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December!

I am not sure where November went but it only seems five minutes ago that it was half term and now we are hurtling towards the end of the year at a tremendous pace. From today we will really be counting down the days until Christmas as the decorations go up in school and rehearsals for the Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas concert and the Year 1 Nativity Play move into the final weeks before the performances.

The traditional Christmas post stockings are hanging in the school library. If children wish to post Christmas cards to their friends in school they can post their cards in the stockings and our eager team of Year 5 'posties' will deliver the cards to classes each day. To ensure each card reaches the intended recipient please can we ask that you help your child to write the recipient's first name, last name and, very importantly, their class clearly on the envelope. The final day for posting cards will be Wednesday 18th December to ensure delivery before we break for Christmas on Friday 20th December.

With best wishes
Mrs Howell.



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. There will be traditional roast turkey with chipolata sausages and stuffing or a puff pastry, vegetarian Christmas cracker plus all the trimmings to choose from. For pudding there will be a choice of Reindeer shortbread or sticky toffee pudding with custard, 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 which we will donate to our charity of the year, which is our local charity here in Cambourne, Hope CIC.



Key Stage 1 Enjoy Wellbeing Wednesday

Key Stage 1 enjoyed a wonderful Wellbeing Wednesday recently and made the most of the warm and sunny weather to take part in some outdoor activities. The staff had arranged an amazing timetable of activities for the children to choose from including a trip to the park, a welly walk with nature art, card making, baking, construction, book making, Acro dance and gymnastics, crafts and Football Fun Factory. Having tasted some of the delicious pear crumble the children made I can affirm that it was a super day for everyone.



Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you or show you how to make porridge.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you about making spinners for a book.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you about their visit from Trunk Theatre.

Ask your Year 3 child to describe how to build a 3D shape from a net.

Ask your Year 4 child to recite the 6 and 9 times tables and explain the related division facts.

Ask your Year 5 child to tell you how to convert improper fractions to a mixed number.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain how soldiers used puttees in World War I.

FORTHCOMING DATES Autumn Term 2024

- 4th December at 2.00pm—Reception 2025 tour
- 4th December at 3.30pm—Y4 Times Table Check Information Evening
- 10th December at 2pm—Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert
- 11th December at 2pm—Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert
- 12th December at 2.pm—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 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
- 10th January—Year 3 Ancient Egypt Day
- 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
- 11th February—Year 2 production at 2pm
- 12th February—Year 2 production at 2pm
- 17th to 21st February—Half Term Holiday
- 24th February—Children return to school
- 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 current tour dates are:

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.

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

ICE

The children have had a magical time exploring the frost and ice in our pre-school garden during the cold weather. We have learnt some new vocabulary such as frost, ice, frozen and melting, and also observed what happens when we take some ice inside and it gets warmer! We have been learning the ring song, 'Here We Go Round The Mulberry Bush On A Cold And Frosty Morning' and had fun pretending to put on hats, scarves and gloves. I wonder if your child can show you the Makaton sign for 'ice'? Please remember that we go outside to play in all weathers and ensure that your child has a clearly named warm coat, hat and preferably, mittens to wear. Thank you! Have a wonderful weekend. Best wishes *Jane Turner*

