



Monkspath
Junior & Infant School

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THE NEWSLETTER FOR MONKSPATH JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer,

A very warm welcome back to school and may I firstly wish you and your families a very Happy New Year. Once again I must thank you for your most generous gifts and good wishes which we received at the end of term. Your generosity is much appreciated.

As the children begin to settle back into their routine, I wanted to give you an update on what is happening within school over the next couple of weeks, before we see you in person at the various meetings that are happening this month.

The Yr2 and Yr6 teachers hope you found the SATS Information Evening useful as the children prepare for their SATS Tests later this year. Yr6 have mock SATS this week.

Professor McGinty makes his first return in 2017 to teach the Yr6 children about life in the Egyptian times on Tuesday 10th January and we also welcome Yr1 parents to drop in to catch up on life in Yr1.

On Monday 16th we will be holding a meeting for parents whose children are attending the popular Pioneer Residential Trip from Yr5 and on Tuesday 17th the Yr5 children will be enjoying their Space Science Workshop throughout the day.

May I remind all parents/carers that as the children continue to develop their independence I would be very grateful if you could ensure that the children are settled in their class ready to start learning before the end of the first bell. All parents/carers must leave the premises by 9.00am at the latest.

I am disappointed to inform you that yet again, I have had several complaints from our residents and local shops about the small number of parents who park inconsiderately at the beginning and end of the school day. I have had no alternative but to refer this matter over to Solihull Council who have raised the issues with the Parking Services Section. I hope that during 2017 we can all work together to ensure this problem is finally resolved for all concerned. As a school we take an extremely serious view of any driver putting the safety of pedestrians at risk, similarly compromising the reputation of the school through their thoughtlessness. We are very grateful to the majority of car users who comply with these simple requests on a daily basis.

WJ Hutchinson

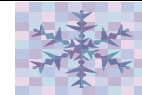


We have received a lovely letter from Solihull Age UK thanking parents for their kindness and generosity in donating gifts to the elderly this Christmas period. We were able to pass on many gifts which were well received by less fortunate elderly folk. It really means a lot to them. Thank You.

We have been notified by the Royal British Legion that our School has raised £475.07 towards their annual Poppy Appeal for 2016.



We even had to order more supplies!



If we do get snow or bad weather, can we advise you that, in the event of us having to close the school due to the inclement weather, we will notify you by Parent Pay, Twitter and where possible through local radio.

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE SERVICE

Following a recent visit to school, the West Midlands Fire Service has offered a free fire safety check in your home by your local firefighters. You can call them for free on 0800 389 5525 or via Email: contactcentre@wmfs.net.



SCHOOL TERM HOLIDAY DATES 2016 - 2017

AUTUMN TERM 2016

Half Term	Monday 5 th September – Friday 21 st October
	Monday 24 th October – Friday 28 th October
	Monday 31 st October – Friday 16 th December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 19 th December 2016 – Monday 2 nd January 2017

SPRING TERM 2017

Half Term	Tuesday 3 rd January – Friday 17 th February
	Monday 20 th February – Friday 24 th February
	Monday 27 th February – Friday 7 th April
Spring Holiday	Monday 10 th April – Friday 21 st April

SUMMER TERM 2017

Half Term	Monday 24 th April - Friday 26 th May
	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June
	Monday 5 th June – Tuesday 25 th July

REMAINING IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS YEAR 2016 – 2017

Friday 30th June 2017

EMAIL ADDRESSES

IT IS ESSENTIAL WE HAVE A CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS FOR EVERY PARENT WHO WISHES TO BE KEPT INFORMED ABOUT SCHOOL EVENTS. WE ARE A PAPER FREE SCHOOL FOR WRITTEN HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS. IF YOU HAVE ANY DIFFICULTY WITH THIS PLEASE ENSURE YOU CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE WHO CAN HELP YOU TO ACCESS INFORMATION VIA SCHOOL.



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