



11th Feb  
2019

**FROM  
THE  
HEAD:**

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

**Secretary of State Letter** – We were really pleased to receive a letter from Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP, Secretary of State for Education last week. It acknowledged the hard work and successful outcomes of our Key Stage 2 assessments last year. We wanted to share this with you so a copy of this letter is at the end of this newsletter for you to read.

**Parent Governor Election** – A big thank you to both Mrs Lewis and Mr Donnellan for standing to be a Parent Governor for our school. The votes were counted last Friday and we're pleased to announce that Mr Donnellan will be joining the Governing Body Committee.

**Thanks to our FOMS Team** – More good news! The Aviva Community Grant has been in touch last week to confirm that we are going to be awarded **£2,500** to go towards a mini-bus for the school! A big thank you to Lynette Mayo for applying for this grant and to everyone who voted for us. We can start to make the mini-bus dream a reality now!



**"Stars of the week"**

Class R - Sid

Class 1 – Max

Class 2 - Oli C

Class 3 – Mia

Well done to them all!

**STARS OF  
THE WEEK!**



Photos of our "Stars" are posted on our website the following week. Click on the Home tab and then Picture Gallery.

Have a fabulous half term next week. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

*Karen Reeves (Head Teacher)*

**FROM  
THE  
OFFICE:**



*The online register trial seems to be running smoothly. B&T Club balances will be available to all families on ParentMail soon. I will be transferring all balances during half term, so from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb all future sessions will be recorded online (this will be done weekly), and payments will need to be made in the same way as dinner money (you will be able to see weekly updated balances for each of the registers). The B&T top-up option will be de-activated whilst the information is put into ParentMail, and will then be removed. Invoices will no longer be raised as parents will be able to see session charges & balances online.*

**CLASS  
NEWS**

**Class R – PE** Mrs Wilson will be taking the children from Class R to the Village Hall on Thursday afternoons for P.E sessions. This will carry on until February half term. Please ensure full PE kit is in school.

**Indoor Rowing Challenge** – Year 6 children took part in this event last Friday at Bideford College. They were all "Oarsome!" Effie rowed her way to a Gold medal in the year 6 girls! Wow!

**SPORT**

Please can we have full PE kit in school every day!

Tomorrow our **football team** go to GTS for the rearranged tournament. Good Luck Team!

All **Gymnasts** will have their letter for the Schools Competition by the end of this week.

After half term we come back to **tag rugby** and **dance** festivals. More info to follow nearer the time.

Any questions? Please find me or contact me at [sport@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:sport@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Gymnastics Club finishes this week for Group 1. After half term, Group 2 will have their turn.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**Football Club** – Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> February. Football Club will be running as normal this week. However – **the later slot of 4-4.30pm for the football team is cancelled.** Therefore could ALL children be collected at 4pm.

### FOREST SCHOOL

Class 3 .....Forest School on Monday afternoons  
Class R and Pre-School will have their Forest School session together on Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure your child has their full Forest School kit in school for their session.

All bookings are to be made by 1pm at the latest on the afternoon required.

Please ensure your child is collected on time to avoid a late collection charge. It impacts on staff, too as they have their own families to get home to at the end of a busy day. Thank you.

### B&T CLUB

See **“From The Office” regarding ParentMail registers going live to all families over half term.**

Please complete weekly booking slips(available from Tea club & office). If a child does regular bookings this will only need filling out once or until there is a change in bookings (Please put **“regular”** somewhere on the form if this applies to you).

### Pre-school

Di can raise an official DCC invoice if you need one for tax credit purposes.

After half term we will be changing the way we do our planning. We will no longer be doing themes unless the children show direct interest in this. We will be hoping to switch to ‘In the moment planning’. This will mean we will be focusing on children’s interests and extending their knowledge and skills through their own play. This will also mean we are flexible with their learning needs so are asking children to have their own wellies and waterproofs in preschool at all times should their interests lead to outdoor learning.

Have a lovely Half term

**Aviva Community Grant** - We’re thrilled to announce that we have been awarded **£2,500** via the Aviva Community Grant! This is great news – thanks to all who voted for us.

### FOMS

**Bideford Half Marathon.** A sponsorship form is now in the school office. If you would like to sponsor any of our Monkleigh Parents running this race to raise funds for us, it would be greatly appreciated.

Our **next meeting** is 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 9.15am in the staffroom. All welcome.

Help us raise funds for FOMS by going to:

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

### Menu for NEXT school week (w/c 25 Feb) – Week 1

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Option 1	Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken Pie	Roast Gammon	Butchers’ Sausages	Traditional Fish
Option 2	Vegetarian Bolognese	Roast Veg Tart	Quorn Roast	Veggie Sausages	Salmon Bites
Jacket Potato	Cheese / Beans / Tuna	Cheese / Beans / Tuna	Cheese / Beans / Tuna	Cheese / Beans / Tuna	Cheese / Beans / Tuna



FOR YOUR DIARY			
M	11	Class 3 – Forest School <b>GYMNASTICS CLUB – FINAL SESSIONS GROUP 1</b>	25 <b>GYMNASTICS CLUB – GROUP 2</b>
T	12	<b>NO CLUB</b>	<b>NO CLUB</b>
W	13	Class R and Pre-School Forest School 4:15-5:15pm TRYC – East The Water School <b>HIGH FIVE CLUB / RELAXED KIDS CLUB</b>	<b>HIGH FIVE CLUB / RELAXED KIDS CLUB</b>
T	14	<b>FOOTBALL CLUB / BOARD GAMES CLUB</b>	<b>FOOTBALL CLUB / BOARD GAMES CLUB</b>
F	15	Last day of Half Term <b>NO CLUB</b>	<b>NO CLUB</b>
S	16		02
S	17	Next Week is Half Term – back on 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	03

## HALF TERM

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February inclusive

Are you struggling?

Sometimes we all feel in need of additional support. This website could prove helpful.

<https://www.devonchildrenandfamiliespartnership.org.uk/parents-carers/>

## Community

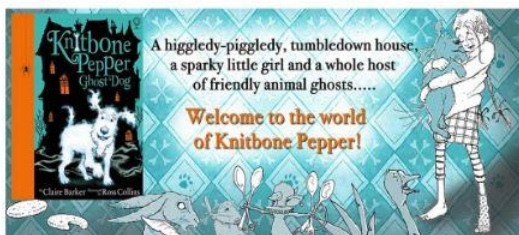


**the plough**  
@ St Anne's



ThePlough@StAnne's, Barnstaple, is really excited to announce that Claire Barker and Usborne Books have kindly given their permission for the group to produce a performance of 'Knitbone Pepper' as part of this years Fringe TheatreFest.

If your child is aged 8-12 years old and would like to be involved in this exciting project please contact [sharon@theploughartscentre.org.uk](mailto:sharon@theploughartscentre.org.uk) for more information on membership of The Plough Youth Theatre.



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Sat 15 Sept - 15 Dec (Excl 27 Oct, 10 Nov)  
Sat 26 Jan - 23 Mar (Excl 16 Feb)

**the plough @ St Anne's**

Learn new skills, make friends and perform in this historic building!

**PYT @ St Anne's (8-12yrs)**  
10.30am - 12.30pm  
£75/£60 Supporters

Fee to be paid on the first session of each term

To find out more & book a FREE taster session contact our Box Office on 01805 624 624 or drop Sophie an email [sophie@theploughartscentre.org.uk](mailto:sophie@theploughartscentre.org.uk)

**Plough Youth Theatre**

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**BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL**



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/ February 2019

Dear Mrs Reeves,

We would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high standard of achievement demonstrated in the reading Key Stage 2 assessments last year.

Your school's results, as published on 13 December, show that 100 per cent of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in reading at the end of Key Stage 2. This means that for achievement in reading, your school is in the top 1% of primary schools in England.

We want to equip every child with the fluency in reading necessary to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, and your school has provided this to all your pupils.

Thank you for producing such high standards through your hard work and professionalism, and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

**Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP**  
**Secretary of State for Education**

**Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP**  
**Minister of State for School Standards**