



# MONKSMEAD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December News 2013

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## Dear Parents

Have you noticed any change in the newsletter title this month? Well done if you spotted the updated school logo which now includes our school motto, 'Respect, Reflect, Achieve, Succeed'. The new logo will begin to be introduced in the New Year on letterheads and displays around school. I hope you like the new squirrel!

This Christmas, Reception and Nursery delighted everyone with their retelling of the most famous story of all the birth of Jesus. I'm sure everyone who saw the play were amazed at how well they said their lines, sang all the songs and acted so brilliantly. Well done to everyone involved in this and special thanks go to the very talented Mrs Archer who painted the amazing backdrop which sparkled through the whole performance. Christmas is a special time and I would like to take this opportunity to send all of you my warmest wishes for the festive period and best wishes for the New Year.

**Happy Christmas!**

*Mrs Elsley*

## Overview of 2013

There has been a lot to celebrate this year including:

Quality of teaching and learning improved through good teaching and rigorous assessments

HQS awarded to the EYFS

Increased % of children meeting expected level in Yr 1 Phonic Test

KS1 results above Hertfordshire County average in L2 and L3 Writing and Maths

KS2- More children achieving above national standards (level 4 and beyond)

Introduction of merit scheme—focus on improving behaviour

New reading scheme for Reception to Year 6

New website produced and launched

Parent workshops for Reading and Maths

Introduction of Parent consultations in the Autumn term to replace interim report

Enrichment opportunities—Jeff Rich (Drumming), Panto, Class trips

Improved ICT provision, new server and laptops

Re-development of the EYFS outdoor learning environment

New flooring and toilets in Year 2, New roof across school

Supporting local events (parade, Borehamwood book Award, Art exhibition, Performances at the Ark theatre and All Saints Church)

Improved sports provision- partners with Queens school and greater participation in tournaments for Football (boys and girls), Netball, Cricket, Athletics, Swimming, Chess

Friends of Monksmead events (Fayres, Discos and Raffles)

Charities supported locally (Harvest), nationally (Royal Legion, Children in Need) and internationally (Treak, Cambodia)

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

This month the following children have received a  
Head teacher award. Well done to you all!

	6th December		13th December		20th December		
<b>Year 1</b>	Shaniya Gulamhussein	Miracle Oduro	Elizabeth Obar	Janelle Boambong	Aaryan Choudhury	Jahvarni Mckenzie	
<b>Year 2</b>	Taylor-Blue Rogers	Tobi Ajadi	Jack Remini	Vlad Drozd	Charlie Marriott	Louie Richings	
<b>Year 3</b>	Denzel Nyantachie	Kaylah Willetts	Rayan Harichi	Tye Smith	Freddie Disdale	Ellie Steward	
<b>Year 4</b>	Emma Leclerc	Ivan Vardin	Timi Adebiyi	Cliona Voller	Hollie Manly	Mia Ross	
<b>Year 5</b>	Alfie Toohey	Tobi Adebiyi	Grace Dalli	Reece Ogidih	Thea Carter	Eric Suen	Jason Aigbokhoade
<b>Year 6</b>	Immanuel Ndungu	Charlotte Manning	Eleanor Duggan	Jake Ross	Grace Grimes	Jodi Leclerc	
<b>The park with the most merits this week</b>	Maxwell		Ripon		Aberford		

### NURSERY

Adrian G  
Rivera A  
Max M

## FOUNDATION STAGE HEADTEACHER'S STARS

### RECEPTION

Caitlin L  
Dennis L

### Winter Fayre

We managed to raise a whopping £1500 at the Winter Fayre and much fun was had by all. FOM would like to say thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the preparation of the Winter Fayre and to all those who assisted on the day too. Without your help none of this would be possible. In addition the disco and children's raffle raised a fabulous £528. Plus £180 from the pizza sales. Well done!



### Monksmead Christmas Concerts

Our Choir with Mrs Manly and Miss Styles finished their successful Christmas tour with performances at All Saints Church, the Winter Fayre and the Ark theatre. Many people commented on how impressed they were at their performance and how well they represented our school. Well done to all the members of the choir and thank you to Mrs Manly and Miss Styles for their support.

There has also been a performance by our children who are currently learning brass instruments. Shoppers were delighted at their tuneful renditions of Christmas favourites and the children raised £70 in a bucket collection to go to the school in Treak.



# SPORTS NEWS

## Sporting Fixtures

January

- 7 **Back to School**
- 16 Y6 Boys home to Shenley
- 20 Y6 Boys home to Clore Shalom
- 27 Y5 Boys home to Clore Shalom
- 29 Girls Football Away to Shenley

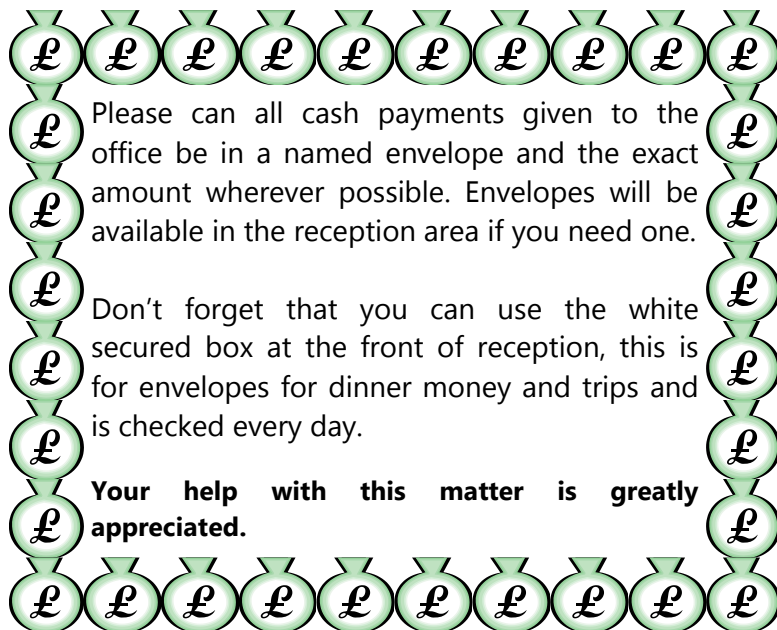
February

- 6 Girls home to St Nicholas
- 10 Y5 Boys home to St Nicholas
- 11 Girls Away to Clore Shalom
- 12 Y6 Boys Away to Cowley Hill
- 17-21 **HALF TERM**

## Football Results

Girls Football Monksmead 0 V 1 Fairfield  
**Girl of the match - Carla Duncan**

Y6 Boys 2 Parkside V 7 Monksmead  
**Man of the match - Jake McIntosh**



Please can all cash payments given to the office be in a named envelope and the exact amount wherever possible. Envelopes will be available in the reception area if you need one.

Don't forget that you can use the white secured box at the front of reception, this is for envelopes for dinner money and trips and is checked every day.

Your help with this matter is greatly appreciated.

## Year 4-Isle of Wight Trip



ISLE OF WIGHT

Please ensure full payment is received by **Friday 14th February**

## Year 6 - PGL Trip

Please don't forget PGL needs to be paid by the end of January.



# MOVEMBER



*We appreciate all the donations contributed to Movember to help our friends in Treak. £60 was raised .Well done!*

## Spring Term 2014 School Lunches

School lunches cost £2.05 per day.

Please can you ensure that school lunches are paid for in advance. Cheques will need to be made payable to Herts Catering Ltd (HCL).

Ist Half term £59.45  
2nd Half term £61.50

Total Term £120.95