

Dear Parent

Welcome Back! We hope that you have had a fabulous Easter break! We warmly welcome all of our new families to life at Monkleigh School. We look forward to you and your family being part of our Monkleigh Family. Welcome back to families who already have children in the unit or who have younger children starting with us. Welcome back to all of our wonderful Sunflowers, Caterpillars and Butterflies.

We are looking forward to an exciting term of learning. Our FSU curriculum page on the Monkleigh School Website has a number of informative links. Please visit the link below for the Parent Information Booklet and other supporting documents. You will also find a blog which is updated weekly and shows the most up to date learning and experiences that have been on offer:

<https://www.monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk/classes/class-r>

The links on FSU Curriculum Page give an overview of the learning which will take place each week for Sunflowers, Caterpillars and Butterflies. The overview provides information about key books that we will be reading and songs that we will be learning. There is a section which shows possible experiences, visits and visitors. We are looking forward to lots of visits out and about this term. You can find the detailed overviews here:

Sunflowers

[https://monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk/images/Sunflowers Summer 1 Journeys and Transport.pdf](https://monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk/images/Sunflowers_Summer_1_Journeys_and_Transport.pdf)

Caterpillars [https://monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk/images/Caterpillars Summer 1 Journeys and Transport.pdf](https://monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk/images/Caterpillars_Summer_1_Journeys_and_Transport.pdf)

Butterflies

[https://monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk/images/Butterflies Summer 1 Journeys and Transport.pdf](https://monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk/images/Butterflies_Summer_1_Journeys_and_Transport.pdf)

Please ensure that the children have **clearly labelled** coats, full waterproofs, wellies and a change of clothes in school every day. They will also need to bring their book bag and water bottle into school every day. As the weather is so changeable please also ensure that your child has a sunhat and has had 'all day sun cream' applied in the morning before they come to school. Nikki asks that Sunflower children wear pull ups rather than nappies to school as this helps with toilet training.

We have a fabulous and highly experienced and skilled FSU team. The team is overseen by the Class Teachers: Mrs Emptage (teaches Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays) and Mrs Hincliffe (teaches Tuesdays and Wednesdays who teach Butterflies and across the Foundation Stage Unit. Mrs Baker leads the Caterpillar group and will be supported this term by Miss Cook and Alice Harries. Nikki leads the Sunflower group and is supported by Julie.

All children in FSU take part in a PE lesson on a Monday – please ensure Butterflies are wearing full PE kit and that Caterpillars are wearing something comfortable and suitable for PE. Butterflies and

Caterpillars take part in Outdoor Learning on a Thursday afternoon, they can wear old clothes to school on Thursdays.

Snack Donations – Sunflowers and Caterpillars:

We ask that all of our children bring a fresh fruit snack daily. We are also asking for some kind snack donations from our families, these may be donations of healthier biscuits such as rich teas and digestives (no chocolate), bread sticks, rice cakes, crackers or fresh fruit.

We are really excited for our 'Older Caterpillars' who will become Butterflies in September 2024 and would like to invite them to a **Transition Morning on Thursday 27th June from 9-12..** If your child does not normally attend a Thursday morning session, please bring them along to school for 8:50am and collect them at lunchtime. They will spend the morning learning all about being a Butterfly. **We will have an information meeting for parents on Thursday 27th June at 2:30pm.**

We will send out a separate letter which will give information about the visits and experiences for this term. We do have some advance dates for your diaries:

Sponsored FSU Fancy Dress Walk on Friday 10th May. Open to all FSU children. Children who do not normally attend on Friday afternoons are welcome with an adult. Please come in your best fancy dress of your choice!

Friday 28th June 2024 - FSU Sports Day - 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Friday 12th July - Summer Fete - Nearly New Uniform Stall will be available.

Friday 19th July 'Older Caterpillars' Trip to the Milky Way

Tuesday 23rd July 2:30pm Butterflies' Leavers Assembly

If you ever have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us via dojo.

We look forward to an exciting and successful term for all of your children.

Yours Sincerely

The FSU Team