



# MONKHOUSE MESSENGER SEPTEMBER 2018

## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the new school year and a special warm welcome to new children and families who join us in all year groups across school. We are delighted to welcome new children to Nursery and Reception.

### Entrance to the school building – Reception – Year 6

The main doors onto the school yard are open from 8.45am Monday – Friday. As children arrive onto the yard, we ask that they make their way to the appropriate entrance door as this ensures a calm and orderly entrance into school.

Door closest to Marden School	Middle doorway	Door closest to the outdoor gym equipment
Year One and Year Three	Reception & Year Three	Year 2, 4, 5 & 6

### Exit from the school building - Reception – Year 6

The children will exit from the same doors as they enter. Could we ask all parents and carers of Reception to Year 2, to **stand well back from the door areas** so that staff and children can more easily see everyone at the end of the day. This speeds up the safe handover at the end of the day.

## STAFFING UPDATE

We offer a warm welcome to Mrs Williams who is working with Yr 4, Miss Young and Miss Dudding who are working with Yr 6. Congratulations to Miss Ivanova, who was married recently. Her married name is Mrs Bowmer.

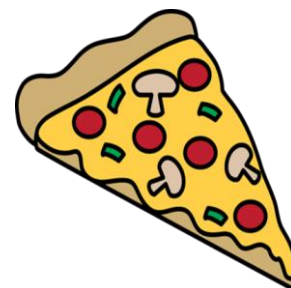
We will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Hogg, our Business Manager, who will be retiring at the end of October.

## FUNDAY LUNCH THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2018

Catering services are holding another fun meal day on Thursday 4th October. The menu for that day will change from the usual meal plan – see below for menu

### FUN LUNCH MENU

- Pizza : margherita, pepperoni or tuna & sweetcorn
- Served with fries
- Served with a selection of salads and fries
- Ice cream sundae
- Juice drink



### How can I pay for my child's meal?

All children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals and will not have to pay for their meal. If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 the cost of the Funday Lunch will be £2.20 unless your child is entitled to free school meals. You can pay for school meals online at [www.joinos.com](http://www.joinos.com).

### How can I set up a Joinos Account ?

To make a one off payment you will need a joinos account. Please send an email to [catering.services@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:catering.services@northtyneside.gov.uk) with your child's name, year group, school and any special dietary requirements. Go to [www.joinos.com](http://www.joinos.com). And in the "Joinos code" section on the home screen, follow the steps to create your profile which will be linked to your child.

## COULD YOUR CHILD BE MISSING OUT? Nursery – Yr 6 PUPIL PREMIUM = Extra funds for school

To see if your child is eligible is an easy process and it does not entail lengthy forms you can ring the Local Authority on 0191 6432288 and a decision is given instantly. The criteria has changed in recent years and even parents who work may be eligible. We urge you to check.

Funding for our school is very important as it helps improve the facilities and learning environment for our children. All Reception to Yr 2 children receive a free school meal through the Universal Meal Entitlement. THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING CRITERIA FOR SCHOOL. Our school will receive extra funding for those children (Nursery – yr 6) that are **eligible** for free school meals even if they are receiving a free lunch in KS1.

**EXTRA GOVERNMENT FUNDING (Armed forces or children adopted from care)** Schools also receive extra Government funding for a parent that is or has served in the forces or for a child in school who is adopted. Please contact school and all personal information will be held in the strictest confidence.

## SLIMMING WORLD

Slimming World will be holding sessions in the Out of School Club every Tuesday 6:30 – 9:00pm if anyone would like to join. There are leaflets in the main school entrance.

## PUPIL TEAMS

As part of our work on equality and British values, individual children have been presenting their ideas on they feel they could represent their class as a pupil leader or eco warrior. Following this, each class manages a simple voting system so that it is age appropriate, fair and democratic. We are very proud of the skills and maturity our children show when they stand up and present their ideas to their classmates. Well done to everyone.

## PE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 1 Year 2 Year 3	Year 4 Reception Year 2	Reception Year 5 & 6 Year 3	Year 4 (Swimming) Year 1 Year 5 & 6	Year 6 *



**Year 3, 4, 5 & 6** – PE kits should be brought into school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday to be washed.

**Reception, Year 1 & 2** - PE kits should be brought into school on the first day of each half term and taken home on the last day. Teachers may send PE kits home if they need a wash throughout the term.

PE kits should be in a small draw string bag so that they fit in the locker / cloakroom area. **PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING.** If children do not have appropriate kit, a slip will come home indicating the kit that was missing. Please contact school if there is an issue with kit. A PE hoody can be purchased from the school office for outdoor use.

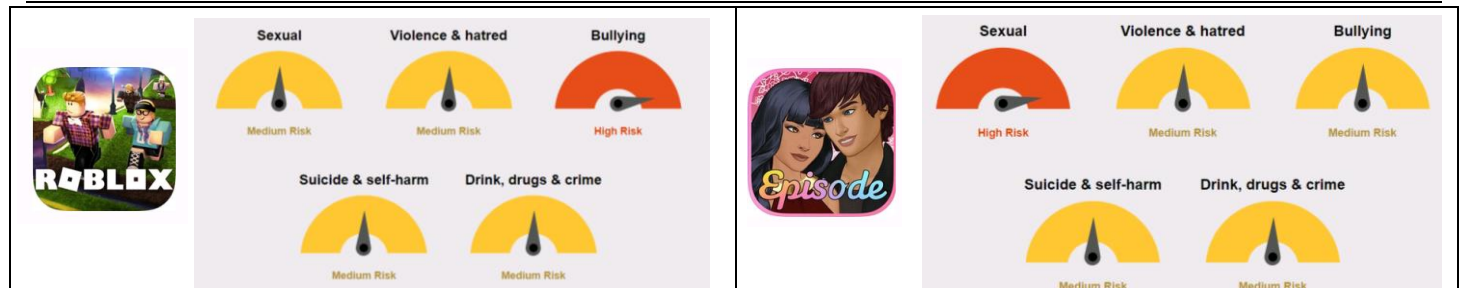
**Earrings - For health and safety reasons, children cannot take part in PE with earrings.** Children should be able to remove their own earrings for PE lessons or parents do this at home prior to coming to school on the days your child has PE. **For this reason we ask parents not to have children's ears pierced during the school year.**

## SAFEGUARDING E-SAFETY

We wanted to share with parents some important e-safety information. These are current and topical areas, which we thought should be highlighted to parents. The online world is always changing rapidly and we want everyone to be kept up to date of recent developments, fads and issues. Should you like to discuss any of this in more detail or have any questions then please let us know.

We would like to bring attention to our parents a website called Net Aware. Link: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> This website lets you look up apps that children may want or use and gives you their age rating and tells you if the content of that app is suitable for children and young people. Below are 2 apps that are popular with children and young people. Please check the APPs your child is using and ensure you know they are using them safely.

## IT IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT THAT PARENTS KNOW WHAT APPS YOUR CHILDREN ARE USING AND DOWNLOADING.



### ROBLOX – 7+ Rated App.

### Episode: Choose Your Story – 13+ Rated App

#### What do children and young people dislike about it?

10% of the children and young people who reviewed Roblox thought it was unsafe. The main things they told Net Aware they don't like about Roblox were:

- Receiving or seeing bullying messages in the chat
- Being contacted by people you don't know

#### What do children and young people dislike about it?

8% of the children and young people who reviewed Episode: Choose Your Story thought it was unsafe. The main things they told Net Aware they don't like about Episode: Choose Your Story were:

- There might be inappropriate or uncomfortable content in some of the episodes.
- The adverts that pop up

## TOOLKITS KS2

Children in KS2 ( Yr 3-6) are able to bring their own pencil case into school to use for their toolkit. It has been lovely to see the array of lovely designs on tables and we thank parents for their support. School will continue to provide the equipment for the toolkit and a pencil case should children not bring in their own.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Just to remind all parents that children are allowed to come school in their own choice of suitable clothes on their birthday or as near to their birthday as possible if it is on a weekend or in a holiday. This is a lovely way for the whole school community to celebrate their birthday with them.





### MILE CHALLENGE

Every Thursday at 10:30am Reception to Year 6 will take part in the Mile challenge as a promotion across North Tyneside.

Children should ensure they have their trainers and a water bottle in school that day. The Mile Challenge aims to get all children involved, wherein the children can walk, jog or run - all at their own pace.

### TOAST CLUB

Reception to Year 6 children are invited to take part in toast club on a Monday and Friday breaktime. Each child can buy a piece of toast for 20p to help raise money for outdoor equipment in school. Last year we raised enough money to purchase new school picnic tables. Children can bring 20p to school on Monday and Friday or parents can pay for the whole term which is £5.



### Little Dudes

Victoria Richards, is running her Little Dudes club again starting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. The club is an active toddler group for children aged 1-4. It will be hosted at our school in the lower school hall on Wednesdays from 10am 10:45am. Please contact her on [victoria@littledudes.co.uk](mailto:victoria@littledudes.co.uk) or 07766702824 to enquire or book.

### DISCUSSIONS WITH TEACHER

We recognise that at times, parents may have specific issues or concerns that they wish to discuss with class teachers only. If you wish to speak to them before school, our class teachers are available from 8:30-8.45, but from 8.45 they are in class. Alternatively, they are available after school. Our support staff are always available from 8.45am to take messages or pass information to the teachers at 8.55am.

### SMOKING AND DOGS ON SITE

Please can I remind all parents and carers that all council run sites are non-smoking and this include e-cigarettes. Please support the school and young people in not smoking anyone on our premises. In addition, we only allow guide dogs on the school site and ask all parents to ensure dogs are not brought into school, even if they are being carried.

### STAFF AND VISITOR ONLY CAR PARK - Supervision of children at the end of the school day

In the interests of safeguarding our children, and in minimising the risk of accidents, we ask that parents supervise their children at all times when leaving the school grounds. Please support us in discouraging climbing on the school gate and gateposts. A reminder for children who come to school on a bike or scooter that bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the yard, or on the path from the gate to the school yard.

### MEET OUR OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB STAFF

Our OOSC provides out of school child care for parents and carers. The staff gather regular feedback from the children and provide a variety of opportunities to ensure the sessions meet the needs of our children. The children tell us they enjoy the activities on offer. Sessions can be booked online or for last minute child care requirements by ringing school. For more information, contact the school office.



**Rob Molineux** OSC Coordinator  
**Cheryl Noble** Playworker

### Out of School Club Prices

<b>Breakfast Club</b>	7.30 – 8.45 a.m.	8.15 – 8.45 a.m.	
	<b>£5.00</b> with breakfast	<b>£2.00</b> without breakfast	
<b>After School Club</b> Snack Provided	3.30–4.30	3.30 – 5.30	3.30 – 6.00
	<b>£5.00</b>	<b>£7.50</b>	<b>£9.00</b>

### Foster care transforms lives

North Tyneside Council is passionate about the difference that foster care makes to the lives of children and young people. Foster care doesn't just transform the lives of the young people who are fostered; it also has the power to change the lives of foster carers, their families and all those who are involved in fostering.

North Tyneside Council's fostering service is seeking new foster carers. Without enough foster families who are willing and able to offer homes to children and young people, some will find themselves living a long way from family, school and friends, or being split up from brothers and sisters.



If you are thinking about fostering, please come along to one of our friendly open evening any time between 6pm and 8pm:

- Tuesday 25 September – North Shields Customer First Centre

You don't have to attend an open evening to get in touch, we're happy to visit you in your home at any time if you would prefer. To find out more: Email: [fostering@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@northtyneside.gov.uk) Tel: (0191) 643 2540

### SCHOOL WEBSITE AND TWITTER ACCOUNT

Please log on to [www.monkhouseprimary.co.uk](http://www.monkhouseprimary.co.uk) to access the site and a wealth of information about our school. Ever wondered what your child gets up to at school? Well wonder no more as we are bringing the classroom to you! We have set up a school Twitter account and individual class accounts to enable us to tweet about the exciting and engaging activities your child is taking part in. Please follow @Monkhouse1 for updates.



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

Year 2 at multi-skills festival at The Parks  
Class Photographs to be taken today  
**Reception** Parents/other families members are invited to come into school on at 3pm to read a story with your child  
Pizza Fun Lunch  
Year 1 & 2 visit to Discovery Museum  
Needle Free Flue Vaccination for Reception to Year 5 Children  
Choir at the Angel of the North Concert 6:30pm  
Y6 SATS week (please do not make appointments or book holidays on this date)

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**HOLIDAY DATES**

**School Closes**

**School Re-opens**

**AUTUMN TERM 2018**

**OCTOBER MID TERM** Friday 26th Oct 2018  
**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY** Friday 21st Dec 2018

Tuesday 4th Sept 2018  
Monday 5th Nov 2018  
Monday 7th Jan 2019

**SPRING TERM 2019**

**SPRING MID TERM** Friday 15th Feb 2019  
**EASTER HOLIDAY** Friday 5th April 2019

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019  
Tuesday 23rd April 2019

**SUMMER TERM 2019**

**MAY DAY** Monday 6th May 2019  
**SUMMER MID TERM** Friday 24th May 2019  
**SUMMER HOLIDAYS** Friday 19th July 2019

Tuesday 7th May 2019  
Monday 3rd June 2019

**TRAINING DAYS 2018-19 – school will be closed to pupils**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019**  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**PTA VOLUNTEER HELP**

If you wish to be a member of the PTA or if you can help at future PTA events, please complete this slip and send back to the school office.

**Your Child's School Needs Your Help**



**Join the PTA and give some time to help at school events or behind the scenes.**

Your name.....

Child's name.....

Best way to be contacted

Mobile .....

Email.....