



## Monkleigh Primary School - Newsletter

**Friday 21st July 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers

**From the Headteacher**

And just like that another year has gone by!

It has been another successful year at Monkleigh with lots of great learning going on, SATs results were again above National average and we are very proud of all of our Year 6's. We have had a great range of exciting visitors, trips and residentials and we look forward to many more next year.

We also successfully navigated the joy of an Ofsted inspection! There are so many positives that we can take away from this and also things to look at to continue to make our school even better. As the inspectors left after a very long day, one of them shook my hand and said 'you should be very proud of this school.' These words will stay with me and I am indeed very proud of this school, of all the children and the amazing staff who work here, the Governors who support us and you for your support. The final report is attached to this newsletter.

I really do believe that at Monkleigh we do smile, share and succeed and one of the highlights of the day is standing on the gate watching the children running into school with huge smiles on their faces and of walking around the school chatting to happy children, this to me means much more than the outcome of an ofsted inspection, (though we are pleased with this too!) If the children are happy and feel safe and cared for they will learn, especially with the amazing staff we have here. Primary School should be a magical time in a child's life and we will do all we can to ensure it is while still having those very high expectations for their learning.

I must say a huge thank you to the fantastic staff we have here who every day go that extra mile to make sure the children are happy and succeeding and also thank you to you all for your support and for letting us care and teach your amazing children.

I wish all of your year 6 children lots of success and happiness as they leave us and move onto the next part of their journey at secondary school. It has been wonderful watching them flourish, grow and mature over their time with us and I know they are all more than ready for their next adventures.

We also say our last fond goodbyes to Mr Sussex and Mrs Bennett who have given so much to Monkleigh and will be missed. We wish them both lots of happiness as they move onto pastures new.

Finally I would like to wish you a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back in September ready for a new exciting school year.

***Karen Reeves***

### **Attendance...**

*Class average for this week: Butterflies: 97%; Class 1: 96%; Class 2: 86.67%; Class 3: 93.33%*

*School average for this week: 92.45%; this term: 96.37%; this academic year: 95.1%*

### **Medical Appointments**

We have been advised that from September we have to see evidence of medical appointments when children are taken out of school for them. Just a screen shot of the appointment sent to us on dojo is fine. Thank you.

### **From the Office:**

I hope everyone has a lovely summer break, and look forward to seeing you again in September. Emails will be occasionally checked during the summer, but please be aware that I may take a while to respond.

Some deadlines before we return to school:

<b>School dinners</b>	Weds 6 Sept	order by <b>Tues 29th Aug</b>
<b>B&amp;T Club</b>	Weds 6 Sept	order by <b>Tues 29th Aug</b>
<b>Nursery fees</b>	First half term	pay by <b>Fri 8th Sept</b>

We are trying to move to online admission forms etc. If you receive a form by email, please ensure that you complete it ASAP. It is important that records are up to date, and we rely on you to help us to do this. Thank you in advance.

### **Sport**

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

Check back in September for next term's plans

Any questions please dojo or message me [sport@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:sport@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk)

### **Forest School**

Check back in September for next term's plans

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](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.*

### **Monkleigh Primary School Menu (from Sept 2023)**

**Week 1 (4 Sep; 25 Sep; 16 Oct; 13 Nov; 4 Dec)**

Day	Main	Pudding
Mon	Super Sausage & Tomato Pasta Super Vegan Sausage & Tomato Pasta	Berry Smoothie
Tue	Cheeky Chicken Noodles Blackbean, Broccoli & Sweetcorn Noodles	Banana Cake
Wed	Cosy Cottage Pie with Beef Cosy Cottage Pie with Lentils	Fruit Salad
Thu	Jumping Jacket Potatoes with homemade baked beans &/or cheese	Chocolate & Beetroot Cake
Fri	Fabulous Fish Pie Fabulous Broccoli Pie	Flapjack

**Week 2 (11 Sep; 2 Oct; 30 Oct; 20 Nov; 11 Dec\*)**

Day	Main	Pudding
Mon	Princess Pesto Pasta with Feta & Peas	Berry Smoothie
Tue *	Cheeky Chicken Roast Cheeky Lentil Roast	Banana Cake
Wed	Lovely Lasagne with Beef Lovely Lasagne with Veg	Fruit Salad
Thu	Perfect Pizza	Chocolate & Beetroot Cake
Fri	Fabulous Fish Kedgerree with boiled eggs Fabulous Smoked Tofu Kedgerree with boiled eggs	Flapjack

**Week 3 (18 Sep; 9 Oct; 6 Nov; 27 Nov)**

Day	Main	Pudding
Mon	Bacon & Leek Creamy Pasta Big Leek Creamy Pasta	Berry Smoothie
Tue	Cheeky Chicken Curry & Rice Butternut & Chickpea Curry & Rice	Banana Cake
Wed	Brilliant Beef Slow Cooked Stew with Pitta Bread Jack Fruit Veg Stew with Pitta Bread	Fruit Salad
Thu	Mega Macaroni with Cheese & Cauliflower	Chocolate & Beetroot Cake
Fri	Fabulous Fish & Chips Fabulous Fried Tofu & Chips	Flapjack

*\*Tuesday 12th Dec - Whole School Christmas Lunch*

**Friends of Monkleigh School (FOMS)**

## *Historical extracts taken from the old School / Headteacher Logbooks*

22 Jul 1933	Miss Fleming of Annery House gave the children an outing to Westward Ho! today. Before leaving for home, each child was presented with two shillings
24 Jul 1956	Many friends joined parents in an "Open Day" when the children entertained them with songs, poems, singing games and sketches. Afterwards they saw an exhibition of children's needlework, handwork, drawing and exercise books

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

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

Mon 24 Jul	Butterflies Leavers' Assembly 🏠 🏏 Year 6 bowling 🏏
<b><u>Tue 25 Jul</u></b>	Last day of term Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 🏠 🧺 Family Picnic 🧺
<b>School closed for the summer</b>	
<b><u>Wed 6 Sep</u></b>	Children back to school!
w/c 18 Sep	GTS open mornings (Year 5 & 6) - more details to follow
Wed 20 Sep	School Trip
Mon 25 Sep	GTS Open Evening

Things that may be of interest::

[Bideford cricket club summer camp](#)

[GTS open evening & open mornings](#)

[Appledore Book Festival - family fun day \(page 7 of brochure\)](#) - see flyer

[GTS Junior sports Camps summer events](#) - see flyer for details



# SUMMER EVENTS at TORRINGTON LIBRARY

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

## Ready, Set, Read!

Presented by The Reading Agency.  
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Pop into the library and sign up to get your Summer Reading Challenge pack.  
Activities and events happening throughout the summer holidays!

**SATURDAY 8th JULY - Summer Reading Challenge Official launch**  
plus 10.30am - 12 Crafts with Chris & Jilly

**FRIDAY 28th JULY - Challenge Crafts session**  
10.30am - 12pm Drop in - £1

**FRIDAY 11th AUGUST - Challenge Crafts session**  
10.30am - 12pm Drop in - £1

**SATURDAY 12th AUGUST - Circus Skills Workshop**  
10am - 11.30am suitable for ages 6 - 11  
Booking essential - £5/child & £2.50/siblings

**FRIDAY 25th AUGUST - Science Superstars Workshop**  
Hands on science with Sciencedipity  
1.30pm - 3pm suitable for ages 6 - 11  
Booking essential - £5/child & £2.50/siblings

**SATURDAY 26th AUGUST - Challenge Crafts session**  
10.30am - 12pm Drop in - £1

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[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)



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### Summer Holiday Junior Sports Camps

GTS are delighted to offer opportunities for children in years 3 – 6 to come and try out some great sporty activities:

- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Football (Roma Sports) – Football boots required
  - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Multi Sport (Roma Sports)
  - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Fencing Skills (Little Musketeers)
  - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July – Tri Golf
  - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July – Football (Roma Sports) – Football boots required
  - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August – Multi Sport (Roma Sports)
  - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August – Orienteering, team building, dodge ball
  - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August – Tri Golf
- Each day will run from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm and include a break for lunch.
- The cost for each day will be £12 to include all tuition, equipment use and a certificate payable in advance by BACS to:
- |                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Account Name:    | Great Torrington School |
| Account Number:  | 21772960                |
| <u>Sortcode:</u> | 309078                  |
| Reference:       | Jnr Holiday Camp        |

To register please use the following link:



Scan the QR code to vote or go to <https://forms.office.com/e/5Rh0sx2MSN>



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# FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 16th September,  
10.30am-3pm

Registration at ABF Gazebo on Appledore Quay

Join us for a Family Trail Blaze through  
Appledore Village

Pick-up your free Trail Sheet on the Quayside,  
opposite The Seagate, and see how many  
activities you can do!

Choose from a range of fun activities including:

- Potato Printing
- Drama & Improvisation
- Biscuit Decorating
- Face Painting
- Lego Workshop
- Storytelling & Poetry
- Puzzles & Quizzes

and much, much more

**FREE GIFT FOR EACH CHILD THAT  
COMPLETES THE TRAIL\*** FULL DETAILS ON THE WEBSITE

With thanks to all the local businesses and charities taking part

\*While Stocks Last

**Plus! DRAWING WITH JONNY LAMBERT:**

Bear & Bird: Find a Footprint

10.30am-11am and 11.30am-12noon **Baptist Church FREE**

Draw your favourite animal and colour in a poster with popular artist, Jonny Lambert, as he leads young readers through a woodland trail in this latest adventure of Bear and his best friend Bird.

**FREE**



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