



Monkleigh Primary Newsletter

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Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

From the Headteacher

Monkleigh Village Christmas Fair - Saturday 19th November 12 -4pm the Village Hall is running a Christmas Fayre. The school will be running a stall here - selling goodies and also running a Christmas craft stall - so please bring your children along, support the School and the Village and enjoy a cup of tea and cake while your children make some Christmas crafts!

Job 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.

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 or just ring the office.

Harbour donations - Thank you for all the donations we received for Harbour, I think it is the most we have ever had. Our children in Butterflies delivered the donations and had a look around to find out what happens there. On the day they visited, Harbour had just prepared 30 hot meals for homeless people.

They were really grateful for our donations.

School council pumpkin competition - Thank you to everyone who entered the pumpkin competition, there were some scary looking creations! School council judged them yesterday and the winners were:

- 1st place - Leo B
- 2nd place - Harry B-S
- 3rd place - Nancy A

Christmas Production - We will be returning to the Church this year for a more traditional production.

Our FSU and Class 1 children will be performing a Nativity on the 13th December at 1.30pm in the church, followed in the evening by a Christmas carol service and readings performed by class 2 and 3 at 6.30pm.

Flu immunisations - These are being held in school on 17th November. If you have not already done so, please respond via the link in the email that was sent to you on 17th October. The deadline for responses is 6th November.

Have you lost a key? There was one left outside school before half term. Please contact us if it might be yours.

Karen Reeves

From Mrs Beer in the Office

Nursery Fees - This half term's sessions have been entered into ParentMail. Fees are payable in advance please (Devon County Council have strict rules regarding this). Please don't allow amounts owing to build up as this will result in us having to pass the debt to the credit control team at Devon County Council - at this point any future sessions will be refused with immediate effect. Please contact us to discuss if you need to.

Free School Meals - A reminder that it is beneficial to apply for these, even if your child is in Years R/1/2 and currently in receipt of UIFSM. There is significant funding linked to eligibility - we have been warned that future school budgets are in a bad way, so every eligible FSM will help you & us! *If you are successful - let me know ASAP*

Multiple transactions in ParentMail - add everything to your basket before checking out please.

To give an example of transaction charges (taken from recent meal purchases):

School Meals	1 @ £2.40	£ 2.40 paid (card)	Charges £0.38	School receives £ 2.02	(£2.02 per meal)
School Meals	5 @ £2.40	£12.00 paid (card)	Charges £0.38	School receives £11.62	(£2.32 per meal)
School Meals	23 @ £2.40	£55.20 paid (paypal)	Charges £1.04	School receives £54.16	(£2.35 per meal)

Various payment methods incur different fees, so this does vary a little depending on how a payment is made, however this shows that paying for 1 meal at a time results in less coming to school, and more going to ParentMail. We want to keep the cost of meals as low as possible but we do need to keep a close eye on the income.

Those entitled to Free School Meals or Universal Infant Free School Meals (all in years R,1 &2), please order as far ahead as you can.

To add numerous weeks' meals (& other items) to your basket (via the app):

1. **Accounts**
2. **School Meals**
3. **Select date**
4. **Select meals for that week**
5. **Pay now**
6. **Review / confirm choices (this will take you to the basket)**
7. **Close the basket**
8. **This will take you back to the calendar - repeat steps 3-7 until you have added everything you want to**
9. **Once all "shopping" has been completed (including trip payments / B&T Club etc.) go to Checkout (there will be no charge for meals if entitled to FSM or UIFSM)**

Tempest Photography - proofs have gone home this week - deadline for return of orders to school **9am Mon 14 Nov.**

Di Beer

Monkleigh Primary School - [Governing Body](#)

Forest School



We have a lovely new log shed now! We need help filling it up. Would anyone like to donate a few logs to school. The children are really looking forward to doing some cooking on the campfire.

Please remember that all children need to wear long sleeved tops, full length trousers and hair tied back on Fridays for forest school. Ideally waterproofs as this will keep the children dry.

Any questions regarding Forest school please message me via dojo.

Sport: - Please remember PE shoes everyday and a dry pair of socks.

Next week our Year 1 Children are taking part in a Tennis Multi Skills event at ARC Tennis in Bideford along with other local Schools and our year 3/4 are taking part in a Football tournament at Winkleigh Primary School.

More information on these events will be on your Class dojo or via a message.

Lots of events are 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)

Mondays	Keep Moving (< 5 December)
Wednesdays	Football (< 30 November)
Thursdays	High 5 (< 1 December)

APOLOGIES FROM THE OFFICE - CONFUSION REGARDING FINAL DATES! KEEP MOVING WAS EXTENDED A WEEK DUE TO THE FUNERAL OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II; THE OTHER CLUBS FINISH THE WEEK BEFORE (AFTER 10 SESSIONS)

FOMS (Friends Of Monkleigh School)

Christmas shopping online? Try accessing your shop via [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to earn some extra pennies for FOMS 💰

Dates for your diary:

Sun 6 Nov	Deadline for flu immunisation responses
Mon 14 Nov	09:00 - Deadline for return of Tempest Photo orders
Thu 17 Nov	Flu immunisations
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
Tue 13 Dec	FSU/Class 1 - Nativity in Church 13:30 Class 2/3 - Christmas Carols & Readings in Church 18:30
Wed 14 Dec	Class Christmas Parties



CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT FAIR
MONKLEIGH VILLAGE HALL
SAT 19th NOVEMBER
12 - 4PM
RAFFLE AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
FREE ADMISSION

Any enquiries please call LYN on 01237 429012
or call in to DEBBIE at Monkleigh Garage