



# Monkleigh Primary Newsletter

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## Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

**From the Headteacher**

### Christmas dates:

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – children’s school Christmas dinner – huge thanks to Mrs Mayo for producing this delicious Christmas meal, especially for so many children in the tiny kitchen!

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Wear a Christmas jumper/outfit donation at the gate for the day’s activities (£3 suggestion)  
am – Christingle activity  
pm – Father Christmas visit to school - present and photo  
Christmas fun evening - crafts , film, popcorn etc – booked via parent mail shop (deadline 9am Monday)

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – FSU and class 1 Nativity 1.30pm in Monkleigh church, Class 2 and 3 carol service 6.30pm in Monkleigh church. **The Church will be very cold so please dress up warm!**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – class parties – information on party food to follow from class teachers.

There will hopefully be a nearly new school uniform sale and book sale at the front of school at the end of the day towards the end of term.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – last day of term.

**Assessment data** - Before the end of term you will receive a short update on where your child is academically. This will cover the core subjects and will show whether your child is working at the expected level (green) or is still emerging (yellow) or working below (red) or exceeding (blue).

There will be a short explanation as necessary.

*Karen Reeves*

### Attendance (this week):

Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Rec
97.92%	96.32%	97.50%	97.50%

### Attendance (from 7 Sept):

(Yrs R-6)	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Rec
97.25%	96.96%	97.03%	97.86%	92.59%

**St. George’s Monkleigh (from Rev. Marisa)** - Reminder about the consultation for Monkleigh and Saltrens residents on the options for moving forward - **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December (6 – 7.30pm)**. Refreshments provided.

### From Mrs Beer in the Office

**Teachers Rock Youth Choir** - a massive well done to the 6 Monkleigh children who took part in the massed choir event in Exeter Cathedral last week.

**2023-2024 term dates** have been put on the school website, and can also be found at the end of this newsletter.

[Holidays Activities and Food programme](#) - There are several opportunities for your children in the local area - please take time to click on the link and see if there’s something that interests you.

**Addresses / Telephone numbers** - has any information changed at all? Don’t forget to let us know if you have moved, or changed a telephone number (landline or mobile). In the end, I didn’t receive all of the data collection forms back, and I know that some families have moved... the details we hold in school are not accurate for everyone!

**Free School Meals** - Vouchers will be distributed at the end of term. Please see this communication from Devon County Council: *“Due to the limited timeframe between the Christmas and February half-term we will be issuing these vouchers together... (£45 combined - £30 for Christmas, and £15 for February half term).*

*...Parents will not be receiving any vouchers for the February half-term, with the understanding that they would have already received the allocated funding. We will pick up students who become eligible between the Christmas break and the February half-term and vouchers will be issued in advance of February half-term”.*

**If your income has dropped at all (even if only for a brief period of time), please run a check to find out if you may be entitled to Free School Meals. There are significant benefits to both yourself and us! I can help with this, so please phone the office (in confidence) if you would like me to help you carry out an initial check.**

*Di Beer*

**Monkleigh Primary School - Governing Body** - [Governor approved 2023-2024 Term Dates](#)

**Class 3 Residential to Torquay**

Hopefully you have all seen the letter regarding our annual Class 3 residential. This year we are heading down to PGL in Torquay, which I know the children are super excited for. If you haven't done so already, please confirm your child's place by making a payment in ParentMail. **Payments can be made in smaller instalments if it helps** (even the deposit). We need confirmation of who is going in order to confirm our booking with PGL next week. Any questions or problems please don't hesitate to ask!

**Forest School** - Class 1, 2 & 3 every Friday.

Please remember that all children need to wear long sleeved tops, full length trousers and hair tied back. Ideally waterproofs and wellies, this will keep them dry. The children also need their school uniform to change back into after Forest School. Any questions regarding Forest school please message Mrs Hobbs via dojo.

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

*More information on upcoming 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](mailto:sport@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk)*

**AfterSchool Clubs** - Next Mon - final Keep moving club; Next Wed - final Football Club; **High 5 has already finished.**

**Dates for your diary:**

5/6 & 8/9 Dec	<b>Bikeability (Class 3)</b>
Mon 5 Dec	Deadline for booking Christmas Fun Evening (see poster at end of newsletter)
Wed 7 Dec	 School Christmas Lunch 
Thu 8 Dec	FSU - Plough trip (children who normally attend on a Thursday) St. George's Church - meeting at village hall 6-7:30pm
Fri 9 Dec	FOMS Christmas Fun Day  Special After School Christmas Fun / Craft event
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 FOMS Christmas Raffle
Fri 16 Dec	Last Day of Term.
Thu 5 Jan	School re-opens

## FOMS (Friends Of Monkleigh School) [easyfundraising](#) 💰

Hi all, don't forget our FOMS 'Christmas Fun Day' - next Friday 9th December 🎅

The children will be able to wear Christmas Jumpers (full non-uniform day), have a visit to Santa to collect their FOMS gift, and also have a picture taken with Santa to bring home and keep.

There will be a **suggested donation of £3** on the gate for non-uniform and photo with Santa keepsake, however we do understand that the current cost of living situation is not easy and any donation you can make will be greatly appreciated to keep the School Minibus on the road and continue providing the children with new school equipment, books, Panto trips etc.

ALL children will be able to visit Santa and collect their Christmas gift regardless of whether they want to enter into the non-uniform day or not, as this gift is something that FOMS like to provide as a treat each year.

**To finish off our FOMS fundraising for 2022 we'll be organising a Christmas Raffle.**

It will be on a slightly smaller scale than last year but we still have some fantastic prizes for you to win, including a DryRobe, Air Extreme Tickets, Milky Way Tickets, Rosemoor Day Tickets, Rosemoor Glow Tickets, Combe Martin Wildlife Park Tickets, a lovely White Room Voucher, a Christmas Goodies Hamper, some beautiful Hudnotts Liqueurs, a gorgeous necklace from Jocelyn Rose Designs, and a free full service for 2 bicycles.

Tickets will be available to buy from myself, Jason Tooley and Emily Cox at £1 each, so if you would like some please feel free to either message, catch us at the school gate or at the children's performances on **Tue 13th Dec**.

The draw will take place on **Wed 14th Dec**. so everybody can have their prizes before we break up for Christmas.

Thank you as always for your support and we hope you get the lucky numbers!

Kerry Tooley

### *Historical Extracts (taken from the old School Logbooks)*

<i>Dec 23rd 1937</i>	<i>School closes at mid-day for the Christmas vacation</i>
<i>Nov 27th 1944</i>	<i>Children had hot dinners at school today for the first time</i>
<i>Dec 14th 1973</i>	<i>(A child) was blown off her feet by the very high winds. She hit the wall then fell to the ground. She sustained a very badly bruised forehead and a slightly cut lip.</i>
<i>Dec 2nd 1977</i>	<i>Swimming Pool has sprung a leak and we've had to drain it. Two large splits in liner. It looks like a new liner for next season</i>
<i>Dec 18th 1990</i>	<i>The parents cooked a marvellous Christmas Dinner for the children today. This was followed by a party in the afternoon. Father Christmas visited the party and gave presents to the children</i>



**Monkleigh Primary School**

**Christmas Fun evening**  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**3:30pm - 5:00pm**

**Special Friday after school club**

Christmas crafts and film evening including:

Christmas tattoo

Face painting

Sweets

Hot chocolate

Christmas movie and popcorn

Christmas colouring

Make and bring home a Christmas craft.



To join in on the Friday evening fun please book your child in on Parentmail\* by 9:00am, Monday 5th December cost - £8

All money raised will go towards purchasing a storytelling chair and hand tools, so we can start making practical crafts with the children.

Karen Reeves  
Head Teacher

\* Payments - Shop - Events

## Monkleigh Primary School Term Dates: 2023-24 Academic Year

Start: 09:00      Finish: 15:30

	Sep-2023					Oct-2023					Nov-2023				
Monday		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Wednesday		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Thursday		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
Friday		8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
Sunday	3	10	17	24		8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	
	Dec-2023					Jan-2024					Feb-2024				
Monday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Thursday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Friday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
	Mar-2024					Apr-2024					May-2024				
Monday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
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Saturday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	
	Jun-2024					Jul-2024					Aug-2024				
Monday		3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
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Key      Bank Holidays      Occasional holidays      School holidays      Non-Pupil Days



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# TORRINGTON Library

# Christmas Crafts



Join us for a morning of festive making in the children's library

★ create your own beautiful paper decorations ★

Saturday 10th December

10.30 - 12

★ Drop in - no need to book ★



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