



Friday 10th Sept 2021

Dear Parents,

From the Headteacher

Despite the heavy downpours which have made playtimes and PE challenging it has been a lovely first few days back at school. It is lovely to have the children back in school, they all seem really happy and are enjoying being back with their friends and are busy with their learning.

We continue to do all we can to keep everyone safe and well, lots of hand washing and sanitising and well-ventilated rooms.

Please see the [latest guidance](#) flowchart for schools from public health England, as you are aware we have had a positive LFT result and are waiting on the PCR result. **The guidance explains in detail exactly what we have to do as a school and we are following this. If the PCR result comes back positive NHS test and Trace will speak to the case (or parent or carer) to identify close contact and provide testing and isolation advice as required. This is not the role of the school any longer.** However, if you are at all concerned then please do carry out an LFT test or book a PCR test.

If your child does have any covid symptoms, please do not send them to school and please carry out a PCR test. If your child tests positive then they must remain at home isolating for 10 days, we would ask that any other siblings also take the PCR test to confirm that they are negative. Any negative siblings can then return to school. We would ask, if at all possible, you continue to test siblings with an LFT for the next 10 days, also if they develop any symptoms while at school, we would send them home. If anyone else in your family older sibling or parent tests positive, we would please ask the same - a PCR is carried on the school age child and LFT's if possible, for the next 10days.

Thank you so much with your ongoing help and support with this, we want to do all we can to reduce the spread of the virus and keep everyone as safe as possible.

Walking bus - the [online form](#) for this has been amended and will now let you select multiple choices for each day. You must complete this form for your child to be able to use the walking bus please.

Please also let us know via Dojo of any last-minute changes to walking bus.

Please remember to book for after school clubs and pay via parent mail.

Karen Reeves

☆ "STARS OF THE WEEK" ☆

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| Caterpillars | All of the Caterpillars for an excellent effort with settling in. |
| Butterflies | All of the Butterflies for an incredible start to their Reception Year. |
| Class 1 | Starting next week |
| Class 2 | Starting next week |
| Class 3 | Starting next week |

From the Office Office hours are currently 08:00 - 16:00 Mon; 08:00-12:00 Tue; 08:00-14:30 Wed, Thu, Fri.

Charged for nursery sessions up to October half term have now been updated in the Accounts section of parentmail. Policy is that all fees are payable half termly in advance. Please settle your account by the end of next week. Thank you in advance.

Tempest Photography - proofs/order forms went home yesterday. Please can all orders be handed to the office by 9am on Wednesday 29th Sept? You are able to order online if you wish.

Class 3 **Wednesdays** - Class 2 come to school in PE kit please. We will also need waterproofs and wellies on that day for outdoor learning as we intend to go outside whatever the weather.

GTS Open Morning Tours (w/c 20 Sept) - for further details and to book, please see link in "For Your Diary". To minimise disruption, we would like to suggest that Monkleigh children attend on the Thursday or Friday

Bideford College Open Mornings (see flier at end of newsletter) - again, to minimise disruption we would suggest attendance on the Thursday if possible. Thank you

Class 2 **Fridays** - Class 2 come to school in PE kit please. We will also need waterproofs and wellies on that day for outdoor learning as we intend to go outside whatever the weather.

We have had a great first week back and everyone has settled in really well. Please look on our class dojo today for our curriculum newsletter.

Class 1 **Thursdays** - Class 2 come to school in PE kit please. We will also need waterproofs and wellies on that day for outdoor learning as we intend to go outside whatever the weather.

FSU **Mondays** - FSU need their PE kits - please wear kit to school.

Thursdays - Butterflies - come to school in old clothes and bring full waterproofs.

(The children will come home in these clothes at the end of the day)

Some dates for later in the month:

Monday 20th pm - Caterpillar - New Starters Only - Parents Meetings - further details to follow

Thursday 23rd 2:30pm - Butterflies Parent Meeting - The New EYFS Curriculum and Supporting your child's learning see class newsletter for further information

Monday 27th 2:30pm - Caterpillars Parent Meeting - The New EYFS Curriculum and Supporting your child's learning see class newsletter for further information

Sport

It's been a lovely few days back (even in the rain!) we have enjoyed a few team games and talking about future events. We are pleased to say we will be going to GTS in October for year 3 & 4 multi skills. First time back using our Mini Bus and seeing Children from other Schools.

Please remember PE shoes in School every day and if possible a change of socks.

Please check your Class dojo or Class news above for days to come to School in PE/Outdoor clothes.

Any questions please find me on Dojo or message sport@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk.

Clubs We are offering the following clubs - all available to book via the ParentMail shop

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| Mondays | 3:15 - 4:00 | Football | Years 3-6 |
| Wednesdays | 3:15 - 4:00 | High Five | Years 3-6 |
| Thursdays* | 3:15 - 4:00 | Performing Arts | Years 1-6 |

* Apologies - this was incorrectly showing as Wednesdays in ParentMail - this has now been amended

For Your Diary

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| Fri 17 Sept | Nursery fees for this half term to be settled in full please. |
| Sat 18 Sept | (Appledore Book Festival) ANTHONY HOROWITZ NIGHTSHADE |
| w/c 20 Sept | GTS Open Morning Tours (Yr 5/6) - please book, and let us know if attending |
| Mon 20 Sept | New starter Caterpillars - Parent Meetings |
| Mon 20 Sept | After School Club (Football) - ongoing (book via ParentMail shop) |
| Wed 22 Sept | After School Club (High Five) - ongoing (book via ParentMail shop) |
| Thu 23 Sept | Butterflies - Parent Meetings (from 2:30pm) |
| Thu 23 Sept | After School Club (Performing Arts)- ongoing (book via ParentMail shop) |
| Sat 25 Sept | (Appledore Book Festival) THE HORRIBLE SCIENCE EXPERIMENT SHOW NICK ARNOLD |
| Mon 27 Sept | Caterpillars - Parent Meetings (from 2:30pm) |
| Mon 27 Sept | GTS Open Evening Tours - please book |
| 28/29/30 Sept | Bideford College Open Morning Tours - see flier at end of newsletter - booking required |
| Wed 29 Sept | All Tempest Photography orders to be in by 9am please |
| Thu 30 Sept | Bideford College Open Evening - 4:30-7pm (no booking required) |
| Fri 1 Oct | Deadline for Nursery Applications (for January admissions) |

COVID - Do not send your child to school if they are displaying any symptoms of COVID:

(New persistent cough, or High Temperature, or Loss of smell/taste). You will need to get a COVID test - siblings of a child displaying symptoms will also need to isolate until a negative test result is received. We have also been advised that symptoms of the Delta variant are a **headache, sore throat, and a temperature** (very similar to a normal cold so quite a challenge) we would urge that any children showing these symptoms are kept off school and a test carried out. Thank you.

In line with our guidance - if we need to send a child home with any of the symptoms, we will also need to send home any siblings. Our most up to date COVID Risk Assessment / information can be found [here](#).

B&T Club - You are now able to book B&T Club right up to Christmas! Please book 8 days in advance using the "**Accounts**" option in ParentMail.

A reminder of sessions:

DINNERS - Book 8 days in advance please. The menu for this term can be found [here](#).



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Open Events 2021

***Open Mornings:**
Tues 28th Sept @ 9:15am
Weds 29th Sept @ 9:15am
Thurs 30th Sept @ 9:15am

Open Evening:
Thurs 30th Sept @ 4.30-7pm
No booking required

*Booking is required for these events - please use the link below to book:
<https://forms.gle/N8RIYHPECehLerKz9>

Visit our website or Facebook page for information
www.bidefordcollege.org

Further details regarding transition can be found here
<https://bidefordcollege.org/transition-information/>

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