



18/06/20

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I am getting lots of positive information from all the key workers when they feedback to me to each week, well done on all the great work and I hope you are finding the key worker support helpful. Please remember to make contact with your key worker at least once a week.



From the
Head
Teacher

Myself and Governors have been turning our minds to how we continue to work things for the rest of this term. We would obviously like to be able to have more children in school, but with having to follow the Government guidance on social distancing and the space available, this is a real challenge. We also have a limited number of staff and a priority is to keep the amount and quality of home learning in place as well.

We currently have our key worker children in school, some vulnerable children, some Preschool, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children. We would like to extend this offer to the remaining year groups but we simply do not have the capacity to do so. We have space for approximately 6-8 more children, we need to keep some of these places for additional key workers children and we have a small amount of vulnerable children who we need to offer a place to. This will completely fill us under current guidance so unfortunately we would not be able to take any more children.

Staff who are in school working are also busy getting the school ready for September and we are currently working on the assumption that we will all be back in September, this may of course change but that is what we are planning for and hoping for. We are very sorry that we won't be able to see those still at home until September, but we are looking forward to that day when we can hopefully welcome you all back.

Remember if you are struggling at all, just contact your key worker, or any other member of staff and we will do all we can to help.



London Residential - new date! - We have made the decision to re-schedule the London Residential for current years 4 & 5 to **9-11 June 2021**. All parents have been sent a Parentmail FORM to confirm these dates and the slightly higher price. If you haven't replied - please do so by the end of this week to let us know how you would like to proceed. We need to get exact numbers to the travel agency. We will get a new letter to you outlining everything you need to know next week.

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



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 instead. We will try and

assist you as soon as we are able to. Thank you.

SPORT



We're really excited for our Virtual Sports Week next week. Here is the events timetable for next week, please don't panic if it looks confusing as each morning I will post a

Dojo message explaining the day's activities.

At the end of each day please send me the scores via Dojo message or sport@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk (don't forget keep your scores a secret from the other teams 😊)

On Friday the Trophies will be won! I'm looking forward to my cream tea! More detail on FOMS section.

- **Monday** Standing Long jump/How many socks in the basket in 30 seconds.
 - **Tuesday** Vertical jump/How many star jumps in 1 minute.
- **Wednesday** How long can you hold a plank? / Throw socks into a basket.
 - **Thursday** How many burpees in 30seconds/ Sock in bucket relay.
- **Friday** How far can you run in.... Receptions (2 minutes)/Class 1, (3 minutes)/Class 2, (4 minutes) /Class 3, (5 minutes.)

Please have fun and don't forget to send over your pictures.



We're looking forward to welcoming the children back when it is safe to do so and merging with Class R. Infact, the Pre-School staff are back in school next week to get started on making our new space super exciting for the children! 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.

FOMS - FOMS would usually have been fundraising for the school in the form of Cake Sales, Easter Fayres and Cross Country refreshments. Sadly we have not been able to do this due to lockdown, and we still have things to pay out for such as keeping the school mini bus on the road. However, we're back and we need your help! As you know we'd usually lay on a wonderful cream tea after our sports day event at school. So during this strange time, Foms are doing a virtual sports week cream tea event starting on Monday 22nd - Fri 26th June. We'd like you to have a cream tea in your garden, post us a picture and donate via the Crowd Fundraising page. Please get the whole family involved as it's really important to raise vital funds for the school. If any of our parents have not already joined our closed Facebook page - please do so. We'll share the link to the Crowd Fundraising page. and we'll keep the page regularly updated with this event and other fundraising ideas throughout the year.



FOMS 50:50 winners. The committee at FOMS will be pulling the winning tickets for previous months (not drawn due to Covid-19) and future months via a zoom meeting at the beginning of July, to ensure fairness and transparency. We will announce the winners on the newsletter and Mrs Amanda Reeves will keep the winners' money safe until she sees them in September.



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 and we can pass your details on to Neil.



Devon Family Advice Line

ECI have launched a new phone advice line for parents and carers across Devon. 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. 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 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.



NORTH DEVON SHOW

Virtual Children's Competition

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CLASSES:
 Class 1: Make a bug house, using any materials - 7 years old and under
 Class 2: Make a bug house, using any materials - 8 to 12 years old
 Class 3: Make a bug house, using any materials - 13 to 16 years old
 Class 4: Paint or Draw your favourite animal - 7 years old and under
 Class 5: Paint or Draw your favourite animal - 8 to 12 years old
 Class 6: Paint or Draw your favourite animal - 13 to 16 years old
 Class 7: Make a puppet, using any materials - 7 years old and under
 Class 8: Make a puppet, using any materials - 8 to 12 years old
 Class 9: Make a puppet, using any materials - 13 to 16 years old
 Class 10: Write a poem about a day at the North Devon Show - 7 years old and under
 Class 11: Write a poem about a day at the North Devon Show - 8 to 12 years old
 Class 12: Write a poem about a day at the North Devon Show - 13 to 16 years old
 Class 13: Tallest Sunflower - All ages (please include height in cm)
 Class 14: Make an animal out of fruit/vegetables - 7 years old and under
 Class 15: Design a clothing product made from wool - 8 to 12 years old
 Class 16: Design a clothing product made from wool - 13 to 16 years old

NFU have launched the #LockdownLearning initiative for home education. We are working closely with the NFU to provide some friendly competition with classes to suit everyone. More details on the Initiative or for ideas to enter our classes please visit: <https://eatfarmnow.com/category/lockdown-learning/>

PRIZES:
1st: £5.00 + Rosette 2nd: Rosette 3rd: Rosette

HOW TO ENTER:
Email us at showsecretary@northdevonshow.com with the following details:

- Name, address and age (on the 29th July 2020)
- Photograph/s of your entry
- Class Number you would like to enter

One email per entry is recommended, with unlimited entries and no entry fees.
Entries to be received by midday on Wednesday 29th July 2020
 All entries will be published on social media with the results in August.

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NORTH DEVON SHOW

Virtual Baking Competition

Judge: Our Show Presidents' - Mr Roger and Mrs Brenda Savery

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We are looking for 4 Cupcakes that are decorated to suit a theme of the North Devon Show (i.e. cow, sheep, flowers, tractors etc.)

Classes open to all Adults and Children with Prize Money and Rosettes.

CLASSES:
 Class 1: 7 years old and under
 Class 2: 8-14 years old
 Class 3: 15 years +

PRIZES:
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 Email us at showsecretary@northdevonshow.com with the following details:

- Name and address
- One photograph of your entry
- Class Number you would like to enter

One email per entry is recommended, with unlimited entries and no entry fees.
Entries to be received by midday on Thursday 16th July
 All entries will be published on social media with the results leading up to 5th August.

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

Karen Reeves (Head Teacher)