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Only 12 Sleeps to Christmas

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas concerts this week. We are always grateful for the support you give to the school, especially at such a busy time of the year. The children were very appreciative as they told me how pleased and proud they were to perform for such a special audience. Next week Year 1 will perform their Nativity play and having heard some of the rehearsals we are very excited to see the full performance. Being able to see the children shine in their performances is a great honour and one of the wonderful parts of our job as teachers.

The count down to Christmas is really gathering pace now and we still have so many Christmas activities and events next week!

With best wishes
Mrs Howell.



Year 3 and Year 4 Sing Us into Christmas

The hall was filled with joyous, festive music and songs as the children in Year 3 and Year 4 came together to present their traditional Christmas concerts this week. This delightful occasion provided our children with the opportunity to perform to an audience of their families and friends and to showcase what a talented group they are. Their spirited musical programme included several familiar seasonal pieces and some fine carol singing, as well as clear and confident readings. We were so proud of the children who brought home the true meaning of Christmas to us through their wonderful performance.



Reception on Two Wheels

Over the last six weeks our Reception children have been taking part in weekly Balanceability lessons. The Balanceability programme is designed to help children gain the confidence and skills required to ride a pedal bike independently, getting them off to the best start in cycling and assisting their ability to participate in other Bikeability lessons at a later stage. As you can see from the photographs the children have been having great fun and are well on the way to becoming very competent and extremely confident cyclists.



Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you about the Christmas list they e-mailed to Santa this week.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you some interesting facts about Queen Elizabeth I.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you what they are most proud of achieving this half term.

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you how many bones a human skeleton has.

Ask your Year 4 child to tell you some methods you can use to conserve water.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain the difference between a solute and a solvent.

Ask your Year 6 child to describe the emotions felt during the Christmas Day truce.

Don't Forget—Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

This year our annual Christmas lunch will be served on Thursday 19th December. The menu options are now available on the Dolce/School Grid website so please remember to book lunch for your child for that day. Children can choose from either traditional roast turkey with chipolata sausages and stuffing or a vegetarian puff pastry Christmas cracker plus all the trimmings. For pudding there will be a choice of Reindeer shortbread or sticky toffee pudding with custard in addition to fresh fruit or yoghurt.

To add to the festivities, if children would like to wear a Christmas jumper on this day, instead of their school sweatshirt or cardigan, we are suggesting that they may make a voluntary donation of £1. All proceeds will be donated to our charity of the year, which is our local charity Hope International CIC.



Year 6 Leavers' Fundraising Committee

The Year 6 Leavers' Committee members are holding a fundraising event on Saturday 14th December to raise funds for the leavers event in the Summer term.

The committee members will be having a stall at the Cambourne Cricket Pavilion in Great Cambourne from 12pm-6pm on Saturday 14th of December. There will be a range of Christmas items for sale including handmade bracelets and reindeer food plus a tombola and a super raffle with the star prize of an electric BMW ride on car.



Cambourne Scouts Christmas Tree Recycling



When the decorations come down there is always the conundrum of how to dispose of the Christmas tree. Many of our children belong to the local Scout group in Cambourne and they are offering a recycling service for a small fee and will even collect your tree.

This service will be available on **4th and 5th January** for a very reasonable minimum donation of £5 per tree.

Just scan the QR code here to register or e-mail

kate.carlisle@cambournescoutgroup.org.uk



FORTHCOMING DATES Autumn Term 2024 and Spring Term 2025

16th December—Reception theatre trip

17th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity Play

18th December at 10am—Year 1 Nativity Play

18th December—Team afternoon

19th December—Christmas Jumper Day

19th December—Christmas Lunch

20th December—LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

23rd December—3rd January 2025—CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

6th and 7th January—INSET Days (school closed for children)

8th January—Children return to school

9th January at 2pm—Reception 2025 tour

15th January—Last date for applications for Reception places for September 2025

15th January—Swimming lessons begin for Year 4

23rd January—Public Speaking competition

24th January—Columba Class assembly

3rd to 7th February—Children's Mental Health week

3rd February—Reception and Year 6 height and weight measuring

5th February—KS1 Wellbeing Wednesday

6th February—Y4 Viking WOW Day

7th February—NSPCC Number Day

7th February—Y1 visit to Cambourne Library

10th February—Year 4 Network CB23 Maths competition

11th February—Year 2 production at 2pm

12th February—Year 2 production at 2pm

12th February—Year 3 Life in Ancient Egypt Day with History off the Page

13th February—Reception Come and Share

17th to 21st February—Half Term Holiday from 9.30am

24th February—Children return to school

5th March—Year1 Kenya WOW Day

6th March—World Book Day

7th March—Cygnus Class assembly

Applying for a School Place for September 2025

If your child will
be aged 4 by
**31st August
2025**

You need to
apply NOW
for a School
place



SCAN ME

**Apply by
15th January
2025**

For further information please visit
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions
or contact your local School

We appreciate that selecting the right school for your child is not an easy decision to make. Each parent and carer is looking for a school that will make the educational experience as motivating and rewarding as possible for their child. To help you make this important decision we would like to welcome parents and carers into school to see at first hand what makes Monkfield Park such a special place to learn.

We are offering a number of parent tours so that you can see the school in action and talk with the Headteacher and staff. Please join us for one of our parent tours which can be booked by contacting the school office on 01954 273377 or by email :office@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

The last tour date is:

Thursday 9th January at 2.00pm

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful school and hope you will join us for one of the tours. We are aware that time is if you are unable to make either of the remaining dates, please contact the school office and we will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient time for you to visit the school and meet the Headteacher.

For general queries regarding the Care and Learning Centre, please contact the school office by e-mail on: clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk or by telephoning 01954 273377.

To speak with a member of the Care and Learning Centre staff please telephone 01954 273301

Nativity

This week we have been learning the Nativity story, about the birth of baby Jesus. The children have been amazing at retaining so many of the details from the story as well as new vocabulary such as 'stable' and 'manger'. I wonder if they can explain to you what these words mean or tell you about the story at home? The children have also enjoyed re-enacting the story during their play, using our wooden nativity set.

We have been busy learning songs which reflect the Nativity story, ready to share with you at our Song Time next week. We do hope that you will be able to join us at 2.30 pm, next Friday, 20th December. All welcome!

End of Term Dates

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Dinner

Friday 20th December - Song Time for parents and carers at 2.30 pm

Friday 20th December - Last Day of Autumn Term

Wednesday 8th January - Start of Spring Term

Best wishes,

Jane Turner

Early Years Teacher

Pre-School Manager

