



28th Jan  
2019

**FROM  
THE  
HEAD:**

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

The children in Years 3-6 are looking forward to the **Cross Country** at Kingsley this Friday. It will be great to have as many parents/carers there watching and cheering us on. Come on Monkleigh! For more info see the Sports section below.

Please note that the main door to the reception area is locked – access cannot be gained unless the door is released from the office. Please avoid pushing it until it has been released.

**Dinner money & Extended School fees** – please see “From The Office” section below

**Ballot Papers for Parent Governor Election** – Your child will be coming home with a ballot paper in the next day or two detailing the candidates that wish to be elected as Parent Governor. Please read through these papers and vote using the form enclosed. There is a box outside Di’s office for completed ballot forms to go into. The deadline for this is the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**Headlice** – There have been a number of reports of headlice throughout the school. Please can we ask that you check your child’s hair tonight and treat as necessary. Here’s a link to the NHS website giving more information. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

**Eating Habits Questionnaire** - We have been asked by researchers from the University of Leeds if parents could help form responses to an online questionnaire. They are conducting a study to find out more about children’s eating habits and food in the family home. In particular, they are interested in the views of parents of primary school aged children. They have developed an online questionnaire which takes about 8-12 minutes to complete, is anonymous and voluntary.

You can access it here if you would like to be part of their research.

<https://leeds.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/food-in-the-family-home-2018>

## **“Stars of the week”**

Class R - Florence

Class 1 – Evelyn

Class 2 - Josie

Class 3 – Shavonne

Well done to them all!



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  
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OFFICE:**



**Dinner money** – please keep on top of paying for dinners – there are a few children who have quite high outstanding balances. Dinner money balances are automatically updated daily. The same applies to **B&T Club fees** and **Pre-school fees**. A polite reminder that Devon County Council policy is that all fees are payable in advance. We try to be as flexible as possible with this; however some outstanding fees are building up. If debts end up being passed to county, we will be instructed to refuse meals / services. Trialling of online registers is going well, with useful feedback coming in. Once the extended provision registers go live to everyone (Pre-school after Easter holidays, B&T Club hopefully sooner), your balances will be available to you weekly.

**Class 2** – Please be reminded that the final balance of £20 is due for our Rock and Rapid residential this Friday.

*Did you know you can “chip away” at the above balances by making part payments? You can do this on Parentmail.*

**Class R - Lost Coat!** Has anyone seen a blue coat with dinosaurs on it? One of the children from Class R is missing theirs. If seen, please hand in to Class R or to school office. Thank you.



**Class R - Visit to Victoria Park** We are taking the next leg of our journey to find Baby Bear this Thursday. We'll go via mini-bus transport this week to Victoria Park in Bideford. Wish us luck! Lunches are not affected. Please ensure your child has a warm coat for this trip.

## CLASS NEWS

**Class R – PE** Mrs Wilson will be taking the children from Class R to the Village Hall on Thursday afternoons (not this Thursday due to trip) for P.E sessions. This will carry on until February half term. **This week – due to the trip on Thursday, their PE session will be on Friday.** Please ensure full PE kit is in school.



**Class 2 – Rock and Rapid Residential** - A final details letter, kit list and consent form will be making its way to you in the next day or so. Please look out for this in your child's bag and return the consent form as soon as possible. A reminder that the final payment of £20 is due this Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> February.

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It's the **Kingsley Cross Country** this Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> February for all children in Year Groups 3-6. A reminder of the details:-

- We'll travel by Coach to this event at 11.30am.
- All children will need a packed lunch from home unless you have ordered one from school via Parentmail .
- Parents/Carers are encouraged to cheer us on and watch the races.
- Children can be taken home after their race (please ensure you see their Class Teacher first)

## SPORT

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

### Race Times

Yr 3 Girls	12.30pm	Yr 3 Boys	12.40pm
Yr 4 Girls	12.50pm	Yr 4 Boys	1pm
Yr 5 Girls	1.15pm	Yr 5 Boys	1.30pm
Yr 6 Girls	1.45pm	Yr 6 Boys	2pm

The Presentation will be around 2.15pm



**North Devon Cross Country League** – It's the final league race this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at West Buckland. I'll meet runners from 9.30am as usual. As in previous years, I will collect the medals on the runners behalf and we'll do a special Celebration Assembly at school next week.

**Indoor Rowing Challenge – Yr 6's at Bideford College** – On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February, our Year 6's will take part in an Indoor Rowing Challenge. This proved to be great fun last year. I will bring in an Ergo next week for the Yr 6's to practise on. We will travel to the event by mini-bus and lunches will not be affected. There is no charge for this activity.

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

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## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All running this week!

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## 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.

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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

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).

Thank you to the families who are kindly trialling the online registers for B&T club – I will produce a guide to show you how they will work soon. Di Beer



*“If you need an official invoice for accountants or tax credit purposes, please let me know asap as I will raise an official Devon County Council invoice. Thank you,” Di Beer*

**Illness** – We are aware that there are some nasty

coughs and colds going around again, unfortunately what is just a cold to one child is not just a cold to another – and can lead into something more serious. We have a very poorly and vulnerable parent using our setting, and if they were to become unwell – this could have life threatening consequences. We are doing all we can within our power to eliminate the risk of germs spreading. Please help us with this by keeping your child at home if they are unwell or not themselves. We thank you for your support with this.



## Pre-school

**Session Changes** - After the Easter break there will be a change in sessions. We will now only be offering 3 hour and 6 hour sessions, lunch club will no longer be an option. Your child will be able to do 9.15-12.15 or 12.15-3.15 or of course join us all day. Please see a member of staff if you need to discuss a change in hours.

## FOMS



Sadly we were unsuccessful this time on our Aviva grant application to fund a school mini-bus. Join us next week at our **FOMS meeting** at 9.15am on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February** in the staffroom to discuss our next fundraising events. All welcome.

Help us raise funds for FOMS by going to:

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

## Menu for **NEXT** week (w/c 04 Feb) – 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	28	Class 3 – Forest School <b>GYMNASTICS CLUB</b>	4	9.15 FOMS Meeting – Staffroom. All welcome Class 3 – Forest School <b>GYMNASTICS CLUB</b>
T	29	Year 5/6 football tournament <b>NO CLUB</b>	5	<b>NO CLUB</b>
W	30	TRYC – East The Water Primary (4:15-5:15pm) Class R and Pre-School Forest School <b>HIGH FIVE CLUB / RELAXED KIDS CLUB</b>	6	Class R and Pre-School Forest School <b>HIGH FIVE CLUB / RELAXED KIDS CLUB</b>
T	31	<b>FOOTBALL CLUB / BOARD GAMES CLUB</b>	7	<b>FOOTBALL CLUB / BOARD GAMES CLUB</b>
F	1	Kingsley Cross Country (Yrs 3-6) Parents welcome <b>NO CLUB</b>	8	9-11am – Bideford College Indoor Rowing Yr 6 <b>NO CLUB</b>
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S	3	North Devon Cross Country League – West Buckland	10	

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

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

Are you struggling?



## Managing the Money Maze

FREE, FUN & INTERACTIVE workshop delivered through a series of games providing tips and tools to help build confidence in managing money and dealing with financial challenges



Date: Tuesday 29th January  
Time: 9:30am-1:30pm  
Venue: Bideford Family Centre (Rope Walk, Bideford, EX39 2PF)

**FREE**

**REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED**