



Friday 24th Sept 2021

Dear Parents,

From the Headteacher

Parent Evenings - We are offering both Face to Face and Virtual meetings this term. Please see below in the 'From the office' section for timings and how to book.

Star of the week - We had our first star of the week tea and biscuits this week, I think staff were a little excited about the return of the reward for their children as instead of the usual 4 children I had 8 stars this week! It was lovely to be able to start this again. Photo of the children has gone out on dojo.

Absences - Please contact the office to let us know if (& why) your child is not coming in - please do not ask a sibling to inform us. We would prefer that you inform the office rather than via dojo - teachers may not get a chance to check dojo first thing in the mornings. Thank you.

School Dinners - if you send your child with a packed lunch on a day when you have ordered a dinner, please be aware that we are unable to refund you on that day.

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.

Karen Reeves

☆ "STARS OF THE WEEK" ☆

Caterpillars	Scarlett
Butterflies	Toby and Brooke
Class 1	Lola, JJ and Mason
Class 2	Reuben
Class 3	Barney

From the Office Office hours are currently 08:00 - 16:00 Mon; 08:00-12:00 Tue; 08:00-14:30 Wed, Thu, Fri.
Tempest Photography orders to be in by 9am on Wed please.

Parent Evening Options:

Class	Face to Face Meetings	Virtual (via Zoom)
Class 3	Tuesday 12 October 15:00-18:00	Wednesday 13 October 14:00-17:00
Class 2	Tuesday 12 October 15:00-18:00	Wednesday 13 October 14:00-17:00
Class 1	Tuesday 12 October 15:00-18:00	Thursday 14 October 13:30-16:30
FSU	Thursday 14 October 14:00-17:00	N/A

To book a slot, please do the following:

- ParentMail
- Payments
- Shop
- Events (you may need to scroll down to find it)
- Select the meeting that you want (Face to Face or Virtual)
- Select your preferred time slot
- Add to basket or pay now.
- Complete

You can book 1 slot per child - you will be unable to book a slot if already booked by someone else.
Booking will be available from noon tomorrow (25 Sept)

Class 2 Class 2 have started their pocket trumpet lessons with Mr Hamilton. They will run for half a term on Monday afternoons and are paid for by a grant which Mrs Slocombe secured from the music education hub. Mrs Slocombe will take over the teaching of these instruments after half term. Each child has their own labelled trumpet to minimize the risk of spreading germs.

It is planned that Class 3 will also be able to learn the basics on pocket trumpet later in the year.

FSU Thank you to all of the parents of Butterflies who attended the meeting on Thursday. It was lovely to see you all. The powerpoints have been added to Dojo. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the RWI powerpoints or getting set up with Seesaw. Please visit our webpage for our Vocabulary Triangle for this half term and remember to check Dojo on a Friday for the Word of the Week.

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

Advance notice - FSU Nativity - Tuesday 14th Dec 11:00am

Sport - So excited this week to have our after-School Clubs again! Football and High 5 have great numbers and it's always good to see our older children helping our younger ones.

We are looking forward to our year 3 & 4 children 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.

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

Music - We have been awarded a Devon Music Mark award to recognize our continued promotion of music through our class teaching, instrument lessons and choir over the past few years.

If anyone is interested in additional private music lessons on the keyboard, guitar or brass instruments please message Mrs Slocombe on dojo. In the past Mr Hamilton has been able to offer some private (paid) lessons and we are hoping to start these again if there is enough interest.

Gardening News - Help us collect Grow Tokens for our School. For every £10.00 spent in store or online we will receive 1 token to go towards us getting new gardening equipment including seeds, watering cans, plant pots and a mini greenhouse. Thank you for your support.

- Download the Mymorrison's app
- Sign in
- Select Monkleigh Primary School
- Scan app in store or use online.

B&T Club - Please book 8 days in advance using the "**Accounts**" option in ParentMail. To avoid a £10 non booking charge (as set by Governors), make sure you book if a sibling is attending a club!

DINNERS - Book 8 days in advance. We are unable to credit meals that are cancelled on the day.

Clubs We are aware that some children are disappointed that they are not in a club. We have therefore made them available again in the ParentMail shop - the new final deadline is midnight on Sunday. If a child goes to B&T after a club, the full B&T session charge will be applied.

Mondays	3:15 - 4:00	Football (max 20 children)	Years 3-6
Wednesdays	3:15 - 4:00	High Five (max 20 children)	Years 3-6
Thursdays	3:15 - 4:00	Performing Arts	Years 1-6

Friends of Monkleigh School (FOMS) - Please see last week's newsletter for a short FOMS Q&A. Have you signed up to [Easyfundraising](#) yet? Christmas is looming... 😊

For Your Diary

Mondays	FSU need their PE kits - please wear kit to school
Wednesdays	Class 3 come to school in PE kit. Also bring waterproofs and wellies on that day.
Thursdays	Class 1 come to school in PE kit. Also bring waterproofs and wellies on that day.
Thursdays	Butterflies - come to school in old clothes and bring full waterproofs
Fridays	Class 2 come to school in PE kit. Also bring waterproofs and wellies on that day.
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) performances at 1:45pm & 6:30pm
Wed 8 Dec	Whole School Christmas Dinner
Tue 14 Dec	FSU Nativity 11am
Tue 14 Dec	Panto Trip (Years 1-6)