



04/06/20

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



From the  
Head  
Teacher

We opened our doors to more children this week and it was so lovely to see them! I want to say a big thank you to the staff who have made that possible - not only the staff coming into school but those at home supporting the home learning.

It is certainly not the Monkleigh we know and there are lots of new rules and regulations but the children in school are doing a great job following those rules, even though playtimes are a bit challenging! With the current guidelines we have to follow we would struggle to take any more than the few children we do have in school. We miss ALL our children and can't wait to have everyone back, to our Monkleigh family, when it is safe to do so.

**Home Learning** - Obviously with more staff now in school full time we have had to change the way the home learning is being sent to you. I appreciate that this will take a little time getting used to, but we do not want anyone getting worried or stressed about it. The work has been set and is there for you to do with your child if you are able to, please just do what you can. Your priority is ensuring your child/ children are happy and safe and anything on top of that is a bonus.

You will by now have had contact from your child's key worker, he or she is there to support you and help. They may plan some fun games and activities to do with their group of key children, a fun zoom session or can help with any work. If you have any questions or concerns they are there for you. You can be in contact with your key worker as much or as little as you like, though please do try and join in with the activities as I am sure your child would enjoy them. All that I do ask however is that you make contact with your key worker at least once a week so that we know you are all well. Key workers will let me know each week that they have been in touch with you and if there is anything extra we can do to assist.

We hope this will really help and support you.

### Student Tips for Participating in Online Learning



#### Helpful tips for students success online

- Make sure you're muted when not talking
- Be yourself and respect others
- Ask questions using chat
- Use reactions to engage with your class
- Think before you write
- Utilize the raise your hand feature if wanting to ask a question live
- Set up an intentional space where the class is going to happen

Here are some tips for using Zoom type calls with your teacher/key worker. Please share these with your children.

This website also has lots of helpful tips for parents to help their child understand internet safety, and all our children are using the internet so much more during this

time. Take a look [Safer Internet Centre UK](https://www.saferinternetcentre.org/)

**Year 6's** All Year 6's transitioning to GTS should check out this link if they have not already done so. There is a short video clip from Helen Whiterod (Transition Lead) and lot of information <https://gts.devon.sch.uk/information/transition.html>



### **London Residential for Current Yrs 4/5 (Yr 5/6 in Sep 2020)**

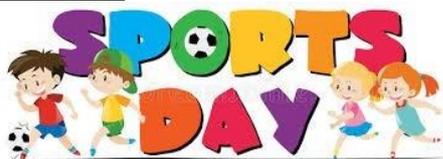
We have been in regular contact with the company we are using for the London residential and although they are not cancelling trips currently for September, as a school we have made the decision to postpone the London Residential in September. As there is a good chance that lots of the children might not be back in school before September, we don't feel like it would be right to send them straight off to London in the first week back. Transitioning the children back into school routines will be difficult enough without the thought of a trip to London. Additionally social distancing constraints will be here for some time and at present, we cannot know how this will affect the things we had planned. Trying to reschedule now means that nobody loses their deposit and gives us more flexibility. I am currently trying to find a new date which I will of course let you know as soon as it has been selected and re-booked, but just so you are aware we are looking at dates around June 2021. Hopefully you understand the decision we have made. We will be in contact regarding the new dates, new price (if applicable) how payments will work and any other information you may need as soon as we know more.



as we are able to. Thank you.

School office staff are currently working from home during this time so although school is open to some pupils, the school reception area, phone lines and office are not currently manned. We are still working and check email regularly so if you have any queries, please avoid phoning and email [admin@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk) instead. We will try and assist you as soon

## **SPORT**



Monkleigh Primary School will be having a Virtual Sports Week! Thank You for sending in your photos for our Sports day teams. I will be putting them together over the weekend so it's still not too late to send them over to me.

We are pleased to announce our team captains for 2020 are:

**Cavaliers: Mia & Liv**

**Romans: Ronnie & Anya**

**Vikings: Megan & Charlie Brewer**

Our Sports Week will begin on Monday 22nd June 2020. Each morning I will post on Dojo a challenge, after completing the challenge please send me your results via message on Dojo or [sport@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:sport@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk)

(Don't put in the comments as we want to keep it a secret from the other teams)

On the Friday afternoon we will announce our winning team and post a photo of your trophy proudly wearing the winning team colour ribbons.

*I will of course continue to inform you of the latest Government advice regarding the re-opening of schools for all years groups as and when I have it. In the meantime, look after each other and stay safe everyone.*

*Karen Reeves (Head Teacher)*