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E-safety week at Monkfield Park

Over the course of this week, your child has been focusing on staying safe online as part of our e-safety week. They have been talking about their personal online presence and what it 'really' means to post something online. They have been learning about not sharing passwords, who to report their concerns to if they are upset by something they have seen or that has been written, how to spot spoof emails, along with not sharing personal information with 'friends' they have met online.



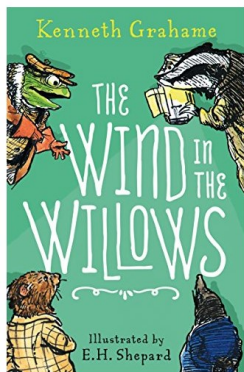
Do you ask your child regularly about what they do when online? Do you ask who they are talking to in chat rooms or when they are playing games? It's important to ask your child these questions and find out the answers. If you have any concerns about the risks your child may face online please look on the school website for useful links about where to seek further help and guidance. You may also wish to visit two informative and current websites which provide advice about children's online activity. They are: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> and <https://parentzone.org.uk/>

Head Lice

Although we have only been back in school for a short while, we have already had cases of head lice reported to us. We would appreciate your co-operation in managing this by checking your child's hair regularly and carefully, and treating where necessary. There is no need to buy expensive treatments, as it is more effective to use a lice comb to remove any live lice as well as eggs. Please don't forget that the whole family needs to be checked and that bedding should be thoroughly washed. More information and support can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

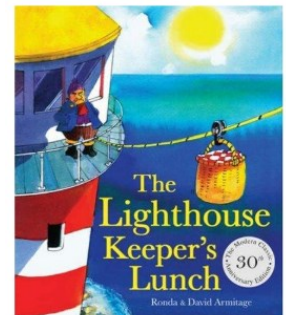
Monkfield Park recommended reads

Most adults have fond memories of reading favourite books as children. With their busy online lives, I often wonder how many children will be able to reflect upon favourite books with the same affection in years to come. It can be difficult to know which books can engage and captivate children's imaginations, fuel their curiosity and provide new and exciting vocabulary to roll around their tongues. With this in mind, we will be adding a fortnightly feature to our newsletter which includes details of 'recommended reads' for Key Stage 1 and 2 children. If you visit school, you will also shortly be seeing a display illustrating a 'recommended read' from a school adult. Why not take some time to immerse your child (and even indulge yourself) in the new world that reading opens up?



Key Stage 1 recommended read—The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch by Ronda and David Armitage

Key Stage 2 recommended read—The Wind in the Willows



Mrs Jarman

Headteacher Roll of Honour

Jacob in Lacerta Class—Jacob has seen the arrival of a new member of his class as a really positive thing. His welcoming and kind hearted nature has been evident and appreciated by all.

Hollie in Pegasus Class—Hollie has been inspiring other children to learn our 20 year celebration song, through her wonderful commitment to learning the words and tune.

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to draw a portrait of someone in their family.

Ask your Year 1 child to use the words 'greater, more than, less than, fewer' to compare two numbers.

Ask your Year 2 child about coding.

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you why mummification was so important to the Egyptians.

Ask your Year 4 child what the difference is between vertebrates and invertebrates.

Ask your Year 5 child to tell you their version of The Great Kapok Tree.

Ask your Year 6 child to describe the position of countries in the world using longitude and latitude.

REQUEST FOR LARGE BLANKETS

We are in need of a number of large blankets for our 20th birthday celebration afternoon which is taking place next Friday 27th September. The children are going to enjoy a whole school picnic on the field over the course of the afternoon. If you are able to donate a blanket that you no longer need, please drop it off at the school office by next Thursday 26th September. Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

FORTHCOMING DATES

w/c 23rd September—Monkfield Park 20 year celebrations	28th October—Children return to school
24th September at 6pm—ReadWrite Inc. information evening for Reception & Year 1 parents	8th November at 9am—Indigo Class assembly
w/c 30th September—Harvest Festival week	w/c 11th November—Anti bullying week
30th September—Indigo Class to visit Woolsthorpe Manor	14th November—Year 3 visit the Saatchi Gallery
1st October—Violet Class to visit Woolsthorpe Manor	14th November at 4.30pm—Reception Maths evening
w/c 30th September—Year 6 Bikeability	9th December—Flu vaccinations
3rd October—KS2 Talent show	10th December at 2pm—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert
4th October at 9am—Lacerta Class assembly	11th December at 10am—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert
10th October 5-7.30pm—Parent consultation evening	12th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity (corrected)
11th October at 9am—Green Class assembly	12th December at 6pm—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert
14th October—Individual photographs (date change)	13th December at 10am—Year 1 Nativity
15th October 4-6pm—Parent consultation evening (new date added)	16th December—Christmas Crafternoon
21st—25th October—HALF TERM	17th December—Christmas lunch
	18th December—LAST DAY OF TERM
	19th December—2nd January 2020—CHRISTMAS BREAK
	3rd January 2020—INSET day (SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN)
	6th January 2020—Children return

Upcoming workshops.

Facilitated by your Early Intervention Family Workers.

Aimed at offering parents and carer's of children aged 4-16 years a supportive and informal environment, in which to talk about different parenting and behaviour topics.

Screen time Battles – Comberton Village College

Monday 7^h October 6pm-7:30pm.

Screen time Battles – Cambourne Village College

Monday 28th October 6pm-7:30pm.

Understanding Challenging Behaviour – Comberton Village College

Monday 4th November 6-7:30pm.

Understanding Challenging Behaviour – Cambourne Village College

Monday 18th November 6-7:30pm.

Effective Discipline – Comberton Village College

Monday 25th November 6-7:30pm.

Building resilience and increasing confidence – Comberton Village College

Monday 2nd December 6-7:30pm.

Building resilience and increasing confidence – Cambourne Village College

Monday 9th December 6-7:30pm

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