

11/02/21

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



DO NOT
SEND
YOUR
CHILD TO
SCHOOL IF
THEY
HAVE
SYMPTOMS
OF COVID
TO INCLUDE
NEW
PERSISTANT
COUGH, OR
HIGH TEMP,
OR LOSS
OF SMELL
AND
TASTE
YOU NEED
TO GET A
COVID
TEST

This is our last newsletter of the half term. I'd like to take the opportunity to say **thank you** to all of the teachers and teaching assistants here at Monkleigh who have continued to provide lessons to both the children attending school and children home schooling, and the wider school staff for ensuring continuity during difficult times and juggling their own commitments to make it work.

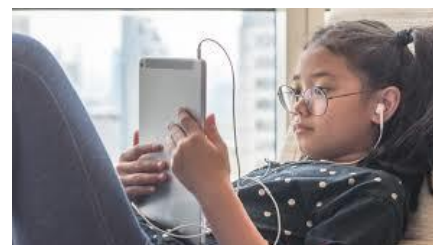
A big thank you to parents/carers for supporting your children whilst they (and you) work from home, and the biggest cheer has to go to the children themselves, who in incredibly difficult circumstances continue to amaze us with their commitment, enthusiasm, effort and engagement. You are really resilient and will go far.



As all the children have been working so hard, we'd like to invite you all to join in with our virtual **Whole School Celebration Assembly** tomorrow afternoon at 2.15pm (the link to join is on dojo).

Online Safety - To link in with Safer Internet Day earlier this week, I'd like to talk a little bit about the importance of reminding all our children about keeping safe when online, as we're all online so much more at the moment.

- Due to lockdowns and high-level restrictions, children are spending more time at home and may not be able to see friends and family in person. This makes keeping in touch online extra important.
- Many children are spending more time online - and expanding the ways they use the internet. They may join online communities or start using new video-calling platforms.



While all this can bring benefits to children's mental health and wellbeing, children can be exposed to risks online. The NSPCC has lots of great tips to help us talk to our children about how they use the internet and how to be safe. You can find great resources here: [NSPCC Staying Safe Online](#)



Ofsted Virtual Visit - During the Autumn Term, we had a virtual visit from Ofsted. This is not the same as a full inspection visit, but you may like to read the outcome letter [Ofsted Remote Visit Autumn Term 2020](#)

Relationship and Sex Education Policy (RSE) - Please take a moment to head over to our website to look at our reviewed [RSE Policy](#). If anyone has any comments - please do give us your feedback. Many thanks.

We sincerely hope the end is in sight and cannot wait to welcome every child back as soon as we can. In the meantime, have an enjoyable, well earned rest over half term next week. We will once again open our doors for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children on Mon 22nd Feb and will provide remote learning for the rest of our school community.

Stay Safe - Karen Reeves (Head Teacher)



Your voice counts

Parents of FSU Children. Please can you complete the attached survey for Devon County Council?

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/eyscs/parents-childcare-survey-2021-3/>



LANDS END to JOHN O'GROATS CHALLENGE!

We've been to Lands End to John O'Groats and back again!

As I'm writing this article we have completed not one but **two** challenges!

Our original challenge was to get from Lands End to John O'Groats in one week (882 miles as we went the scenic route)

Not only did we manage that in 3 days but we also turned back around and made it to Lands End.

You have all been absolutely amazing, family, support bubbles and also our wonderful staff who have been clocking up the miles.

We have set off now on our final stretch to get back to School 106 miles (up hill)

Thank you for your support with our virtual event and have a lovely half term break. 😊

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



"B" Club (**8:00** drop off) - £4.00 (We are still unable to offer food at this time)
 "T" Club has stopped until further notice

School Dinners

Menu for children in school

Our current menu will run up to 5 March (possibly longer, depending on the Government decision regarding re-opening of schools) - you are now able to book meals for the first 2 weeks after half term. A reminder that you need to book 8 days in advance. If your child is not currently coming into school, please ignore the automated booking prompts that ParentMail sends out.

A reminder that you can amend / change meal choices within the booking window, so if you have booked in error, you will need to cancel/change.

Please do not leave incorrect bookings on the system as Mrs Beer may miss them, and you could be charged.

Week Three	
25 Jan	
Mon	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with pasta Jacket Potato with Cheese Jacket Potato with Beans <i>On the side:</i> <i>And for dessert:</i> Choice on the day
Tue	Butcher's Burger in a Bun with wedges Jacket Potato with Cheese Jacket Potato with Beans <i>On the side:</i> <i>And for dessert:</i> Choice on the day
Wed	Tomato Pasta Bake Jacket Potato with Cheese Jacket Potato with Beans <i>On the side:</i> <i>And for dessert:</i> Choice on the day
Thu	Pasty Jacket Potato with Cheese Jacket Potato with Beans <i>On the side:</i> <i>And for dessert:</i> Choice on the day
Fri	Fish Fingers & Chips Jacket Potato with Cheese Jacket Potato with Beans <i>On the side:</i> <i>And for dessert:</i> Choice on the day

FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday Afternoons	Mrs Tolson to contact home schooling families in Class 1
Tuesday Afternoons (For children in school)	FSU need waterproofs and boots for the garden.
Wednesday Afternoons	Mrs Tolson to contact home schooling families in Class 2
Thursdays - Class 1 (For children in school)	Class 1 can come to School in PE clothes with boots and coats for the afternoon outdoor session. No School uniform is needed on this day.
Thursday Afternoons	Mrs Tolson to contact home schooling families in Class 3
Fridays - Class 2 (For children in school)	Class 2 can come to School in PE clothes with boots and coats for outdoor learning. No School uniform is needed on this day.
Mon 15 th - Fri 19 th Feb	February half term holidays
Mon 22 nd Feb	School open to children of Critical Key Workers and vulnerable children. Remote learning to be provided to rest of school.



Communication and Interaction Team Social, Emotional and Mental Health Team

A free, informal workshop for parents and carers to consider the links between behaviour and speech, language and communication needs. This event will be held virtually on Monday 22nd March 2021, 1-2.30pm

Does your child have difficulty with:

- Listening?
- Attention?
- Communication?
- Friendships?
- Literacy?

The session will aim to raise awareness of speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) and consider the impact on a child's social, emotional and mental health (SEMH). SLCN can become apparent through a child's behaviour in a variety of ways and we shall provide further insight into these complex links.

The session provides an opportunity to share ideas about what works for you and a chance to discuss and learn from other parents/carers.

There will also be an opportunity for questions to the Advisory Teachers and Family Worker from the Communication and Interaction Team and the Social, Emotional and Mental Health team.



Your Fire Service needs YOU!

As we are still unable to visit our schools for the annual fire safety talks, we still want households with children to be aware of the importance of having working smoke alarms.

If you don't have working smoke alarms then you can call
0800 05 02 999 to request a **free HOME SAFETY CHECK**
(quote code : 294)

And if you or someone you know answers "yes" to at least one of these questions:

- is over 65 years old?
- finds it difficult to move around?
- can't hear things very well?
- smokes?
- doesn't have one smoke alarm for each level of their home?
- has NO smoke alarms?

They can also request a free **HOME SAFETY CHECK** by calling **0800 05 02 999**