

# Monkleigh Primary School - Newsletter

# Friday 5th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

# From the Headteacher

Welcome back to the new Spring Term. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year brings you lots of happiness. It is lovely to see all the children back, we have lots of exciting things planned for this half term ending with our class 2 residential which is always a great 2 days for the children.

#### School shoes/trainers and uniform

I have seen some great new trainers in school this week which are lovely but please can these only be worn for PE lessons and black school shoes for the rest of the time. All children need to be in school shoes with full school uniform at all times and then have a change of shoes for PE. This is really important as PE shoes often get damp during PE and so cannot then be worn back in school so must be changed for school shoes. Thank you

#### **Welfare TA**

We welcome Ms Beasley and Ms Sanders to our welfare role this term. They have already started working with some children and are very excited about the role and how they can support our children who sometimes just need a little extra. They have already started some great training and I know will make a huge difference to our children with their expertise, care and passion to help children.

#### Clubs

Clubs will begin the week of 15th January, we will be offering a drawing club, football, high 5, calming club and running club. All details as usual will go out on Dojo on Monday.

### Karen Reeves

## Attendance...

Class average for this week:

Butterflies: 92.86%; Class 1: 100%; Class 2: 96.55%; Class 3: 98.48%

School average for this week: 97.55%; this term: 97.55%; this academic year: 96.46%

# **FSU**

#### **Childcare Funding for Two Year Old Children:**

From 2 January 2024, eligible working parents can apply for 15 hours of childcare for their two-year-old. Parents have until 31 March 2024 to apply for a code, with mid-January to the end of February being the optimum time to apply in case they need to provide further information to support their application. To apply for a childcare code each parent needs to be working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours a week at national minimum/living wage and under £100,000 adjusted net income per year. This means that each parent needs to earn from just over £8,600 per year to be eligible for 15 hours a week of childcare during term time.

There is more information on the childcare support available to parents on the <u>Childcare Choices</u> website, where they can explore the early education entitlements and other government help with childcare costs.

#### **Changes and Improvements to Monkleigh FSU Extended Hours**

As you will have seen on the FSU models for Nursery that we have sent out, we are setting up extended hours provision within FSU from January 2024. This will initially be for Sunflowers and Caterpillars. Butterflies will continue to access B and T Club until September 2024 when Reception children will also start to stay within FSU for extended hours.

This brings about some changes to booking for extended hours:

<u>Parents of Sunflowers: Please use this link to book regular requirements – if you haven't already contacted us:</u>

https://forms.office.com/e/9Bbgm1j0C8

Alternatively please contact Mrs Baker via Dojo or Mrs Emptage via <u>FSUadmissions@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk</u>

If you have a one off or different requirement please contact Mrs Baker via Dojo or Mrs Hobbs in the School Office.

Children in Sunflowers who will be with us between 12-1 will have the main option of lunch booked for them and this is included in the hourly rate. If you have any dietary requirements, please talk to Nikki and she will liaise with Chef Louise.

#### Parents of Caterpillars: Please use this link to book regular extended hours provision:

https://forms.office.com/e/xHjfYjfc2c

Alternatively please contact Mrs Baker via Dojo or Mrs Emptage via <u>FSUadmissions@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk</u>

If you have a one off or different requirement please contact Mrs Baker via Dojo or Mrs Hobbs in the School Office.

<u>Parents of Butterflies: PLEASE CONTINUE TO BOOK B and T CLUB VIA PARENTMAIL – if you have any questions or queries please contact Mrs Hobbs.</u>

# <u>Lunches – Parents of Butterflies and Caterpillars – Please continue to book your child's lunches via Parentmail.</u>

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Emptage Thank you

#### <u>Sport</u>

Please remember PE shoes every day, a dry pair of socks and full PE kit for any after school sports clubs. Any questions please dojo or message me <a href="mailto:sport@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk">sport@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk</a>

# **Dates for your diary:**

Some dates may be subject to change - Keep checking on each newsletter!

8 Jan 24	Butterflies Trip
15 Jan 24	After school clubs will start this week