

# Monkleigh Primary School - Newsletter

## Friday 5th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers
From the Headteacher

#### Coronation celebrations

The school is resembling a crown making factory this morning! Every class is busy making their crowns ready for our school picnic.

We have also had so many amazing cakes come into school this morning they are all really impressive. Thank you so much for all the hard work that has gone into them. As I write this the cake stall is being set up and judging will take place shortly!

#### Year 6 SATs tests

Next week our year 6 children will sit their SATs tests and there is something important I want our year 6 children to know.

The SATs tests do not assess all of what makes you special and unique. The people who create these tests and score them do not know each of you the way that we do and your families do.

They do not know that some of you love to sing or draw. They have not seen your talent for horse riding or playing football or rugby. They do not know that your friends can count on you to be there for them, that your laughter can brighten the darkest day. They do not know that you are kind, helpful, caring, trustworthy and thoughtful, that every day you try to be the very best person you can be.

The results of these tests will tell you something but they will not tell you everything. There are many ways to be clever and smart. You are smart! So while you are preparing for your tests and then reflecting on your results and thinking about your move to secondary school, please remember there is no way to test all of the amazing and awesome things that make you so special and unique. I am so proud of you all and all you have achieved at this school.

Be brilliant!

Do YOUR best!

Do not be afraid to make mistakes because that is how we learn BUT make sure you learn from your mistakes and keep becoming your best.

I wish you all the best for your SATs tests but they are just tests...the crucial bit is about your character strength – to embrace every challenge and rise towards your success.

## Karen Reeves

## Attendance...

Class average for this week: Butterflies: 100%; Class 1: 94.58%; Class 2: 91.8%; Class 3: 95.83% School average for this week: 94.61%; this term: 96.04%; this academic year: 94.62%

**From the Office**: Another request to avoid using dojo to contact the office if possible please. It is not checked frequently enough - please phone and leave a message if necessary.

School Census - Thursday 18th May - some of our funding is based on how many children in years R,1&2 have a school dinner on that day - please encourage children to have a school lunch if possible.

<u>School Council</u> - Don't forget that the Tuck Shop is still open at break times each day. 30p for 2 healthy items.

Thank you for the amazing cakes today - we will let you know how much money has been raised from the cake sales, along with the ice-cream and sweet stall. Watch this space....

<u>Friends of Monkleigh School (FOMS)</u> - The non-school uniform day at the end of the spring term raised £101.98. Thank you!

Hi all, as you will have seen from the last school newsletter, FOMS will be organising a joint Summer Fete with Monkleigh Village Hall on 21st July.

The Jubilee Fete was great fun last year and raised lots of funds for the school and village hall, so we're hoping to do the same again this year.

With this in mind, there will be a <u>FOMS meeting in school next Tuesday 9th May at 2.30pm</u> to discuss ideas for the fete.

All ideas, input and help would be very much appreciated, so if any parents are able to come along it will be great to see you there.

Kerry

Forest School - FSU Butterflies every Thursday afternoon; 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. Workout Wednesdays - <u>every week</u> - children to come to school in PE kit - school uniform not needed.

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

Any questions please dojo or message me <a href="mailto:sport@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk">sport@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk</a>

Historical extracts taken from the old School Logbooks	
8 Nav 1956	School was closed today as the Junior children travelled to Barnstaple to join in welcoming the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh
6 May 1460	At the request of H.M.the Queen, all schools are closed today on the occasion of Princess Margaret's wedding

## **Dates for your diary:**

!Some dates may be subject to change - Keep checking on each newsletter!

Mon 8 May	₩Public Holiday - Coronation (School Closed) ₩
9-12 May	KS2 SATS
Tue 9 May	FOMS meeting in school - 2:30pm
Thu 11 May	Class 1 RHS Rosemoor Trip \$\tilde{\chi}\$ Swimming lesson (Year 4s) \$\tilde{\chi}\$
Sat 13 May	Castle Hill Creatives - Art & Crafts Spring Fair - 10am-4pm Castle Hill Community Centre
Mon 15 May	Butterflies Fremington Quay visit
Thu 18 May	Summer Census (please can as many Yr R, 1, 2 as possible have a school dinner today? Swimming lesson (Year 4s)
Fri 19 May	Yr 6 - Devon County Show 🚜
Wed 24 May	Full Governing Body meeting
Thu 25 May	Butterflies Instow trip  Swimming lesson (Year 4s)
Fri 26 May	Non-School Uniform - Rock-Star theme 🎸 Break-up for May half term - back to school Mon 5 Jun
Mon 5 Jun	After School Sports Club 🏏 🎾 (Butterflies / Years 1/2) commences
5 - 7 Jun	Class 3 residential (PGL)
Mon 12 Jun	Leavers / Sports team photos
Tue 13 Jun	Butterflies Northam Burrows trip
Wed 14 Jun	🟃 🤸 After School Sports Club 🏏 🎾 (KS2) commences
Mon 19 Jun	FSU sponsored event (provisional)
Fri 23 Jun	🏅 Sports Day 🏅 🏆
Mon 26 Jun	GTS Year 6 Transition (to Thu 29 Jun)  FSU Sports Day  FSU Sports Day
Wed 28 Jun	Full Governing Body meeting
Thu 29 Jun	Bideford College Year 6 Transition (to Fri 30 Jun)  Monkleigh Transition Day  New Butterflies Parents Information event
Mon 3 Jul	Yr 6 - Bideford Blues (TBC)
Thu 6 Jul	Monkleigh's Got Talent auditions
Fri 7 Jul	Rounders festival (Winkleigh)
Mon 10 Jul	Butterflies Monkleigh walkaround To Pike ride (provisional)
Fri 14 Jul	Caterpillars (leavers) trip
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Wed 19 Jul	Full Governing Body meeting
Fri 21 Jul	FOMS / Village Hall village fete on school field
Mon 24 Jul	Butterflies Leavers' Assembly 🏫 👸 Year 6 bowling 👸
Tue 25 Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly the second s
Wed 20 Sep	Whole School Trip (TBC)

Some local opportunities/activities (we are not promoting, just signposting if you are interested) All Stars Cricket Programmes