



Monkspath
Junior & Infant School

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THE NEWSLETTER FOR MONKSPATH JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL

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November 2016

Dear Parent / Carer,

The time may have gone backwards but we certainly haven't. This is probably one of the busiest half terms in the school calendar and we are now getting very close to Christmas. With only 3 weeks to go I wanted to give you an update about school life.

Firstly, I would like to say how incredibly proud I continue to be of our children from across the school. The children clearly continue to live the school values as we have had some lovely feedback both from the nurses who came to administer the Flu Nasal Spray earlier this month, also from the team who came to weigh and measure our Yr6 children. The children also attended a workshop with the NSPCC and all professionals concerned have said how beautifully behaved and well mannered our children are. The reputation of our children has a big impact in the wider community and reflects well on each individual child and on the school as a whole. A huge well done to each and every one of our children!

I would like to thank you for your continued support in the education of your children by attending both the Phonics Evening and also the "Growth Mindset and Grammar" evening last week. We hope you found these very useful and that the information provided will help you to continue to support your child at home. The partnership we have with you is very important for the continued success of your child's learning.

The application of the "Growth Mindset" has certainly been put to good use by the children as they worked very hard during "Test Week" and "Book Week" where they enjoyed "The Journey". As I walk around the school I am amazed at the vast array of vehicles that have also been designed by the children. I think we may have some budding engineers of the future. Thank you so much for all your support in this project.

YR1 enjoyed their lovely visit to St James's Church this week despite the terrible weather. Thank you to those parents who were able to assist the teachers. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The children have been very generous in supporting the lead up to Remembrance Day, from the purchasing of poppies, slap wrist bands and friendship bracelets, to Children In Need which they celebrated last Friday. Every child took part dressing up, buying cakes, headbands and festival bracelets. We have raised an incredible £973.56 for Children In Need and in addition we have been very lucky to have received match funding from Lloyds Bank for an additional £500.00. Thank you to Katie Sullivan for helping us achieve this. Our total for the school is £1473.56, our highest ever total! We will let you know what the total sum raised is for the sale of poppies as soon as we are told.

I will leave you now to recharge your batteries for the exciting run up to Christmas and look forward to seeing you all for the children's Christmas Singing in the hall.

Yours sincerely

W J Hutchinson

Please Please Please do not send your children in with any food or snacks containing any nuts or nut based products. We have recently had two incidents where both Nutella and a Snickers snack bar has been brought into school. We have children who have severe allergies and incidents like this place a real danger on their lives.

Thank you for your co-operation



As we approach the winter, can we advise you that, in the event of us having to close the school due to inclement weather, we will notify you by Parent Pay, Twitter and where possible through local radio.

This is just a reminder for all parents of the school rules should your child suffer from an episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. The school policy, as detailed in the School Prospectus states that your child should not return to school until 48 clear hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. Thank You



IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

We continue to be advised of "Bad Parking "

Incidents



Please ensure that you park safely when attending school premises. All drivers MUST take responsibility for parking courteously, safely and legally. 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.

Christmas Celebrations

We have very many Christmas activities taking place in school over the new few weeks. All details can be found in the School Calendar. We hope to see you at some point during these events.



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
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REMAINING IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS YEAR 2016 – 2017

Tuesday 3rd January 2017
Friday 30th June 2017

Mayoral Election Day closure Thursday 4th May 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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