



25<sup>th</sup> Feb  
2019  
**FROM  
THE  
HEAD:**

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back after Half Term! It is good to see the children back to school after their week off. As usual there is lots going on in school – please read below:-



**Safeguarding** – Please can I remind parents to not use their mobile phones whilst on school property?

**Tempest Class Photos** - This Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March.

**World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – We'll be celebrating World Book Day this year by inviting the children to dress up as their favourite book character. Please don't go to the expense of buying an outfit – google has loads of good ideas for adapting normal clothing.



**Red Nose Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – We have stacks of Red Noses available to buy in school now. They are priced at £1.25 each and students will bring them to class each day if anyone wants to purchase one (or two!). For every box school sells, at least £26 goes to Comic relief.

**STARS OF  
THE WEEK!**



<b>"Stars of the week"</b>			
Class R - Holly	Class 1 – Evelyn	Class 2 - Millie	Class 3 – Kason
<b>Well done to them all!</b>			

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

*Karen Reeves (Head Teacher)*

**FROM  
THE  
OFFICE:**



The **online registers** for B&T Club are now live. Opening balances have been allocated – if accounts were in arrears, the balances have all been allocated to Breakfast Club. If in credit, I have allocated balances to various registers.

Information from the paper registers taken by B&T Club staff will be input weekly (usually on a Monday), so balances will change on a weekly basis. Families will now be able to see which sessions have been recorded and charged. A big thank you to those families who trialed the registers, and for the helpful feedback. I am working with some families at the moment to design a more user-friendly booking form in ParentMail to help ensure that registers are as accurate as possible.

**CLASS  
NEWS**

**PGL Beam Residential** – please note that the interim deposit for Beam (Current Yrs 4&5) is due this **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. Please pay via Parentmail. Thank you.

**\*\*We are getting ready for a busy March!\*\***

**SPORT**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March our **High 5** team are taking part in the North Devon finals at Park School.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March our **Receptions and Class 1** are going to GTS for a **Dance Festival**.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March Class **2&3** are going to GTS for their **Dance Festival**.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March is the re arranged **North Devon Cross Country** at West Buckland.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March our **Gymnastics squad** will be in action at Falcons Gym.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March class 2 **Tag Rugby** lesson at GTS.

If your child/children are involved in any of these events you will be notified nearer the date.

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

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

**Gymnastics Club** - It is the turn of Group 2 for gymnastics starting today. All other clubs remain as normal.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**\*\*New Club\*\*** Mrs O'Donoghue is going to start a new zumba/street dance club open to a maximum of 15 children in Years R-6. This will be run on Mondays starting next week. A Parentmail form will be available from 6pm tonight to allow you to book your child in. Please note there are only 15 spaces and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The children should have a keen interest in dance as they will be learning, and later performing a dance to the rest of the school.

### 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

**Registers are now up and running in ParentMail – I am in the process of designing a more user-friendly online booking system too.**

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).

Please let the office know if you require an official invoice for tax credits / accountancy purposes. After Easter the registers will go live in ParentMail and families will have access to costs / payments.

We hope you have had a lovely half term and we're looking forward to hearing about the children's weeks.

### Pre-school

We are 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.

Invoices will be drawn up at the end of this week. Please let the office know by this Friday if you need an invoice from Devon County Council, rather than one being produced in ParentMail.

### FOMS

**Bideford Half Marathon.** It's the last chance to sponsor any of the Monkleigh Parents running the Bideford Half Marathon this weekend. You'll find a sponsorship form in the school office. Many thanks and good luck to those running for our cause.

Our **next meeting** is 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 9.15am in the staffroom. We'll be discussing future fundraising events for this year. 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 4 March) – Week 2



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Option 1	Tuna & Broccoli Pasta Bake	Cottage Pie	Roast Chicken	Chicken Curry	Breaded Fish
Option 2	Veggie Pasta Bake	Cheese Wheels	Veggie Roast	Veggie Curry	Baked Bean Pasty
Jacket Potato	Cheese / Beans / Tuna	Cheese / Beans / Tuna	Cheese / Beans / Tuna	Cheese / Beans / Tuna	Cheese / Beans / Tuna

FOR YOUR DIARY					
M	25	Welcome back! <i>GYMNASTICS CLUB – GROUP 2</i>	04	FOMS meeting 09:15 - all welcome <i>GYMNASTICS CLUB – GROUP 2 / DANCE CLUB</i>	
T	26	<i>NO CLUB</i>	05	High 5 Team (ND Finals at Park School) <i>NO CLUB</i>	
W	27	<i>HIGH FIVE CLUB / RELAXED KIDS CLUB</i>	06	TRYC – East The Water Primary 4:15-5:15pm <i>HIGH FIVE CLUB / RELAXED KIDS CLUB</i>	
T	28	<i>FOOTBALL CLUB / BOARD GAMES CLUB</i>	07	World Book Day <i>FOOTBALL CLUB / BOARD GAMES CLUB</i>	
F	01	Tempest Photography – Class photos <i>NO CLUB</i>	08	<i>NO CLUB</i>	
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Are you struggling? Sometimes we all feel in need of additional support. This website could prove helpful.  
<https://www.devonchildrenandfamiliespartnership.org.uk/parents-carers/>

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