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Don't Forget Your Wellingtons!

Thank you to everyone for making our Harvest Assembly such a joyful occasion on Thursday. The Rev. Bill from Cambourne Church joined us for our celebrations and helped us to reflect on how fortunate we are. As a back drop we had an amazing display of all the donations you had kindly contributed for the assembly. We are grateful for all your extremely kind gifts of food and toiletries which the Cambourne Foodbank will be distributing to those families in our community who are in the greatest need.

Despite the inclement weather we have been using the field at lunchtimes on most days this week, much to the children's delight. However, it is now beginning to get very muddy so the children really need to have a pair of wellingtons, waterproof boots or a change of shoes in school for lunchtime play. Please can you remind your child that they need to bring a warm, waterproof coat to school each day but their wellingtons, boots or spare shoes should stay in school. If you have any spare wellingtons you no longer need, Mrs Hickmott will be happy to take these off your hands. Thank you for your help with this. Mrs Howell.

Individual and Sibling Photographs

Make sure you have your best smiles ready as the photographers from Van Cols will be coming to school on Monday 7th October. They will be taking both individual and sibling photographs during the school day.

This is always an event which requires a lot of planning and organisation on the day. To enable the event runs as smoothly as possible, please can you ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their correct school uniform, which includes their green school sweatshirt or cardigan. The backgrounds used by the photographers are white and so the dark green sweatshirt provides the necessary contrast. If your child has PE on that day, please can they wear their school polo shirt and sweatshirt. Please be aware that we need your consent to take your child's photograph. If you have not given consent to the school office we will not be able to take your child's photograph.

The photographers will be available to take photographs with siblings who attend pre-school from 8.30 am in the morning. If you have a pre-school aged child and would like to have their photograph taken with an older sibling, please could you all arrive in school at 8.30 am and enter the hall via the external hall doors. Please note that there may be a short waiting time if there is a big demand for the family group photographs.



Outdoor and Adventurous

A big well done to all the children who participated in the Outdoor and Adventurous Activities event at Comberton Village College this week. The children tackled a variety of problem solving activities which were focussed around the values of determination and teamwork. The children were excellent ambassadors for the school, demonstrating wonderful team working and problem solving skills. It was wonderful to hear how excited the children had been to take part in this event.



"It was really good to go to Comberton and fun. I learned that working together makes you feel really good about yourself."

Smyra

"I really enjoyed the team work, especially when we had to get the ball along the drain pipes without dropping it. It was a really good feeling to work together to do it."

Selma



Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child tell you what job they would like to do when they are an adult.

Ask your Year 1 child to use an adjective to describe a jungle animal.

Ask your Year 2 child to explain which type of bread they preferred from our taste testing session.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain what the Djembe drum is made from.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain and describe the different states of matter.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain how we show respect to one another.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain the Japanese festival of Otsukimi.



Each day our teaching staff are available to chat with you at the classroom doors at the beginning and end of the school day. Many of you are able to have a brief catch up at these times but we know how important it is to have a more in depth discussion with your child's class teacher about their progress this term.

Parent consultation evenings for this term will be following a hybrid model to allow all parents the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher.

Tuesday 15th October from 4.00 pm to 6.30 pm . These meetings will be in person in school.

Thursday 24th October from 4.00pm to 6.30 pm. These meetings will be via Zoom.

All appointments will last for 10 minutes and we politely ask that you keep to those timings. Bookings can be made using the electronic booking system, details of which have been e-mailed to you by the school office. If you have any problems with booking an appointment please contact Mrs Cox or Mrs Taylor in the school office who will be happy to help.

A Polite Reminder About Parking



We have received a number of complaints about cars parking on the grass verge adjacent to the staff car park gates and of parents blocking the gates by dropping off or collecting children. This area is inside the yellow zig-zag lines which indicate that this is a no parking area. The Highway Code states that parking is prohibited on double yellow lines and yellow zig-zag lines outside schools at all times; this includes stopping to set down or pick up passengers. Although the verge is not on

school property we would request that parents and carers do not put our children in danger by parking in this area. Not only is it illegal, but it increases the likelihood of an accident. Thank you for your support and understanding in this important matter.

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 current tour dates are:

Thursday 17th October 2.00pm Now Full

Thursday 14th November 5.30pm

Tuesday 26th November 9.30am Now Full

Wednesday 4th December 2.00pm

Thursday 12th December 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. If you are unable to make this date, please contact the school office and we will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient date for you to visit the school and meet the Headteacher.

FORTHCOMING DATES Autumn Term 2024

7th October—Individual school photographs

7th October—Money Week

8th October—Year 5 Careers' Convention

8th October—Year 1 trip to Hedingham Castle

11th October—Phoenix Class assembly at 9.15am

15th October—4.00pm –6.30pm—Parent consultation evening

16th October—Year 4 Roman WOW Day

18th October—Year 1 Animals WOW Day

21st to 25th October—Art Week

24th October 4pm —6.30pm—Parent consultation evening

28th October—1st November —HALF TERM

4th November—Children return to school

5th to 7th November—Children's Art Gallery

w/c 11th November—Anti bullying week

14th November—Open Evening and Tour for prospective parents at 5.30pm

15th November—Children in Need Day

22nd November at 9.15am—Indigo Class assembly

26th November at 9.30am—Reception 2025 tour

26th November—Trunk Theatre visiting Year 2

4th December at 2.00pm—Reception 2025 tour

10th December at 2pm—Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert

12th December at 2.00pm—Reception 2025 tour

12th December at 6pm—Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert

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 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

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

Getting to Know Each Other



Over the last couple of weeks we have been playing some 'getting to know you' games in our Group Time sessions. The children have particularly enjoyed playing 'Pass the Toy', as we passed Kipper the toy dog around our circle, and each told him our names. The children have been really brave at speaking out in front of the group and then at remembering some of their new friends' names again at the end!

Food Hygiene

We were really delighted this week when, after an impromptu inspection from the Food Standards Agency, the Care and Learning Centre was awarded a 5 Star Food Hygiene rating! What great news!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.
Ms Turner

