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HAPPY BIRTHDAY MONKFIELD PARK!

It is time for celebration at Monkfield Park as we turn 20 this year. A week of celebration has been planned for week commencing 23rd September, which will be preceded after school on Friday 20th September with an Autumn fete, to mark this special occasion. Over the course of the celebrations, the whole school will be looking at its humble beginnings when only 5 children were enrolled at the school, who became affectionately known as 'the famous 5'. We will be exploring how Monkfield Park came to be the hub of the community, since it was the first community building to be constructed in Cambourne, initially operating out of an old farmhouse! As we share this auspicious event with the community old and new, each year group will be taking part in a number of activities aimed at 'giving back' to the Cambourne community. Examples of such things include creating bird boxes and mini beast hotels for local gardens, children visiting the residents of Cavendish Court to join in with crafting events and board games, creating a 'Cambourne rocks' trail, planting bulbs in the community, as well as taking part in a 'Cambourne clear up' in the form of a litter pick. The Care & Learning Centre pre-school will also be holding a teddy bears picnic. We are hopeful that the weather will permit a human '20' photograph to be taken by a drone, which will capture all of the current children in the school. Not only that, but the children have been rehearsing a song that has been written especially for an end of week party, to which we have invited past members of the Monkfield Park story. We look forward to telling you more about the festivities and hope that you will be able to make time to support us by attending the Autumn fete.

Mrs Jarman

Earrings and PE

Please be reminded that children are not permitted to wear earrings for physical education to ensure that they are safe to participate. For PE and sporting activities, children should either have their earrings removed at home for that day or should be able to remove them themselves. Staff are not permitted to cover earrings with tape. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Monkfield Park Art Gallery

Our budding artists have been busily creating their masterpieces this week in preparation for the art gallery which was open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after school for parents and carers to view and enjoy. The hall was filled with colour and artistic interpretations all based around our theme of 'celebration' for this year. If you haven't already collected your child's purchased artwork then this will be sent home via your child next week. If you'd still like to buy a piece and weren't able to make it to the gallery, please send in £1 to the school office in an envelope marked with your child's name and the words 'art gallery'.



Headteacher Roll of Honour

Amelie in Delphinus Class—Amelie has certainly started Year 6 off on the right foot. Her attention to presentation has been second to none. It is great to see her taking so much pride in her first pieces of work.

Samuel in Columba Class—Samuel's ability to read more complex texts has very much impressed me this week. He has obviously practised over the Summer break, which shows great dedication.

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you about an activity which they have loved doing this week at school.

Ask your Year 1 child to describe an animal from the story 'Dear Zoo'. How many adjectives can they think of.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you a fact about Roald Dahl.

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you about Egyptian gods by using comparative conjunctions.

Ask your Year 4 child what happened to the Italian city of Pompeii in 79AD?

Ask your Year 5 child to explain the rules of Quidditch.

Ask your Year 6 child to give a point, evidence and explanation for why they think Michael should or shouldn't travel around the world with his parents.

Aldi's Kit for Schools

*This term we're collecting Team GB stickers with **Aldi's Kit for Schools** for the chance to be one of 20 primary schools to win £20,000 to build a health legacy at our school! From 6 September–3 November, when you spend £30 or more in any Aldi store, you'll receive a special Team GB sticker – if our school works together to collect 300 stickers, we will automatically receive an exclusive school sports kit, in addition to entry into the £20,000 prize draw! Please send any stickers you receive into school with your children or deliver them to the school office and we will add them to our Aldi's Kit for Schools sticker poster.*

The Aldi's Kit for Schools campaign supports the aims of Get Set to Eat Fresh, Aldi and Team GB's award-winning school's programme, which has already beaten its target to reach 1.2 million young people in the UK by 2020, reaching over 1.5 million young people since its inception. Throughout the Autumn term, we will be trying out the Get Set to Eat Fresh fun and engaging resources to create healthy moments in assemblies and the classroom, alongside setting occasional take-home tasks and challenges. We hope everyone will enjoy collecting Team GB stickers and exploring healthy eating this term. We will keep everyone up to date with how many stickers we have collected, and how many we have to go!

If you want to find out more about Aldi's Kit for Schools you can visit [getseteatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools](https://www.getseteatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools), or get in touch with the school for more information on our plans. Thank you so much for your support on this project – we look forward to receiving any stickers you collect!



Stepping Stones

Starting Tuesday 1st October 9.30am – 12 midday

Running for 9 weeks (except half-term)

For parents of children with additional needs aged 2 – 11 years

Call 01954 286 012 to book your place

At Cambourne Blue School, CB23 6DZ

Parking available, limited crèche – please enquire for further details.

Run by family workers from South Cambridgeshire District team

Weeks 1 – 6 and 9 will be group sessions at the Blue School. Weeks 7 & 8 are by phone

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FORTHCOMING DATES

w/c 16th September—E-safety week

16th September—Reception children start full time

16th September 5.30pm—Meet the teacher evening

20th September—Autumn fete after school

w/c 23rd September—Monkfield Park 20 year celebrations
(more details to follow)

24th September at 6pm—ReadWrite Inc. information evening
for Reception & Year 1 parents

w/c 30th September—Harvest Festival week

30th September—Indigo Class to visit Woolsthorpe Manor

1st October—Violet Class to visit Woolsthorpe Manor

w/c 30th September—Year 6 Bikeability

2nd October—KS1 Talent show

3rd October—KS2 Talent show

4th October at 9am—Lacerta Class assembly

10th October 5-7.30pm—Parent consultation evening

11th October at 9am—Green Class assembly

14th October—Individual photographs (date change)

15th October 4-6pm—Parent consultation evening (new date
added)

21st—25th October—HALF TERM

28th October—Children return to school

8th November at 9am—Indigo Class assembly

w/c 11th November—Anti bullying week

14th November—Year 3 visit the Saatchi Gallery

14th November at 4.30pm—Reception Maths evening

9th December—Flu vaccinations

10th December at 2pm—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

11th December at 10am—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

12th December at 2pm—Year 2 Nativity

12th December at 6pm—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

13th December at 10am—Year 1 Nativity

16th December—Christmas Crafternoon

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