



Friday 17th Sept 2021

Dear Parents,

From the Headteacher

The term feels like it is well underway now and it feels like we have been back for ages. It is lovely to see the children playing together and great to have B and T club up and running again, walking bus back running, which is proving really popular and after school clubs resume next week which will be lovely after an almost 2 year break.

All the children are really settled some of them in new classes and all are working hard!

Parents Evenings - We will have our first parents' meetings of the year the week beginning 11th Oct. As the zoom meetings proved very popular, we are still offering this, however we also understand that many of you may wish to come into school to meet your child's teacher face to face, particularly if they are in a new class. We will therefore be offering one face to face afternoon/evening and one zoom one so you can choose which you would prefer or is easier for you. More details of these times and dates and how you book a slot will follow later.

Covid information- please see the [latest guidance](#) flowchart for schools from public health England. **The guidance explains in detail exactly what we have to do as a school and we are following this. If we are notified of a positive PCR, 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.

Headlice - a reminder that there as an expectation for children to be treated and are not sent to school with live lice. Please see the attached guidance.

Medicines (Inhalers etc) - please ensure replacement inhalers etc. have been sent in for your child. For new conditions please complete the [Parental Agreement for Administering Medicines](#) (you may have already done this for conditions that we already know about)

If you are sending in replacement inhalers or other medication that we need to hold in school you will need to complete & sign the [Record of Administered Medicine form](#) & send that in with the medication - this form needs to be renewed each time a new inhaler (or other meds) is passed to us as it shows expiry date etc.

Flu Vaccinations - please see message from NHS:

Dear parents,

This year your child will be offered a free flu vaccination in school and we will shortly be sending communication via the school with regards to consent for this. However, we are aware there are some children that due to an underlying medical condition are at increased risk from the flu virus – if you believe that your child is in the category and you would like the opportunity to book them into an early community clinic, please contact our single point of access (SPA) on 0300 247 0082 or email at vcl.immunisations@nhs.net. Please note this is an extremely busy time for our phones and therefore if you are struggling to get through, please don't hesitate to contact us via e-mail and someone will return your call.

Best wishes, School Age Immunisations Team. Virgin Care Services Limited. Telephone: 0300 247 0082

Karen Reeves

☆ **"STARS OF THE WEEK"** ☆

Caterpillars	To be revealed next week
Butterflies	To be revealed next week
Class 1	To be revealed next week
Class 2	To be revealed next week
Class 3	To be revealed 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.*

Please settle your nursery fee account over the weekend if you have not already done so. Thank you.

Please can all Tempest Photography orders be handed to the office by 9am on Wed 29th Sept? You are able to order online if you wish (deadline for free postage to school - midnight 23rd Sept.)

ParentMail - once you have an active account with ParentMail, please make sure that you keep the details up to date. If you change your email address or mobile number, you need to update your account please. If we are asked to update details on your behalf, you will still need to verify the changes.

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) - 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 (details on last week's newsletter)

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.

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:

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 - Exciting to say our year 3 & 4 children are going to GTS for a Multi Skills event on Thursday 7th October. We will stay in our School bubble when moving around stations but it will be lovely to get onto our School mini bus again and have a little trip!

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.

We have some fliers for a hockey programme for 5-8 yr olds. If you'd like one, please let us know.

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

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.

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

We are getting an increasing number of pre-ordered dinners being cancelled on the day as a child has brought in a packed lunch. The kitchen orders food based on meals that have been booked in advance. If a child has a meal ordered but brings a packed lunch, we will be encouraging them to have the school meal and send the packed lunch home with them at the end of the day. Unfortunately we are unable to refund the cost of a dinner unless the child is ill and not attending school.

Clubs We are offering the following clubs (Go to "Payments" / "Shop" / scroll to "Clubs")

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

On Thursday we will start our performing arts club. This year we are going to be performing Peter Pan. If your child would like a speaking/ acting (maybe non speaking) role in the play they need to join us on Thursday at club to learn the role. All children in classes 1, 2 and 3 will be learning the songs later in the term so that everyone will take part in the production at Langtree in December.

Clubs need to be booked by midnight this Sunday. Don't forget to book siblings into B&T Club if nec.

Friends of Monkleigh School (FOMS)

Hi all! As we launch into a new school year, we thought it might be the perfect time to do a short FOMS Q&A so that parents old and new are in the know!

So here goes.....

What is FOMS? FOMS stands for 'Friends of Monkleigh School' and is a community of parents raising money for their children's school.

Who is in the FOMS group? Everybody who has a child at Monkleigh School is part of the FOMS team!

How do I join? You don't need to join - just by having a child at the school you are automatically part of the community.

What does FOMS do? FOMS raises money for Monkleigh school by running various fundraising events throughout the year

What does the money raised pay for? The money pays for things such as the school mini bus, new playground equipment, pantomime tickets for the children, library books, school trips and much much more.

How can parents help? In numerous ways - by donating a cake for a sale, a pound for non-uniform day, their time to help at an occasional event or by coming up with new ideas of how to raise money for the school. It doesn't have to be big or any kind of long-term commitment but the children will benefit hugely from your help!

How can I get involved? We will be having a meeting shortly to talk about fundraising for this term so it would be great to see you there! Alternatively, you can reply to posts on the 'Friends of Monkleigh School' Facebook page and we'll pick your comments up there!

Who do I contact with questions/ideas/offers of help? Feel free to either contact Kerry or Jason Tooley (joint chairs) or Emily Cox (treasurer), or message via the Facebook page. We totally understand that parent life is crazily busy, but without your help the children won't be able to continue benefiting from many of the fantastic things that they currently do, so any offer of help throughout the year, no matter how small, would be amazing.

Make sure you're signed up to the 'Friends of Monkleigh School' Facebook page so we can keep you posted on all things FOMS moving forward! (And if you don't have a Facebook account then keep an eye on the school newsletter each week).

Have you signed up to [Easyfundraising](#) yet? This is a great way to raise some more funds too when online shopping. Simply click on the link and select your supplier from there - a percentage or the value of your shop will be donated to FOMS! £322 has been raised in this way so far...with Christmas looming, there'll be lots of online shopping done, and this could be boosted even more 😊

For Your Diary

Sat 18 Sept	(Appledore Book Festival) ANTHONY HOROWITZ NIGHTSHADE
Sun 19 Sept	Deadline (midnight) for booking clubs for this half term
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 Meeting (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 Meeting (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)
Thu 7 Oct	Class 2 - Multiskills @ GTS
25-29 Oct	Half Term
Tue 7 Dec	Christmas Performances (Year 1-6) (🎅)
Wed 8 Dec	Whole School Christmas Dinner
Tue 14 Dec	FSU Nativity
Tue 14 Dec	Panto Trip (🎅)