

Monkleigh Primary School - Newsletter

### Friday 7th July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers
From the Headteacher

#### Reports

I hope you all received and enjoyed reading your child/children's reports, we are very proud of the progress that all our Monkleigh children have made, it has been a wonderful year.

#### Summer fete

It is our joint school and village fete on the 21st July. The fete starts at 12.30pm, we will be giving the children an early lunch, there is also a BBQ at the fete so if you would just like to send a small lunch then you can also enjoy a burger during the afternoon.

Parking will be on the field behind the school playground (access up the lane) and then access to the fete through the gate on the playground. (£1 entry).

Please come to class 2 at 12.30pm to collect your child and then go and enjoy the delights of the fete!

#### Monkleigh's Got Talent

Well the four 'famous' judges certainly got to see some unique talent this week! Some got the golden ticket to the final and some just need a little more practice! For those who get through they will get the opportunity to show their talent to the whole school next week.

Well done to all who auditioned.

#### **Staffing**

We are very sad to say that Mrs Bennett will be leaving us at the end of this term to spend more time with her family. Mrs Bennett has been at Monkeigh for 17 years, as a class TA and doing our interventions and I know her skills, kindness and belief in every child receiving the very best will have changed many children's lives. We wish her lots of happiness and a huge thanks for all her hard work and dedication.

We will be welcoming Francesca Gomm to our Monkleigh team from September who will be joining us as a 1 to 1 TA.

#### **Walking Bus**

The Village hall kindly let us use their space for the drop off and pick up of our walking Bus. However I have been receiving reports of children sliding up and down the banks, climbing on the tank and not behaving very well, please can I ask that you help us by ensuring your child/children are behaving well at the village hall. This is such a well used valuable resource and I know it really helps with the parking issues near school and I would hate to lose it. Thank you for your help and support with this.

Karen Reeves

#### Attendance...

Class average for this week: Butterflies: 94%; Class 1: 99.33%; Class 2: 98.79%; Class 3: 97% School average for this week: 97.94%; this term: 96.62%; this academic year: 95.1%

#### From the Office:

As we approach the end of this academic year, please ensure that you are up to date with payments etc. If a year 6 leaver has credit on their account for dinners / B&T club, I can transfer this across to younger sibling(s) - if accounts are in arrears, please ensure that you have cleared this by **Friday 21st July**. Thank you

Are you aware of some of the support that is available for families? Take a look at the links below:

<u>Free School Meals (including the holiday voucher scheme)</u>
<u>Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme</u> Healthy <u>Start</u>

#### GTS Year 5 Day - Monday 10th July

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you and your children to our Year 5 day on Mon 10<sup>th</sup> July. As advertised you are welcome to return to school at 2.30pm to watch the afternoon's PE activities. However, despite us ordering sunshine, it seems there may be a chance of inclement weather. Should this happen the PE activities will not be observable, in which case we request you collect your child at 3pm.

If you need to speak to me, my hours on site are currently: Mon < 2:30; Tue, Wed, Thu < 12:00; Fri < 3:45

#### **Sport**

Please remember PE shoes everyday, a dry pair of socks and full PE kit for any after school sports clubs. Workout Wednesdays - every week - children to come to school in PE kit - school uniform not needed.

Over the next few weeks we still have lots of exciting lessons ahead with lots of fun summer activities.

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

#### **Forest School**

FSU Caterpillars & 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. As the weather is warming up please make sure the children choose appropriate clothing as they still need full length trousers and long sleeved tops. If it's raining they will need waterproofs and wellies, this will keep them dry. The children also need their school uniform to change back into after Forest School.

Thank you to everyone for buying raffle tickets on sports day, we raised £250.

Any questions regarding Forest school please message Mrs Hobbs via dojo.

Join our Facebook page and see what is happening in our forest school https://www.facebook.com/groups/552504906352705/?ref=share\_group\_link

School Dinners All served with leaves picked from the garden, tomatoes, cucumber, broccoli, peas and carrots.



# MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION!

## JOIN FOMS

As a member, you'll have the opportunity to make a real impact on the school community and be a part of the decision-making process. From fundraisers to trips, the Committee plays a vital role in enhancing the educational experience for all children. Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a difference.

The Friends of Monkleigh School is an enthusiastic group of parents, carers, friends and staff who are an integral part of the school community, raising vital funds for your children.

It is much more than just fundraising. This is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially. We can help communicate with families more effectively, enhance fundraising efforts and qualify for grants and awards to support our school. All of this activity helps enhance our school's reputation within the community. The committee is referred to as the heart of the school community and in our case it really is.

Historical extracts taken from the old School / Headteacher Logbooks	
6 Jul 1911	School closed tomorrow by order of A.E.Radcliffe Esq. (School Correspondent) owing to the illness of CC with Diphtheria
7 Jul 1911	CC died last evening. Dr visited the school this afternoon, inspected the premises, & enquired minutely into the Diphtheria Case, & made notes of it. Received a message from A.E.Radcliffe Esq: that the school is closed for 3 weeks
10 Jul 1929	School closed today on account of the annual Gymkhana

### **Dates for your diary:**

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

Mon 10 Jul	Yr 5 Taster day at GTS Butterflies Monkleigh walkaround 🚲 Yr 6 - Bike ride 🚴
Fri 14 Jul	Caterpillars (leavers) trip Monkleigh's Got Talent
w/c 17 Jul	%Attendance reports / letters out 📨
Wed 19 Jul	Full Governing Body meeting
Fri 21 Jul	Please ensure payments are up to date FOMS / Village Hall village fete on school field
Mon 24 Jul	Butterflies Leavers' Assembly 🏫 🞳 Year 6 bowling
Tue 25 Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly amily Picnic 2
Wed 2 Aug	North Devon Show