

# Newsletter 23

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## The Best Job in the World

Being a headteacher is most definitely one of the best jobs in the world. I am fortunate to have experienced a number of interesting jobs across my working life but being a headteacher is without doubt the most varied and fulfilling because no two days are ever the same. Last week I was lying on the hall floor on Monday whilst a former BMX champion jumped over me on a bicycle! On Thursday I was learning about how children experience trauma via the new technology of virtual headsets, and on Friday I had to dig out my husband's old tail coat to dress up as the Mad Hatter to celebrate World Book Day. Fast paced doesn't begin to describe how exciting and interesting an average week can be. However, nothing is more exciting than being able to interact with the children and experience their growth and development as the amazing and inspirational citizens of the future. I treasure every single conversation I have with the children who have the ability to put everything into perspective in a clear and no nonsense way. This week I have been told by children that my singing is 'weird' and in a separate conversation that I can sometimes be 'wise'. I think both are true and I am grateful to the children for their honesty and for keeping my ego in check.

Many of our Indian families will be celebrating the festival of Holi this weekend. May I wish you and your families a joyous festival full of colours and happiness.

Best wishes

Mrs Howell

## Parent Consultation Evenings

Today, you will have received your child's mid-year report via e-mail. We hope you find this report useful and that it will be helpful in your discussions with your child's class teacher at the forthcoming parent consultation evenings on Tuesday 25th March and Thursday 3rd April. The first evening on Tuesday 25th March will be held virtually via zoom from 4.00 pm. On Thursday 3rd April the meetings will be held face-to-face, again from 4.00 pm. Reception and Key Stage 1 teachers will be based in the Activity Hall and Key Stage 2 teachers will be in the Main Hall. Parents and carers will

also have the opportunity to look at the children's books on 3rd April. We will be offering a crèche for children at the consultations on Thursday 3rd April. If you haven't booked an appointment, please can I urge you to do so via the electronic booking system. Please contact the school office if you have any problems.

Don't forget  
parents  
evening!



**COMIC  
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# Let's sparkle for Red Nose Day!

Celebrating 40 years!

**Dress down for £1**

(Bucket collections on the day)

**21st March 2025**

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To donate on JustGiving  
(Min £2 Donation)



It may be hard to believe, but Red Nose Day is celebrating its 40th birthday on 21st March. As always we will be collecting money for this very worthwhile charity and having fun into the bargain by dressing up, or down, on the day. Our theme is Let's Sparkle for Red Nose Day, so feel free to dig out those sequins for the occasion. FOMP will be holding a bucket collection on the day but you can also donate by scanning the QR code above to donate on Just Giving—please note that the minimum donation on just giving is £2.

In the meantime you can purchase your red noses from the school office. All noses are priced at £2 and there are four different iconic noses from the last four decades to collect. Some lucky person might even find one of the extremely rare Ruby noses!! Could that be you?



## Holi

This weekend the 10th Cambourne Holi Festival of Colours will be taking place at the New Cricket Pavilion this Saturday , 15th March from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm. This event, which marks the arrival of Spring and the triumph of good over evil, along with celebrating love and unity, is for the whole community. The event is free to attend and there will be a DJ and free colours for all. In addition there will be a range of delicious Indian food provided by Urban Chai, Namaste Cambridge, Eleema's Kitchen, Aahar Junction, Chennai Dosa, V R Food and Cambridge Biryani.



## Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you about floating and sinking.

Ask your Year 1 child to name the seven continents.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you how to share 16 flowers between 4 people.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain what happens when magnets repel and attract.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain how we classify animals.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain the difference between weight and mass.

Ask your Year 6 child to tell you which part of the 'We Will Rock You' performance they most enjoyed and why.



## FORTHCOMING DATES SPRING TERM 2025

13th to 18th March—Book Fair in Main Hall

21st March—Red Nose Day— no uniform theme Let's sparkle

21st March—Green Class assembly

25th March—Reception performance at 10am

25th March—Parent Consultation Evening from 4pm via zoom

26th March—Reception performance at 2pm

27th March—Year 2 Florence Nightingale WOW Day

27th March—Year 5 Greek WOW Day

31st March to 4th April—Healthy Lifestyles Week

2nd April—Team afternoon

3rd April—Parent Consultation Evening from 4pm in person

4th April—Break up for Easter holiday

7th—21st April—EASTER HOLIDAY

22nd April—Children return to school

23rd April—Year 4 Indian WOW Day

29th—30th April—Y4 Burwell House Residential trip

2nd May—Dorado Class assembly

**5th May—May Day Bank Holiday**

6th to 8th May—School Council Toy Sale

7th May—Reception Trip to South Angle Farm

12th to 15th May—Key Stage 2 SATS week

16th May—Blue Class assembly

19th to 23rd May—STEM Week

19th May—Reception Come and Share

21st May—Year 5 production at 2pm

22nd May—Year 5 production at 6pm

23rd May—Lacerta Class assembly

26th to 30th May—Half Term

**2nd June—INSET Day**

**3rd June—Children return to school**

4th to 6th June—Empathy Week



For general queries regarding the Care and Learning Centre, please contact the school office by e-mail on: [clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk](mailto: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

### Spring is Coming...

This week, we have been talking about Spring. We learnt that when the weather starts to get a little warmer, flowers and plants begin to grow again. Ms Turner bought in some snowdrops and daffodils from her garden and we looked at them carefully. We learnt some new vocabulary such as 'leaf', 'stem', 'petal', 'bud' and then had a go at some observational paintings of daffodils. It would be great if the children could look for Spring flowers and buds in their gardens at home, or when they are out and about? You could take some photos of the things you find and post them on Evidence Me for us to share together.



### Holi Festival

Today we have been learning about the Hindu and Sikh Spring festival of Holi. We watched a CBeebies 'Let's Celebrate' film to find out some of the things families do to celebrate and then had fun with some colourful powder and paint! We would like to wish all of our families celebrating this weekend a 'Happy Holi'!

### Red Nose Day

Next Friday, 21st March, is Red Nose Day. We would like to invite all the children to dress in red on that day and to bring in £1 to help raise money for Comic Relief. As Comic Relief is all about doing silly things, we will be learning a short, silly dance on the day and would like to invite parents and carers to come and watch us perform it at 2.45pm.

Best wishes

*Jane Turner* (Pre-School Manager)