

December 2017

Dear Parents,

With the end of the year approaching the recent snow created a challenge for us to ensure that we managed to fit in all the end of term events and activities. With some last minute alterations, we made sure that all the children took part in their Christmas performances and once again we have been thoroughly entertained. I am sure that those of you who have been able to come to school to watch the children perform will agree. We thank you for your understanding and flexibility and for being such supportive audiences!

Luckily the Key Stage 2 theatre trips, Year 6 to see A Christmas Carol at the RSC and Years 3,4 & 5 to see Alice in Wonderland at the Old Rep took place before the weather deteriorated and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Year 1 visited St James Church Shirley on their annual "Journey to the Stable" to witness the "First Christmas".

A massive THANK YOU goes to the P.T.A. for all their efforts over the last term, without their support we would be unable to provide the extra equipment which the school budget does not stretch to. The Christmas Fair was a particular success and the grand total raised will be advised once all the final details have been completed.

May I take this opportunity of thanking everyone for their gifts, cards and good wishes, it is so generous of you and I know that all the staff really do appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness.

We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

We hope you enjoy a peaceful and restful holiday and look forward to seeing you on  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2014** (Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> is an Inset Day)

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs W J Hutchinson.*

## Merry Christmas



Other News.....

**Christmas activities at Trinity Church Monkspath  
Held at  
Shelly Farm Community Centre**



24<sup>th</sup> December – 4.00 pm.  
**Christingle Service**



We have received the following thank you from Kate Morgan the Director of Age UK Solihull with regard to the recent collection for the elderly people in the Borough.

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It's a bit tricky to get an exact figure on how many presents were collected for Age UK Solihull as some of the items donated were transferred into food parcels, and a lot of gloves, scarves and woolly socks were given to the Winter Warmth team to hand out to those most in need.

However, it is estimated that between 750-800 gifts in total will be distributed between now and Christmas via the volunteers and teams at Age UK Solihull - plus some are being held back for the Christmas lunch which has had to be rescheduled due to the weather.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support with this - we had a little cry at the overwhelming response to this campaign and can't believe how many smiles you have created across Solihull this Christmas.

Thank you, thank you and thank you again.

Kind regards

Kate Morgan

Director

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# Monkspath J & I School

## Calendar 2017 / 18

Edition 4 (as at December 17)



Welcome back to an enjoyable Spring Term

<b>JANUARY</b>	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAY – closed to pupils
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens for pupils Yr5 – Healthy week 1
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Monkeys/FS1/FS2/YR1 – Theatre visit to school – PM Pantomime
w/b Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6 – Test week Yr1 Mock Phonics all week Yr5 – Healthy week 2
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Yr2 – Parents – SATS/Writing Meeting 6.15-7.30pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6 – Professor McGinty – Egyptians
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Young Voices Performance – Genting Arena - pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Yr1 – Parents open sessions 9.00 – 9.45am <b>Rec – Hearing Tests</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Writing Event – Foundation Stage & Yr1 parents 6.15 – 7.15 pm
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
<b>w/b 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Whole School E Safety Week
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bush Babies/Chimps/ Monkeys/FS1&2 – Celebration Day for parents Whole School – Safer Internet Day
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTA Event – Movie Night</b>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	YR4 – Rainforest Show Parent/Child Consultations
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Child Consultations
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for half-term holidays – 3.30 pm.
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens for pupils Yr6 – Final SATS mock week
<b>MARCH</b>	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Whole School – Book Day – <b>Full Uniform and Prop required</b>
w/b 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Yrs 1-5 Test Week
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Yr5 – Safeside visit

	Bush Babies/Chimps/Monkeys/FS1&2 Mother's Day Brunch
<b>Tuesday 13th</b>	<b>Rec – Measures Programme</b>
Friday 16th	Yr5 – Celebration Day for parents – Mayan pm <b>PTA - Adults Quiz Night</b>
Tuesday 20th	Yr2 Superhero Day – hall <b>Rec – Measures Programme</b>
Friday 23 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>PTA – Sports Relief Coffee Morning and Uniform Sale</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Yr2 – Scootability - am Bush Babies/Chimps/Monkeys/Fs1 and2 Celebration Day- Easter Bonnet Parade 9.00-10.30 and 2.00-3.30
Tuesday 27th	Yr5 – Residential Trip to Pioneer Action Centre Yr1 – Performance - 09.15am – Hall <b>Rec – Measures Programme</b>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Yr1 – Performance – 09.15am Hall
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for Easter Holidays 3.00pm



Welcome to Summer Term



Having lots of fun

<b>APRIL</b>	
Monday 16th	School re-opens for Summer Term Class photographs – whole school
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photographs – whole school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>PTA Event – TBC</b>
<b>MAY</b>	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	School closed for local elections
w/b Monday 7th	Yr2 – SATS Month
Monday 7th	May Day Holiday - School closed
w/b Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6 – SATs Week
w/b Monday 21 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6 – Healthy Week Yr5 Bikeability
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	FS2 Careers Day
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Unicef Day School closes for half term holidays – 3.30pm
<b>JUNE</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>h</sup>	School re-opens for pupils
Friday 8th	<b>PTA - Non Uniform Day</b>
w/b Monday 11th	Yrs 1, 3, 4 and 5 – Test Week Yrs 1 Phonic Screening
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bush Babies /Chimps/Monkeys/FS1&2 Father's Day Breakfast <b>PTA – Non Uniform Day</b> <b>PTA - Spring Fair 6.30pm - 8.30pm</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Yr2 – Parent's Assembly 9.15am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Yr2 – Parent's Assembly 9.15am
w/b Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Healthy Week



**PLEASE SEE SPORTS DAY INFORMATION FOR YOUR CHILD**

**If the weather is bad and we need to cancel we will leave a message on the answer phone - Option 3**

DATE	YEAR GROUP	TIME
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	3 & 4	9.15 - 10.30
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	5 & 6	10.45 - 12.00
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	1 & 2	9.15 10.30
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Little Chimps Monkeys/Nursery FS1 AM and PM	TBC
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Rec/FS2	9.15 - 10.15

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	New FS1 - Parents Induction Evening - 6.00 – 7.15 pm New FS2 - Parents Induction Evening - 7.30 – 8.30 pm.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	In Service Training day – closed to pupils
<b>JULY</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Next Year's KS1 (Yr1&2) Transition Evening for parents 6.00 – 7.00 pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Next Year's Yr3&4 Transition Evening for parents 6.00 – 7.00 pm. Next Year's Yr5&6 Transition Evening for parents.7.15 – 8.15 pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Yr4 – Blackwell Court Trip
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 – Rehearsal (all day) Leavers Performance at Library Theatre (evening)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Open Afternoon (including Art Exhibition) 2.30 – 5.00 pm.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Teatime Club End of Year Party – after school
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	FS2 – Reception - End of Year Party – am
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bush Babies/Little Chimps/Monkeys/FS1 – End of Year Party – am. & pm.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Class Swop Day – New parents invited 9.15am KS1 – Yrs 1&2 – End of Year Party – pm. Yr6 – Leavers' Disco – 6.00 – 8.00 pm.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for Summer – 3.00 pm.

**All dates are correct as at 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017, however, any changes will be notified in the school newsletter updates.**