



Monkleigh Primary Newsletter

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Friday 14th October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

From the Headteacher

Tempest Photography - Next Friday the school photographer will be here to take individual / sibling group photos. Photos will be taken throughout the afternoon - parents/carers can bring in younger siblings towards the end of the school day if you would like to have a family portrait taken. We will send out more accurate timings next week.

Lydia's Haircut for Princess Trust / Edukid - Well done Lydia, the total raised for Edukid so far is a whopping £327.38!

Vacancy - we have a vacancy for a Meal Time Assistant - see details towards the end of the newsletter

Harvest Festival Donations - please bring in any donations for Harvest and leave in the box situated next to the school gate. The box will be out until Wednesday morning. Thank you for your kind donations.

Earrings - a reminder that the school's policy on earrings is small studs only and they have to be removed for PE for safety reasons. We are no longer allowed to tape over them. Mrs Wilson has a pot to keep them safe during PE lessons. Thank you.

Head Lice - Please check your child(ren)'s hair regularly, and treat as necessary.

Guidance from NHS website:

Check if it's head lice

Head lice are small insects, up to 3mm long.

They can be difficult to spot in your hair.

Head lice eggs (nits) are brown or white (empty shells) and attached to the hair.

Head lice can make your head feel:

- itchy
- like something is moving in your hair

You can check if lice are present by combing hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb).

How to get rid of head lice

You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them.

You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing using a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb)

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check everyone's hair again on day 17.

Medicated lotions and sprays

These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online. Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice. Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them. If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments.

Some treatments are not recommended because they're unlikely to work.

For example:

- products containing permethrin
- head lice "repellents"
- electric combs for head lice
- tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies

Karen Reeves

Monkleigh Primary School - Governing Body

The Governing Board welcome three new governors this term:

- Parent Governor Mr Jamie Hobbs
- Co-Opted Governor Mrs Lyn Bennett
- Co-Opted Governor Mrs Jane Clarke

From Mrs Beer in the Office

Secondary School applications - Don't forget that the deadline for [applying for secondary school places](#) (for current year 6 children) is 31st October.

ParentMail contact numbers - There are out of date contact numbers in ParentMail- ***You need to maintain your own accounts in ParentMail please***, as any changes made by the office will revert to those originally saved by parents. Please check and update ASAP - we are finding that some messages that have been sent have not been received. Thank you for your cooperation.

Contacted the office - please don't use Class Dojo to message the office - I do not regularly check it, however the phone will usually be answered straight away, or it will let me know if someone has left a message. Thank you.

New menu - the new menu is on the school website, and has been scheduled up to the Christmas holidays in ParentMail. Please spend time booking your child's meals with your child - we are getting a few children saying that they don't like the meal that has been chosen by parent/carer.

Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 7th December ; **Class parties** - Wednesday 14th December.

Di Beer

Forest School

Forest school will be held on Fridays for Classes 1, 2 & 3. Please can all children wear a long-sleeved top, trousers, suitable footwear, waterproofs and long hair tied back. If children can make sure they bring a carrier bag with them. Then they can put all their forest school clothes in one bag afterwards.

We will connect our children to their environment by providing a natural space for them to become independent learners. We will teach our children resilience and risk taking in a safe environment. We also equip our children with love and respect for the outdoors and increase their social and emotional skills. Forest School is a wonderful outlet for our children, as they will find it a nurturing, relaxing and sensory place to be.

The children will be taught a range of skills, whilst doing forest school. Which will be done under close supervision.

Setting children challenging but realistically achievable activities will promote a feeling of satisfaction and achievement that will drive our children to challenge themselves more.

The promotion of social skills through group games and activities will enable our children to communicate with others and develop positive friendships and relationships.

If anyone can help with the following for forest school, it would be much appreciated.:

- Big sticks for den building.
- Logs for the campfire.
- Jars with lids.
- Conkers.
- Small sticks for crafting activities.

Any questions regarding Forest School - please feel free to send Mrs Hobbs a message on dojo.

Sport: - Please remember PE shoes everyday.

Class 1 & 2 have enjoyed a Multi Skills session each at GTS. It has been great to take part in activities led by GTS students.

Good luck to our Cross Country team who will be running today!

Lots of events coming up, please keep checking Dojo.

Any questions please dojo or message me sport@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk

AfterSchool Clubs

Here are details of the clubs that are taking place this term (all finish at 4pm - don't forget to book B&T for siblings)

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| <i>Mondays</i> | <i>Keep Moving (< 5 December)</i> |
| <i>Wednesdays</i> | <i>Football (< 7 December)</i> |
| <i>Thursdays</i> | <i>High 5 (< 8 December)</i> |
| <i>Thursdays</i> | <i>Art & Craft (< 20 October)</i> |

FOMS (Friends Of Monkleigh School)

Hi all! As we launch into another new school year, we thought it might be a good 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 minibus, 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 a 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?** By coming along to our FOMS meetings when you can, helping out at fundraising events or just dropping us a message! 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 crazy 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, and if you don't have a Facebook account then keep an eye on the school newsletters and class dojo for information.

Christmas Cards

The children should have brought their Christmas Card designs home to you by the end of this week.

If you would like to place any orders, please could you do so and return their design forms to school by Fri 21 Oct.

The designs will then be posted off to the company for printing and returned to school by 2nd December.

If you need any additional/spare design forms or have any questions at all regarding ordering then please get in touch with Kerry Tooley.

[EasyFundraising](#) - if you are Christmas shopping online, please sign up or log in to EasyFundraising first and see if the shop is listed. Shopping through this route results in shops donating a percentage to FOMS! [setting up a reminder](#)

Dates for your diary:

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| Sat 15 Oct | Monkleigh Village Hall Quiz (details on previous newsletter) Frithelstock Playing Field Bingo (details at end of newsletter) |
| Thu 20 Oct | Butterflies parent evening (to 4:15pm) Final Art & Craft Club |
| Fri 21 Oct | Tempest Photography - Individual/family group photos Deadline for Christmas Card orders |
| Tue 25 Oct | Torrington Library event |
| Thu 27 Oct | Torrington Library event |
| Mon 31 Oct | Secondary School Application deadline |
| Sat 19 Nov | Monkleigh Village Hall - Christmas Craft Fair |
| Thu 24 Nov | Teachers Rock Youth Choir / Teachers Rock - Exeter Cathedral |
| Wed 7 Dec | School Christmas Lunch |
| Wed 14 Dec | Class Christmas Parties |

Vacancy:

An opportunity has become available for a **Mealtime Assistant** to work as part of our lunch time team. We are ideally looking for someone to join us as soon as possible.

Main duties will include:

- Ensure and monitor the safety and good behaviour of the children at lunchtime;
- Supervise the children playing in the playground;
- Interact with children playing games;
- Administer first aid according to our policy (training will be given);
- Supervise and support pupils in the dining hall.

You will:

- Enjoy working with children;
- Be trained in Safeguarding, Paediatric First Aid and Food Hygiene training upon commencing employment with the school;
- Enjoy working as part of a team;

We can offer you:

- A wonderful opportunity to be part of a team and further develop our successful school;
- An opportunity to work with well behaved children who are motivated learners and enjoy their lunch and play time;
- The support of an established team;

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This role requires a DBS disclosure.

This role requires the ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence and fluency in English.

An application form and job description are available from admin@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk

Your completed application form should be returned to Karen Reeves at the same email address
Please apply by 9am on 31st October 2022.

Schools should not advertise activities where 'profit' may be made by businesses / individuals. We do, though, receive requests to distribute fliers from time to time. Some are mentioned here - if you would like a flyer, please [request from the office:](#)

- Local Dance classes (Bideford area)
- Football Holiday Club during Oct half term (Bideford & Barnstaple)



FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

RAISING FUNDS FOR
FRITHELSTOCK VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD

SATURDAY 15th OCTOBER 2022
AT THE VILLAGE HALL
BAR OPEN 6pm - EYES DOWN 6.30pm

FREE ENTRY - PAY PER PLAY
CHILDREN ARE VERY WELCOME

HOT DOGS AVAILABLE IN THE INTERVAL

BINGO!

RAFFLE - DONATION OF PRIZES WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED.



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