



Monkleigh Primary Newsletter

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Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

From the Headteacher

Happy New Year

Welcome back to the New Year and the New Spring Term. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and I wish you all lots of happiness for 2023.

Staff have been back since the 3rd getting everything ready for the New Term and everyone is looking forward to getting stuck into the new Spring Term with lots of exciting learning opportunities.

We have a few sporting events already in the diary -high five and football, a few trips planned and a visit from Exmoor zoo! We are also looking forward to the excitement of class 2's residential at Skern Lodge at the end of this half term.

So lots to look forward to!

School uniform reminder

Please ensure all uniforms are labelled so it can be returned if it goes walkabout. Thank you

Our school uniform is the following;

- Grey/Black shorts, trousers, skirts, skorts, pinafores.
- White(polo) shirt, plain or with logo (Logo polo shirts are available from School Threads)
- Green sweatshirts or cardigan with logo.
- Black school shoes/ trainers for PE
- Red Hoody with logo on and child's initials for P.E and forest school (available from School Threads)
- Red P.E T shirt with logo (or plain), black P.E shorts with logo (or plain if preferred)
- Skorts/Shorts are now also available from School Threads
- In Summer green gingham dresses can be worn.

Please check the School Threads page for extra items available e.g school bags, books bags, fleeces etc.

All uniforms can have your child's initials embroidered on below the logo.

Thank you

Karen Reeves

Attendance so far...

Class average for this week: (there's only been 2 days - we will update this next week!)

Butterflies: %; Class 1: %; Class 2: %; Class 3: %

*School average for the week: **93.99%***

*School average for the term so far: **94.73%***

From Mrs Beer in the Office

New Year's Resolution - *Patience, honesty, transparency*; (+ empathy to those who show me the same in return 😊)

Nursery sessions have been added to the register for this half term (payable half-termly in advance please)

Medicines - it is parents' responsibility to ensure that any medicines that are held in school are within their expiry dates. If you need to bring in a new inhaler / epipen / antihistamine etc. please do so, and remember to complete the top section of the [record of administered medicines form](#) (new form required with a new batch of medicines).

National Childhood Measurement Programme 2022/23 - an email has been sent to parents of all children in years R & 6. The letter contains a link for further information, along with an option to opt out if you do not wish to take part.

Di Beer

Clubs - Spring term

We are offering the following clubs this term:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Day of week</u>	<u>Year Groups</u>	<u>Limit</u>
Tag Rugby	Mondays	Years 1-6	N/A
Gardening Club	Tuesdays	Years 3-6	10
Football club	Wednesdays	Years 1-6	N/A
Indoor Board Games	Thursdays	Years 1-6	20

Clubs will start **w/c 16th Jan**. All clubs will run until 4pm, and will cost £10 per club for the term. Siblings can be booked into T Club - please ensure that you do this online within the booking deadline (8 days in advance)

You will be able to book clubs from 6pm this evening (Friday 6th Jan) via the ParentMail shop.

Class 2 & 3 residentials - Please chip away at payments - Skern final payment due 20 Jan; PGL instalment due 23 Jan.

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, a dry pair of socks and full PE kit for any after school sports clubs.*

Lots of events are coming up, please keep checking Dojo.

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

Dates for your diary:

Fri 6 Jan	6pm - able to book clubs via ParentMail shop
Mon 9 Jan	Butterflies "scoot"
Mon 16 Jan	First Tag Rugby After School Club Yr 5/6 High Five
Tue 17 Jan	First Gardening Club
Wed 18 Jan	First Football Club
Thu 19 Jan	First Indoor Games Club
Fri 20 Jan	Final payment instalment for Yr 3/4 Skern residential due
Mon 23 Jan	Second payment instalment for Yr 5/6 PGL residential due

Historical Extracts (taken from the old School Logbooks)

1903 - Jan 5 th	<i>Re-opened school this morning with 47 children, in consequence of very wet weather</i>
1920 - Jan 6 th	<i>The girls had needlework, instead of their usual Geography</i>
1940 - Jan 17 th	<i>The stove in the big room smoked all the morning, so badly that the coals had to be taken out, and the desks for the seniors put in the junior room. Temperature in both rooms at 9:30 was 30°F. The stove pipes were swept at noon.</i>
1943 - Jan 11 th	<i>... Two girls, evacuees from London, have returned home.</i>
1956 - Jan 12 th	<i>E M Smith - Today I start duties as Headmistress of Monkleigh C.P. School. 4 new infants admitted bringing the roll to 28</i>