

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to welcome both returning and new families to Monton Green for the 2017/18 school year. We hope to build on our many successes last year and work together with you to make this another great year for our school.

In this Newsletter you will find information about children's learning for the autumn term as well as important dates for your diary. A schedule of PTA events has already been published to you and you can also find all this information on our school website.

Staff News

A number of teachers have moved departments for this school year and the staff team is set out below. Mrs Riley has returned from maternity leave and has resumed her role as Lower Key Stage 2 Leader. Miss Wilson and Mrs Edwards have returned to their posts as Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Departmental Leaders. Mrs Goldenfield is off school due to sickness at the moment and we have welcomed Miss Harrison to teach alongside Miss McMahon in Reception. Unfortunately, Miss Roberts suffered a broken foot during the summer holidays so an experienced teacher, Miss Fletcher is covering her Year 4 class until she is able to return. Finally I would like to congratulate Miss Frost our Y5 teacher on her wedding during the holidays – she is now using her married name – Mrs Hopkins.

Should you have a concern about a child's wellbeing in or out of school, please remember that Mrs Robinson is the Designated Lead Teacher for Safeguarding and Child Protection. Mrs Robinson is not class based and is accessible via the school office.



The Staff Team

Miss Mason	Headteacher
Mrs Robinson	Assistant Head teacher for Pupil Welfare and Inclusion
Mrs Muir	School Business Manager
Mrs Barker	Office Manager
Mr Hutchinson	Site Manager

Early Years Foundation Stage

Nursery: Mrs Callaghan, Mrs Ellis (NNEB) and Mrs Brownbill (Teaching Assistant)
Reception M: Miss McMahon and Mrs Paul (Teaching Assistant)
Reception H: Miss Harrison and Mrs Fraine (Teaching Assistant)
EYFS Lunchtime Welfare Staff: Miss E Treanor, Miss Nairn and Ms Ginn

Key Stage One

Year 1: Mrs Matthews and Mrs Fillingham (Teaching Assistant)
Year 1: Mrs Leyland, Mrs Rabbitte and Ms Treanor (Teaching Assistants)
Year 2: Ms Wilson, Ms Barker and Miss Fairhurst (Teaching Assistants)
Year 2: Miss Leggott and Mrs Treanor (Teaching Assistant)

Lower Key Stage Two

Year 3: Ms Burgwin/Mrs Begum and Mrs Blood (Teaching Assistant)
Year 3: Mrs Lee and Mrs Pickles (Teaching Assistant)
Year 4: Mrs Riley
Year 4: Ms Fletcher (covering Miss Roberts) & Miss Nicholls (Teaching Assistant)

Upper Key Stage Two

Year 5: Mrs Hopkins & Miss Lewis (Teaching Assistant)
Year 5: Mrs Hampson & Mrs Griffin (Teaching Assistant)
Year 6: Ms Cunningham
Year 6: Mrs Edwards and Mrs Lewis (Teaching Assistant)

Resourced Provision for pupils with Moderate Learning Difficulties

Mrs Belcher and Mrs Hyde (HLTA)

PE Staff

Miss Pollitt and Mrs Dragisic

Dates for Your Diary



4th and 5th October: Year 4 trip to Manchester Museum



16th to 20th October: Year 6 residential trip to Lledr Hall



16th to 19th October: Year 5 Bike - Right safe cycling course

3rd November – Individual School Photographs – only for children that attend Monton Green Primary School.



Wednesday 1st November 6.00 – 7.00 p.m.: Online Safety for Parents led by Mawuli Amesu from Salford Children's Services – this is an essential meeting for all parents - come along and find out how you can ensure you are keeping your children safe online.



Monday 6th November: 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Parents' Drop In – all classes

This is an opportunity to call in to class to look at your child's work books and have an informal chat with the class teacher.

Our first full Parent/Teacher Meetings will take place in the week commencing 8th January – after our autumn term assessments have been completed. If you have any concerns about children's learning, please remember that teachers are always available to meet with you by appointment at a mutually convenient time.



Christmas Festivities at Monton Green

Saturday 2nd December: PTA Christmas Fair

Friday 8th December: Key Stage 1 Christmas Disco 6.00 – 7.15 p.m.

Tuesday 12th December: Nursery and Reception Christmas Concert Afternoon

Wednesday 13th December: Nursery and Reception Christmas Concert Afternoon

Thursday 14th December: Year 1 Christmas Concert Day

Friday 15th December: Year 2 Christmas Concert Day

Friday 15th December: Key Stage 2 Christmas Discos – Y3 & Y4 6.00 to 7.15 p.m.

Y5 & Y6 7.30 to 8.45 p.m.

Monday 18th December: Nursery & Reception Christmas Party

Key Stage 1 Pantomime trip

Tuesday 19th December: Key Stage 1 Christmas Parties

Wednesday 20th December: Key Stage 2 class based Christmas celebration afternoon

Autumn Term Holiday Dates

Half term: School closes on Thursday 19th October and re-opens on Monday 30th October

Christmas Holidays: School closes on Wednesday 20th December and re-opens on Thursday 4th January 2018.

School Meals/Packed Lunches KS 2

If you plan to change the meal arrangements for your child please give us one week's notice and either, let us know in writing or speak to Mrs Muir.

Health and Safety Reminders

Please drive slowly in the vicinity around school – showing regard for the safety of parents and children who are walking to school.



Please park your car with consideration for our neighbours and with regard for the parking restrictions, especially around Orchard Mount – I'm sure you would not tolerate members of the public blocking your drive so please don't park across our neighbours' drives/roads.



Please behave with courtesy towards children, other parents and our neighbours – verbal aggression is unacceptable and will result in a referral to the CPSO – it also damages the reputation of our school community and sets a poor example for our children!

We close our school gates at 8.45 to 9.10 a.m. and 3.15 – 3.45 p.m. to protect pedestrians who need to access school via the main office. Parents should not drive onto the school site.

Focus on Friendship

I'm pleased to tell you that Mawuli Amesu will be returning to school to run Friendship Sessions for our new Y3 pupils. These sessions help the children to focus on the skills needed to be a good friend and most importantly, they remind children about online friends and online safety. The sessions form an important part of the children's personal education and will take place on 2nd, 9th and 16th November.



Bags in School

- Can you help us to keep your child's coat clean this autumn and ease cloakroom congestion?
- **Please send children to school with a reading book bag and a draw string PE bag rather than a backpack!**

As our pupil numbers increase, we need all our cloakroom spaces for children's coats. Beautiful though they may be, backpacks make it impossible for children to hang up their coats - which usually fall off the peg, get walked on and become a tripping hazard!

Children only need:

- A reading-book bag that will fit in their tray – these will hold reading books and homework folders.
- A draw string bag for PE kit/swimming kit – these are great because they hang below the coats and do not knock them off.



Charity Fund Raising

Well done to our Y4 girls – Devin, Libby, Eden, Leia and Marni who organised a cake stall in the Lower Juniors and raised a fantastic £65.25 for Animals in Distress.

Well done also to Hannah, Grace, Mason and Raffi who ran a 'Guess the Teddy Bear's Name' competition and raised £9.00 – also for Animals in Distress.

The children and their parents would like to thank you for your generous support!

Sophie, Eleanor and Erin in Year 6 are organising our school's participation in the Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal – a letter about how you can get involved has already been emailed out to you

Please remember – the deadline is 31st October 2017

Work in classes this half term

Mrs Belcher's Class News

Our English lessons this term will focus on the setting of 'The Isle of Struay' from the Katie Morag stories by Mairi Hedderwick. We will be reading and writing descriptions of settings.

In Maths, we will begin to look at the Place Value of numbers. Comparing, ordering and estimating numbers of various sizes.

Forces is our Science topic and in Geography we will be looking at the UK. Jigsaw lessons will focus on the whole school element of 'Being Me in my World'. In RE we will be exploring the question 'What makes some places sacred?'

PE for your child is Swimming on a Tuesday morning.

Please ensure your child brings their reading book to school every day.

Many thanks for your support

Mrs Belcher

Mrs Hyde

Early Years Foundation Stage

A new school year begins! We would like to welcome all new parents to school and welcome back those who are returning.

The Early Years team are very pleased with how well the children have settled into their new classes and how much they are enjoying school – thank you for your support with this.

As we start the autumn term the topic in **Reception** is 'Ourselves.' This will cover a range of areas, both indoors and outdoors including; painting portraits, learning about the different homes people live in and how we change over time. Making relationships is also a key focus this half term as the children develop their new friendships.

All Reception children should now have a reading book and will read every week with their class teacher. Books can be changed throughout the week, rather than a specific day as is necessary. When reading, please focus on encouraging the children to use Phonics to segment and blend phonetically regular words c/a/t – cat. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

In **Nursery**, now that we have settled in and made lots of new friends, our topic over the next few weeks will be "Into the Woods!" We will be learning all about Autumn, about the falling leaves, conkers and seeds, and autumnal weather. We will be reading lots of stories such as "Little Red Riding Hood" , "The Three Bears" and "Leaf Man" . We will also be learning all about the Hindu festival of Diwali.

We are fortunate to have a well-resourced outside area which the children access throughout the seasons. Please send in a labeled pair of wellingtons for your child in preparation for the weather becoming colder and wetter. Additionally, please label any items of uniform, particularly cardigans and jumpers, so they are easily identifiable.

It has been lovely to read the children's 'Proud notes' and to celebrate their successes outside of school. The notes will continue to be available at the door in the morning and after school alongside our Piggy Banks – we are very grateful for any donations received.

Nursery Funding – Thank you to all the parents who have applied for the 30 hours funding under the new Government initiative. This funding stream is very important to the school. If your child is in Nursery and you have not yet applied, please see the school office on how to apply.

Infant News

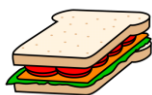
Here we are at the start of a new school year - it was lovely to meet so many parents at the drop in sessions we held recently.

Year 1

Reading in Year 1

The children take part in daily phonics lessons learning to sound out and blend letters into words. It is vital to your child's reading progress that they practise applying these skills in their own reading books by reading at home. Please read with your child at least three times a week.

Topics



Our first topic is 'Ourselves'. The children will begin by learning about the parts of the body and keeping our bodies healthy. Children in Year 1 will learn about healthy food and make a healthy sandwich. As well as stories linked to this topic, the children will learn how to find information in non-fiction books and use simple recipes.

In History, Year 1 children will learn about how they have changed since they were babies - get those baby pictures ready! And in Geography they will make simple maps based on the school environment.

In Art the Year 1 children will learn how to mix secondary colours and how to change colours and paint carefully.

In RE the children will learn about what it means to 'belong' and then continue to develop this understanding by learning about belonging to a faith.

Mrs Leyland's PE day is Tuesday

Mrs Matthews' PE day is Wednesday

PE kit is a white T-shirt, stretchy navy blue shorts and pumps or trainers.

Just a quick reminder - homework is due back in school on Tuesday. Also, when you read with your child during the week could you please make a quick note in their reading record.

Thank you



Children continue to take part in daily Maths and English lessons. As part of the Maths learning the children will be learning the 10 times table up to 10x12, this is something you can practise at home. We are putting a big focus on spelling this year so, if you want to help at home, you can play spelling games with your child.

Our first topic is 'healthy me'. The children will build on the work they did in Year 1 and will learn about the main food groups and how much of the different food groups to eat using the 'eat well plate' As part of this work, the children will design and make a healthy fruit salad or fruit kebabs. Our English work will be based around stories and non-fiction books with a healthy theme. Later in the term, the children will learn about The Gunpowder Plot in History and in Geography they will learn the names and location of the capital cities of the countries in Great Britain.

In Art lessons, the children will paint their own portraits and also learn about some artists famous for painting and drawing portraits e.g. Leonardo Da Vinci and the Mona Lisa portrait.

In RE the children will learn about what it means to 'belong' and then continue to develop this understanding by learning about belonging to different faiths.

In computing the children will learn simple programming and de-bugging skills.

Year 2's PE day is Thursday

PE kit is a white T-shirt, stretchy navy blue shorts and pumps or trainers.

Just a quick reminder - **homework** is due back in school on **Tuesday**.

Homework should take approximately 15 minutes for each piece.

Spelling tests will be on Tuesday. Also, when you read with your child during the week could you please make a quick note in their reading record.

Thank you

Lower Juniors News

Welcome back to another school year. The children have settled back well and made a good start with their learning.



Year 3

The Year 3 children will be learning about The Ancient Greeks. To bring this learning to life we have organised for Tempis Fugit – a living history drama company to visit school and perform as an Ancient Greek storyteller. In English the focus will be Greek myths and then report writing. Using their knowledge of Greek myths, the children will design and make a traditional Greek vase in Art.

Our Science topic is electricity and the children will make simple circuits. They will then use their science knowledge and apply it to their DT project.

Our RE work in Year 3 will be based around the question 'What is it like to be a Christian in Britain today?'

Spelling and grammar will be taught regularly and will continue to be a focus for homework. Maths homework will consolidate learning done in class throughout the week and most importantly, Year 3 children need to learn the multiplication tables so that they are ready for the Government's newly introduced times tables test at the end of Year 4 (the first test will take place in spring 2019). We also ask that you continue to read with your child at home on a regular basis.

PE is on Wednesdays for Mrs Begum's and Miss Burgwin's class.

Swimming is on Tuesdays for Mrs Lee's class.



Year 4

In Year 4 we are starting our year with an all-time favourite - The Ancient Egyptians. The children will find out about life in Ancient Egypt and, of course, about the pyramids, tombs and mummies. This subject will also be the focus for our English work. To support this learning we have organised a trip to the Manchester Museum to take part in their Egyptian workshop. This topic, and the story of Moses, will also be the stimulus for our Art lessons.

The children will be using non-fiction books and stories with an Egyptian theme to develop their reading and writing skills. Spelling and grammar will be taught regularly and will continue to be a focus for homework. Maths homework will consolidate work done in class and we ask that you help children to learn the times tables facts at home.

In Science our topic is materials. The children will be learning about solids, liquids and gases. They will also be learning about rocks; focusing on the properties of hardness and permeability.

We will continue with our Jigsaw lesson starting with work about being a good class member, team building and being a good member of our school community. In RE the children will be learning about the Hindu religion.

PE will be on Mondays.



Welcome to The Upper Junior Department.

This half term, we will be using both Fiction and Non-Fiction texts to teach aspects of reading and writing in our English lessons, where the children will be learning to write stories with an Outer Space focus. Guided and/or individual reading will take place weekly for each child - please continue to hear your child read at home regularly, discuss new vocabulary with them, ask your child questions about the text, and comment in your child's reading record. Please help your child to remember to bring their school Reading Book and Reading Record into school each day. Spelling is taught daily as part of our English lessons and Handwriting lessons will take place on a weekly basis.

In Maths lessons this half term, Year 5 children will learn about the Place Value of large and decimal numbers before moving on to learn about addition and subtraction, and 2D shape. Please continue to help your child to learn and practise their times tables facts up to and including 12 x 12 at home.

In our Science lessons, Y5 children will learn all about different types of forces. They will take part in investigations to find out about the strength of forces and learn about how different forces act together or against each other.

PE lessons this half term will focus on the children playing team sports with Miss Pollitt and taking part in Dance with staff from Salford Reds. Both Mrs Hampson's class and Mrs Hopkins' class will have P.E. on Tuesday morning. It is essential that children have their PE kits in school on the correct day - plain white tee-shirt and plain blue shorts or jogging bottoms, and pumps or trainers. Please help your child to remember these.

As part of our topic work, Year 5 children will learn about The British Isles in Geography, focusing on physical features such as counties, rivers and coast-lines.

In RE we will be finding out why some people believe that God exists. Our PSHEC topic is the first puzzle in our Jigsaw scheme and is all about 'Being Me In My World'. Through these lessons, children will be finding out about rights and responsibilities. In Music, we will be exploring texture, pitch and pulse through 80's rock anthems. We will be learning the names of different animals and colours in French and in Computing, we will be creating our own program using Scratch. In addition to this, Year 5 children will take part in 'Bikeability' road safety lessons during the week beginning 16th October.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Hampson and Mrs Hopkins.



Year 6

Welcome back to The Upper Junior Department.

This half term, in our English lessons, we will be teaching the children to use figurative language to create imagery in their writing, using Roald Dahl's 'Boy' as inspiration. Guided and/or individual reading will take place in lessons daily - please continue to hear your child read at home regularly, discuss new vocabulary with them, ask your child questions about the text, and comment in your child's reading record. Please help your child to remember to bring their school Reading Book and Reading Record into school each day. Spelling is taught daily as part of our English lessons.

In Maths lessons this half term, we will be focusing initially on place value and securing children's knowledge of how the number system works. Please continue to help your child to learn and regularly practise their times tables facts up to and including 12 x 12 at home.

In our Science lessons this half term, Year 6 children will learn about Electricity. They will learn how to construct circuits, make switches and vary a circuit's output by changing components.

We will be teaching the children to describe and compare places through our Geography lessons about two areas in the U.K: Snowdonia and Salford. This work will link closely to work carried out during our residential visit to Lledr Hall in October.

In Computing, year six pupils will be learning all about mobile apps, and will start to plan and create their own Android based app.

In French, the children will be learning the days of the week and the months of the year.

PE lessons this half term classes will be Sports-hall Athletics and Karate. Miss Cunningham's PE class will take part in PE on a Friday, and Mrs Edwards' class will have their lessons on a Wednesday. It is essential that all children have their PE kits in school on the correct day - plain white tee-shirt and plain blue shorts or jogging bottoms, and pumps or trainers. Please help your child to remember these.

Our RE work will investigate how different people show their commitment to God, and our PSHE topic is called *Being Me In My World*. Through these lessons, the children will be learning all about the rights and responsibilities of global citizens.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Edwards and Miss Cunningham.

SPORTS NEWS

JP football league 2017/18



The Monton Green footballers played in the grading tournament at Salford Sports Village. Both 7 a-side Monton Green teams played some great team football and both teams will be playing in the 1st division this year. 26 teams have entered the league this year.



Online Safety Newsletter

September 2017

A date for your diary

Do you want the latest updates about how to keep your children safe online?

Come along to our Online Safety talk for parents on Wednesday 1st November at 6.00 p.m.

Important information to remember about Online Safety

- Have the conversation with the children early and often about how to go online safely
- Explore online together – (allow them to teach you how to browse!)
- Know who your child is talking to online at all times
- Set rules and agree boundaries
- Make sure that content is age-appropriate
- Use parental controls to filter, restrict, monitor or report content (Call O2 support 0808 800 5002) www.o2.co.uk/digital-family
- Check they know how to use privacy setting and reporting tools

For more information: www.thinkyouknow.co.uk/parents
www.Internetmatters.org/parentalcontrol

- To help remove content online (contact Revengeporn Helpline 08456000458) who will help you to take down anything that has been posted on the web which you would like to remove.
- Watch this animation on youtube about how children must not give personal details online. **Lee and Kim adventureAnimal magic**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NxYily6t4LQ&feature=player_embedded

-  Use Kids you tube for the children

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- Have a look at lots of helpful information on NSPCC site (<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>)
- www.o2.co.uk/digital-family
- CEOP guidance video for secondary age young people;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uJOXOAQ9Qo>

Snap Chat – Safety Concerns

Did you know that Snapchat's latest update, as of June 2017, is a location-sharing feature called Snap Map?

This feature has prompted some concern from parents and professionals working with children over privacy, and who can find out the exact location of their children as you don't need to be friends with a user for them to see where you are.

To combat this, users can specify who they share their whereabouts with - all their friends or just a select few. They can even set it to 'ghost mode', where they can see where others are without sharing their own location.

Thinkuknow - the education programme of The National Crime Agency's child protection command CEOP - has created a guide for parents and carers to help them understand the functions and features of Snapchat and ways to help young people stay safe while using it. It can be found at:

CEOP's comprehensive guides to Snapchat and social media:

<http://parentinfo.org/taxonomy/term/152>

<http://parentinfo.org/taxonomy/term/161>

Thinkuknow Parent's Guide to Snapchat: <http://parentinfo.org/article/snapchat-a-parents-guide>