

# Newsletter 19

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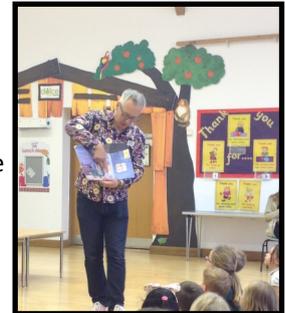
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## Book Week at Monkfield Park

Book Week 2019 has been amazing! We kicked off the week in assembly with teachers sharing their favourite books. Roald Dahl and Julia Donaldson books were popular with teachers and children alike.

We then had the author of the award winning book 'There's a Pig up my Nose', 'The Stinkbomb' and 'Ketchup-Face' series (amongst many others!) visit and he shared his stories and experience of writing books with us. John Dougherty amazed the children with his guitar playing skills and shared some 'theme tunes' of his books, which greatly enthused and inspired the children. John told us how he took inspiration for his books from the children he used to teach and from simple things his own children used to do. He chatted to children and signed many copies of his books after school on Monday too.



Throughout the week, children across the school have been involved in the 'Lost Word Project' which highlights common natural world vocabulary and uses detailed artwork to illustrate these words that have been removed from the dictionary such as conker, otter and dandelion!

## Healthy Eating hints and tips

### **Don't give up**

Research shows that most young children need to try something new seven to ten times before they like it. So don't be afraid to introduce children to new or more exotic tastes. A good tactic to get children to eat a wide variety of foods is to tell them that tasting new things is a sign they're growing up. Or, take them shopping and let them choose a new, healthy food to serve at home with something they already like.



## Governing Body news

Following the resignation of the Chair of Governors from the Governing Body in the Autumn term, I am pleased to inform you that Susan Palmer has been elected as the new Chair. Sharon McLaughlin has been elected as Vice Chair.

## Year 3 Anglo Saxons

Children in Year 3 ventured back to Anglo Saxon times this week, as they learnt about this significant time period through a range of fact finding activities and fun role play. They took part in a feast where they learnt about the many seasonal and foraged for dishes of the time, dressed as characters of that period. They also looked at articles which had been dug up in the local area from this historical time, including bones, pots, tools and jewellery. The children tried their hand at some cross stitching and created some tricky decoding using Anglo Saxon runes! Thank you to the parents who were able to help us with this engaging day.



# Headteacher Roll of Honour

Rebecca in Delphinus Class—Rebecca has learnt to embrace percentages!!!! Your efforts and resilient approach have not gone unnoticed Rebecca, well done!

Nada in Lacerta Class—Nada showed great confidence in telling us about how she earned her final merit for her chart. Well done for being so brave!

### Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to describe a planet that can be found in space.

Ask your Year 1 child to retell the story of the Chinese New Year.

Ask your Year 2 child to name any 'lost words'.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain what the acronym BLAST stands for when creating a bar chart.

Ask your Year 4 child what they most enjoyed about the author visit.

Ask your Year 5 child what an acrostic poem is and how it is relevant to our learning this week.

Ask your Year 6 child to tell you what their 'lost word' is and to tell you their journey.

### Forthcoming dates

12th February at 10am—Year 2 Spring performance

13th February at 2pm—Year 2 Spring performance

13th February at 9.30am—Reception 'Come & Share'  
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

only

27th March—Reception & Year 6 height & weight 14th  
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

### SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2019/2020

#### 2019

Training Day Wednesday 4 September (school closed to children)

Autumn Term Opens Thursday 5 September

Half Term 21 October – 25 October

Autumn Term Closes Wednesday 18 December

#### 2020

Training Day Monday 6 January (school closed to children)

Spring Term Opens Tuesday 7 January

Half Term 17 - 21 February

Spring Term Closes Wednesday 1 April

Summer Term Opens Monday 20 April

May Day Monday 4 May

Half Term 25 May – 29 May

Training Day Monday 1 June (school closed to children)

Summer Term Closes Friday 17 July

Training Day Monday 20 July (school closed to children)

Training Day Tuesday 21 July (school closed to children)



### Celebrating Chinese New Year

Year 1 have been learning about the Chinese New Year. This year is the 'Year of the pig'! We have looked on a map to find where China is in the world. The children have made cards for one another and have been re-telling the story of how the years were named. On Wednesday, we were visited by Sue from Tatty Bumpkin. She taught us poses to represent some of the animals from the story, such as the dog, tiger, rat and ox. We could then use these poses to act out the story. The children all had great fun, thank you Sue.



### Resilience workshops

We frequently hear in the press that more children than ever before are suffering with anxiety and stress, which has a huge impact on their learning and their ability to cope with the demands of life in the twenty first century. It is so important that as adults we help children to develop resilience to promote their wellbeing and to help them develop strategies to deal with stress and anxiety.

On 6th March at 4.30pm, Sam Stacey from the Locality Team will be running a workshop in school for parents and carers on building resilience. We hope as many parents and carers as possible will be able to attend this practical and useful workshop.