



10th Sep  
2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



**Welcome back!** It's been so lovely to see everyone back, all the children have settled in so well. There are lots of smiling faces and the children have adapted to the new way of doing things so well, we are so proud of all of them. A particular mention to our new starters in our Foundation Stage Unit and to Sebastian in Class 1, Sofia, Dylan and James in Class 2 and Fraser and Joe in Class 3. We hope you will be very happy at Monkleigh.



**FROM  
THE  
HEAD:**

Thank you to all parents and carers for adapting to the new way we have to work at the beginning and end of each day. We are all now getting used to the staggered start and end times and it seems to be working well.

**Parking and Drop Offs** - I appreciate that parking is tight now staff are also having to park outside of school. Please do make use of the **drop and go facility** which means you do not need to park, you can queue down the road in your car at your allotted time and then just pull up at the front gates, drop your child off to a waiting member of staff, and then drive on down the lane. Also please do make use of the Village Hall for parking and then walk through the churchyard to school. Thank you for your help with this.



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**Staff Changes** - Unfortunately Mrs Bennett will not be returning this term but we hope that she will be joining us again in the New Year.

Martha will be moving from Pre-School to 1:1 support for a reception aged child.

**No Nuts** - A reminder that there is to be no nuts or nut based products on site. This is really important as some children have severe allergic reactions to nuts.

**Foundation Stage Unit** - A big welcome to all our new FSU children !

As you may already know we are moving towards having a FSU, this means that Pre School and our reception class will become one unit or class, sharing staff, resources and space. This is very exciting and will be great for all the children.

**Music Lessons** - Sadly we cannot accommodate our 3 music teachers that came to school to offer private lessons due to lack of covid secure space. They may choose to offer their students private or zoom lessons at this time.



We've arranged for **Tempest Photography** to come in on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. Sadly we will not be able to offer family photos this year due to Covid.



*Karen Reeves (Head Teacher)*



**Borrowed school equipment** for home learning. Any equipment that was borrowed during lockdown needs to be returned this week if you have not already done so. Thank you.

## FROM THE OFFICE

**Medicines** -If your child requires medicine to be administered during the school day, please complete the medication forms attached with the newsletter this week. In-date inhalers & clean spacers are the responsibility of the parent. Each class will be storing medicines for the children in that class.

**Meals** - a reminder that the new **Menu** is on the website and is visible in ParentMail (Accounts section). You now need to order your choice of veg, and your pudding in advance. All meals need to be ordered at least 8 days in advance please so that the kitchen knows requirements for the week and can accurately order from the suppliers. (We are liaising with ParentMail to try to make this a little more user friendly)



**Annual Permission forms** - will be sent out via the forms sections of ParentMail in the next few days. Please submit ASAP

**Data Collection forms** - these are often the only way we find out that people have moved or contact details have changed. These will be coming out soon.

Di & Sarah ☺

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Look out for a **Curriculum Newsletter** coming home soon with details of what your child will be learning this term, and how you can support at home.

**FSU** Thank you to all of the wonderful children for settling back into school so incredibly well. We are thrilled with the confidence that the children are showing and it is great to see them getting stuck into learning and really using their initiative. It's going to be a super year!

The session timings for Pre-School aged children is:

Half Day - 08:40-11:40am All day - 08:40 - 14:50pm

If you anticipate needing to get close to a member of staff at handover, please ensure you are wearing a face covering. *Mrs Emptage, Mrs Evans and Miss Chugg*

## CLASS NEWS

**Class 1** A reminder that on Fridays the children need to come to school wearing clothes suitable for both PE and outdoor learning. The children don't need to bring in wellies and waterproofs. Mrs Wilson will be teaching Class 1 on Fridays. They will be doing maths challenge, spelling test, PE and outdoor learning as well as the usual maths and phonics lessons.

Please remember to have a pair of **trainers** on pegs every day. These will need to stay in school all week. Also remember to send your child in with a **coat** too. Due to the current situation we are lacking indoor space that can be shared and the children have to be out of the classroom for a short period after lunchtime come rain or shine so the whole room can be cleaned down ready for the afternoon.

Your child's book bag will be kept in class until it's needed to be sent home. Reading books will come home soon once our new phonics programme is up and running! (returned books will be quarantined before being sent home to another child). *Mrs O'Donoghue*

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# SPORT



We are really excited to see our playground come to life again with our PE lessons!

No P.E Kit needed in school but thank you for remembering your trainers every day.

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

We are intending to re-open w/c Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept (please refer to the [letter](#) that was sent out before the holidays). This will be under constant review to see if it is financially viable.

# B&T CLUB

ALWAYS  
CHECK YOUR  
CHILD IN  
AND OUT OF  
B&T CLUB.  
THANK YOU.

Session times and costs:

"B" Club (**8:15** drop off) - £3.00

"T" Club (**4:15** collection) - £5.00

**NB: sessions must be pre-booked 8 days in advance.** So for Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Sep, the deadline is this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>. Available to book now on Parentmail.

## Week Two

14 Sep; 5 Oct; 2 Nov; 23 Nov; 14 Dec

Mon	Mild Chicken Curry with Rice & Naan Bread Veggie Pasta Bake with Naan Bread Jacket Potato with Cheese	On the side: Veg or Beans  And for dessert: Fruit Salad & Ice Cream
Tue	Sausage Roll Veggie Sausage Roll Jacket Potato with Beans	On the side: Veg or Beans  And for dessert: Iced Chocolate Cake
Wed	Roast Beef with Roast Spuds & Yorkshire Pudding Veggie Roast with Roast Spuds & Yorkshire Pudding Jacket Potato with Cheese	On the side: Veg  And for dessert: Fresh Fruit / Yoghurt
Thu	All Day Breakfast (Sausages, Bacon, Beans, Hash Browns) Cheese Flan Jacket Potato with Beans	On the side: Veg or Beans  And for dessert: Cookie
Fri	Breaded Fish & Chips Baked Bean Pasty & Chips Jacket Potato with Cheese	On the side: Veg or Beans  And for dessert: Ice Cream

Dinners need to be ordered **8 days** in advance via the accounts section of ParentMail please

All our meals are cooked on site using fresh ingredients and local butcher's meat where possible. You now need to order your choice of veg, and your pudding in advance.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

A reminder of the new start times:

- 8:40am FSU (Preschool & Year R)
- 8:50am Class 2 (Years 3 & 4)
- 9:00am Class 1 (Years 1 & 2)
- 9:10am Class 3 (Years 5 & 6)

• A reminder of new end of school times:

- 2:50pm FSU (Preschool & Year R)
- 3:00pm Class 2 (Years 3 & 4)
- 3:15pm Class 1 (Years 1 & 2)
- 3:25pm Class 3 (Years 5 & 6)

• Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September - B&T Club re-opens

• ~~W/c 21<sup>st</sup> September - GTS Open Morning tours (subject to change)~~ - Cancelled due to Covid

• Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept - Tempest photography - individual photos