

# Newsletter 15

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**Happy new year and welcome back**

We hope that you enjoyed a good Christmas break and that you enjoyed the festivities that went with this. The children have returned fresh and ready to learn throughout another exciting, learning packed term. We began 2019 with looking at our school values, known as 'The Monkfield Way' with all of the children in assembly on Monday. To remind you these are:

-We look after ourselves, each other and the environment

-We try our best in everything we do

-We are confident and responsible people

-We love learning together

-We are respectful and tolerant of others

There will be a focus on these in school over the coming weeks and we will begin replacing our school rules with the values from The Monkfield Way, once they have been explored further with the children. We discussed many things that can be 'valuable' as opposed to those which have personal value to us as individuals and which cannot be bought with money. Many children reflected that their friends, families and pets are valuable to them and that the Monkfield Way values shapes how we would like all children in our school to be, so we all aspire to these.

**Attendance information**

The Autumn term is notorious for bugs and viruses circulating amongst children. Despite this, we managed to improve our attendance levels upon the previous Autumn term by a total of 16 children. This means that in total, **121 children** managed to attend school every day and on time for the entire Autumn term, this school year. That is a remarkable feat, in light of the many illnesses that have been lurking around. These 121 children will be receiving a certificate this week and had a special mention in assembly. We took advice such as getting enough sleep, drinking plenty of water, eating healthily and washing our hands with soap frequently, so that we are all able to give ourselves the best chance of gaining 100% attendance this term.

Congratulations also go to the class with the best attendance in the Autumn term—this award goes to Phoenix class who achieved a combined 97.65% and were followed closely by Aquila class with 97.33%. Third place goes to Lacerta class who managed 97.27%. Phoenix class will be rewarded with extra golden time this week. The race is now on to see if anyone can topple Phoenix class throughout the Spring term.

**Healthy Eating hints and tips**

**Slow it down**

Eating slowly is great for weight control at any age. It's a fantastic way to show children that it takes about 20 minutes for the message that they are full to get from their stomachs to their brains.

It is important for children to learn to slow down and chew their food properly, aiding good digestion.



**Reminder about play equipment**

Please, please do not permit your pre school or school aged child to play on the outdoor equipment around the school whilst waiting for children to be dismissed from the classroom. The equipment is only to be used under the direction of school staff. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.



# Headteacher Roll of Honour

Alastair in Orange Class—Alastair’s progress in reading and writing is soaring! He is able to write accurate and interesting sentences using his sounds and some of the common words.

Kieran in Indigo Class—Kieran showed very good listening in assembly this week and has used his knowledge to begin practising the ‘Monkfield Way’ values. Thank you Kieran.

## Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you three words that remind them of Winter.

Ask your Year 1 child to name the four seasons.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you a fact about Hurricane Katrina.

Ask your Year 3 child to describe one of the characters from James and the Giant Peach.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain the difference between mains powered and battery powered items.

Ask your Year 5 child what a concept map is.

Ask your Year 6 child who their inspiration is and why.

## Forthcoming dates

w/c 14th January—Challenger tuck shop

25th January at 9am—Lacerta Class assembly

1st February at 9am—Columba Class assembly

w/c 4th February—Book Week

4th February—Parent consultations for Violet Class only

12th February at 10am—Year 2 Spring performance

13th February at 2pm—Year 2 Spring performance

13th February at 9.30am—Reception ‘Come & Share’

14th February—Parent consultations for Violet Class only

15th February—LAST DAY OF HALF TERM, CHILDREN RETURN

### **25TH FEBRUARY**

w/c 4th March—Discovery tuck shop

13th—20th March—Book fair

15th March—Red Nose Day

21st March at 9.30am—Reception ‘Come & Share’

22nd March at 9am—Blue class assembly

26th March at 4pm—Year 4 Burwell House

information evening

27th March—Reception & Year 6 height & weight

checks

28th March—Parent consultations

2nd April—Parent consultations

3rd April at 2pm—Year 5 performance

4th April at 6pm—Year 5 performance

5th April—LAST DAY OF TERM, CHILDREN RETURN

### **23RD APRIL**