chasing the mouse'.

A sentence is written in passive voice when the subject of the sentence has something done to it by someone or something e.g. 'The mouse was being chased by a cat'.

### Educational i-books

We have been working with the Educational Technologist from the Stephen Perse Foundation to assist them in launching their educational i-books for children and their parents to use at home. At present, they are in the early stages of exploring the possibilities for these books which are currently only available on Apple ipads or iPhones, but in time other devices will become compatible. The Stephen Perse Foundation are keen to get feedback from children and parents who may have tried out the fun and interactive games at home, which can be found at the links below. The iBooks currently cover some of the Maths curriculum and include practical tips for parents so that they can help children consolidate their knowledge and the materials are also differentiated. Very soon, it is hoped that reading materials will be produced and these are just in their final stages of review by the team of developers. We hope that you can find some time to have a look at the learning activities and games with your child and to provide the Stephen Perse Foundation with any feedback that you think might be useful. Contact details for feedback are listed below:

Addition iBook: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/book/3-11-maths-addition/id1060004419?mt=13>

Subtraction iBook: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/book/3-11-maths-subtraction/id1067318235?mt=13>

Multiplication iBook: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/book/3-11-maths-multiplication/id1073050096?mt=13>

Division iBook: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/book/3-11-maths-division/id1076614667?mt=13>

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### Bikeability

Following on from our Bikeability fun day last week, children in both Reception classes have had the opportunity to take part in balance bike classes run by a Bikeability instructor. The children carried out a range of fun activities designed to enhance their balance and build their self esteem and confidence on the bikes. Unfortunately the weather was against us for the rest of the school who had to have their activities postponed due to snow! They will be completing learn to ride and bike maintenance sessions over the next three weeks.

