



04/06/20

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope you are well. At school we are settling into a very different way of working, that is gradually becoming the new but slightly odd norm! The children are being so good and coping very well with the new rules. I would love to be able to take more children back into school but with the rules and regulations as they stand we are currently full, if this changes I will of course let you know asap.

From the  
Head  
Teacher



I hope you are managing with the new format of home learning, I know that there were a few teething problems initially but hopefully everyone is now able to access everything. I also hope you are finding having a key worker for your child helpful. Please remember your key worker is there to support with any aspect of home learning and also just to make sure you are all ok. They are not there to check up that you are doing the work just to help you with it if needed. So please do check in with your child's key worker at least once a week, even if only to say 'hello, we are fine', just so we know you are ok!

With regards to the home learning, we are putting quite a lot out there for you, but please just do what you can and what works for you. If you are doing different things e.g. baking, collecting objects from outside and making pictures, den building, writing instructions for den building, keeping a diary or anything else that is fine. If you are finding the home learning at all overwhelming as I have said just do what you can.

If you can just do some reading regularly with your child, a bit of writing and learn their times tables that would be great. If every child could come back to school reading well and really knowing their times tables that would be brilliant, we can do the rest.

Just keep safe, if possible, enjoy this time together and do what you can. If you need any help or support, we are here for you, do just get in touch.



Here is a fabulous photo of craft work that Laura Hobb's group did earlier this week! It's a card and looks really effective! - See if you can spot yours!

**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>





### FROM THE OFFICE

Note for year 6 parents/carers I am in the process of calculating final balances for dinners and B&T Club. Any outstanding balance (credit or arrears) will be transferred to a younger sibling - where there is no younger sibling, refunds (or requests for payment) will be carried out. Unfortunately it is not possible to make refunds using ParentMail (due to lack of ParentMail income at present). I will contact you to let you know value / method of all refunds. Please bear with me!

Remember that 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 as we are able to. Thank you.

### 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 B**

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.



You should have all received a letter last week about the changes from September. We're looking forward to welcoming the children back when it is safe to do so and merging with Class R. Mrs Evans and Mrs Emptage will be added to our dojo soon, so you will be able to engage with them, but please do not hesitate to ask us if you have any questions. Please do continue engaging with us so that we know you are receiving our messages. Thank you.



Is your child interested in learning an instrument with Neil Hamilton at our school? Neil (would normally) come in once a week and is teaching some of our pupils the trumpet. He also teaches the cornet, trombone and guitar/ukulele. He has availability from September. If you are interested, contact the school office on

[admin@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk) and we can pass your details on to Neil.



**This summer, our Lifeguards can't be on every beach, meaning a heightened water safety risk to beach goers.** Take a look at the R.N.L.I's **Water Safety from Home resources** - If you're a parent looking for ways to engage, educate and entertain your children at home, play our Water Safety Wednesday series – perfect for primary school-aged children.

You'll also be interested in this : the RNLI & MCA's **Beach Safety Campaign** Beach lifeguards cannot be everywhere this summer – although we are hoping to patrol around 70 beaches later this year – it is vital every one of us takes responsibility for our own, and our families', safety.



### **Devon Family Advice Line**

ECI will be launching a new phone advice line for parents and carers across Devon on Monday 1 June. The number for the new service is 01392 949059 and it will be manned from 10 – 2pm Monday to Friday. People will be able to leave a message outside of these hours, or when the operators are all busy.

It will offer advice on a specific issue around their children and their family relationships, including any communication issues or conflict they are having with their partners or co-parents of their children. It is not meant to be a replacement for more targeted work, but just a way to offer people a place to be heard and a few tips on how to deal with a particular situation or to signpost them to an organisation which may be able to help them.



## Upcoming affordable webinars with Sam Harris.

With the country in lockdown, we know that many parents will be working hard to support their young people with additional needs. BISnet plans to provide a number of online services during this time including webinars from just £5.98.

Click here to book [Bis-Net online courses](#) or take a look at the [website](#).

### Autism & Demand Avoidance [PDA]

Thursday 11th June. 10am - 12pm. £5.98 per ticket.

### Supporting yourself to support others

Friday 12th June. 10am - 12pm. £5.98 per ticket.

### Supporting Autism and ADHD/ADD through lockdown and beyond [with Fintan O Regan]

Monday 15th June. 10am - 12pm. £11.37 per ticket.

### Managing aggression & violent behaviour in young people

Monday 15th June. 1pm - 3pm. £5.98 per ticket.

### Autism & Anxiety

Wednesday 17th June. 10am - 12pm. £5.98 per ticket.

### Supporting social development in Autistic children

Monday 22nd June. 1pm - 3pm.

*I will of course continue to keep you updated. In the meantime, look after each other and stay safe everyone.*

*Karen Reeves (Head Teacher)*