



Monkhouse Primary School



Monkhouse Messenger February 2018

PTA EASTER FAIR

The PTA invites you to come along to their Easter Fair on **Thursday 29th March at 1:45pm**. There will be a tombola, raffle, cake stall, teas and coffee. All funds raised from this event will be for PTA School Funds which benefit all the children in school.



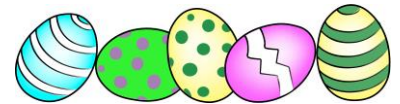
As this event is incredibly popular and the hall gets very busy, this year, we are hosting the fair in the upper school hall and the children will perform in the lower school hall. The running order of the performances will be 1.45-2pm (approx.) Reception, Yr 1 & 2, followed by the choir and Yr 3&4(2-2.15pm approx.) with the dance club, Yr 5&6 after this. We will announce the classes performing so that parents can move to the lower school hall to watch their own children at the appropriate times. Once all the performances are finished, the children will then return to the lower school hall with coats and bags and one parent will be able to collect their child and take them into the fair. We will stagger this for safeguarding reasons.



WEAR A HAT – RAISING AWARENESS

After taking part in a fundraising run for Brain Tumour Research in November, Oliver Finlayson in year six would like to raise awareness within our school community of this charity. On Thursday 29th March, he invites everyone to wear a hat to school. It can be any kind of hat and he will be supplying two Easter eggs, per class, as prizes for the most creative and entertaining hats. We look forward to seeing everyone wearing them next week.

NURSERY EGG COMPEITION & CLASS PERFORMANCE



Mrs Stephenson has asked if

Nursery children and parents could decorate a 'family egg' at home and bring it into Nursery on the morning of Thursday 29th March to be displayed. All children will receive a small egg for taking part and there will be three winning family eggs, judged by the staff across school.

As all classes perform for parents and carers on the afternoon of the fair, we would like to welcome parents and carers into Nursery from 11.15am on Thursday 29th March where the children will entertain you with some songs and rhymes.

YEAR 3 SWIMMING

Year 3 will begin their swimming tuition for three terms, i.e. Summer, Autumn 2018 and Spring 2019. Swimming sessions will begin on Thursday 19th April until Thursday 12th July (12 Weeks) from 2.45 until 3.15 p.m. The children will be taken up to the pool by a bus however parents will need to pick their children up from the pool by 3:25pm. **Can you please collect children from the swimming pool first then siblings from school afterwards. School staff will keep any siblings in school until you collect them from the main office.** Children who are booked into the Out of School Club will be escorted back to school by staff.



MONKHOUSE LOCAL HEROES

We would like to say a huge thank you to Harry Pearce, Daniel Henderson & Ben Sutherland for helping our caretaker Mr Cole keep the site safe when "The beast from the East" came to Monkhouse. These children gave up their own time to help and to keep our school open.

WINNING HOUSE TREAT

Congratulations to St Mary's, they are Spring Term's winning house. St Mary's will have their house treat on Friday 20th April. The children will be able to come to school wearing either a onesie or pyjamas. They will also have a longer break time that day.



FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all children taking part in the Niemann-Pick Charity on Wednesday 28th February. We raised a fantastic £160.23 towards the charity. The Maley Boys will be undertaking the following walks to complete their challenge.

15th April - Corbridge to Wylam 13.25m

28th April - Wylam to Newcastle 10.75m

6th May - Newcastle - The sea (MOUTH OF THE TYNE) 13.5m

If anyone would like to join the boys and their family on any of part of the walk, please contact @CarlaMaley3 on twitter



KIER CONSTRUCTION

During the week beginning 5th March, Kier North Tyneside and their apprentices worked in partnership with us to develop our Early years outdoor area. This was a fantastic week and we now have a great outdoor area which will benefit the children currently in nursery and reception class and across the wider school.

Thank you very much to Kier Staff and their apprentices and our wonderful parent helpers: Cathryn Richards, Lisa Gray & Victoria Logan-Couley. Your work was invaluable and we really appreciate it.



DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN - REMINDER

Could remind all parents and carers when picking children up from the yard to stand 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 handover at the end of the day and keeps all children in school safe.

MEET OUR OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB STAFF



Rob Molineux
Coordinator



Cheryl Noble
Playworker

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.

Breakfast/ After School Sessions

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

SPORTING INFORMATION

Congratulations to our Netball Sporting stars who won the competition on Monday 26th March.

Well done to the following children:

Y6	Y5
Cailey, Lola- May, Lauren, Holly & Alix	Alexander, Jack



PE days for classes

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 3 Year 2	Reception Year 5 Year 2 Year 4	Year 3 Reception Year 5 Year 6 – will have 1 PE lesson until SATS to allow more time for Masterclasses	Year 4 (swimming) Year 1	Year 1

Please ensure your child has their PE kit on their PE days. Children from Years 1-6 do at least one PE lesson outside even in the winter and should bring their outdoor PE kit.



DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND ADJACENT TO THE SCHOOL ON WALLINGTON AVENUE.

As you can see, work has begun on the waste area adjacent to school. Aurora Properties will be building 12 bungalows on this site. The project manager has met with Mrs Baggett to ensure there is minimum disruption or impact on the school. We are working together on a competition to design some art work which will then be displayed on the Site Boarding on Wallington Avenue. The Aurora Properties team will also work with our children to raise awareness of building site safety. We will keep all children and parents up to date on the build via newsletters and email communication.

PUPIL PREMIUM - FREE SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENT = Extra funds for school

With the current financial climate in schools making budget decisions increasingly more difficult, we are asking all parents to ensure we are given the appropriate funds for those children who are eligible for free school meals (even if you do not wish to take up this offer). Currently all pupils in Reception, Years 1 & 2, receive a free school lunch through the universal free school meal offer. THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING CRITERIA FOR SCHOOL. We only receive the additional funding if you have registered for this. **To see if your child is eligible is an easy process 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.**

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.

BIKE & SCOOTER SAFETY

The school has a bike/scooter store however as it is at our Nursery/Playgroup entrance we cannot keep the gate locked during the school day. Please ensure your child brings a bike lock with them and secures their bike or scooter throughout the day. Please remember to take bikes and scooters home each day and over the weekend.



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.



HEALTH & SAFETY

PARKING

We appreciate it is difficult to park close to school however we ask parents and carers to park safely, respectfully and responsibly according to the highway code. It is clear some parents are double parking along Rothley Avenue, waiting in the car to collect their children. This puts the lives of all children and adults at risk and we ask parents to find a safer place to park and wait in their cars. The parking cameras are active around schools, as a result of the safer parking campaign in schools, and advise that fines will be issued.

Staff and visitor ONLY car park

The school car park should not be used by parents and carers for any reason at any point during the day. If you are visiting school at any point, **we ask all parents and carers to park outside the school gates, use the appropriate left hand footpath to access the main reception without walking across the car park. Please adhere to these rules as it is very frustrating to those parents who do follow them however see other parents ignoring it.** The rules are for the safety of people using our site.

SAFEGUARDING - 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. Wallington Avenue is very busy at the start and end of the school day. Please support us in discouraging climbing on the school gate and gatepost, walking on the path and holding a young child's hand so they do not run ahead. 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.

SCHOOL WEBSITE AND TWITTER ACCOUNT

Please log on to 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.



MARDEN HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION UPDATE

Marden had a great turn out at our Open Evening and Open Day events, and look forward to meeting even more new faces at our next open day event on **16th March 2018**. If you have any queries about transition, or would like to arrange a tour with our Y7 and Transition Coordinator, Miss Laing, please do not hesitate to contact the Marden High School office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 29th March	Easter Fair 1:45pm
Tuesday 17th April	Year 3 & 4 Visit to Local Museum
Thursday 19th April	Year 3 will start to go swimming.
Friday 20th April	St Mary's House treat. Can wear PJs or Onesie to school.
Monday 14th – Thursday 17th May	Yr 6 SATS week (please do not make appointments or book holidays on this date).
Mon 18th June – Sat 23rd June	Yr 5&6 France Normandy Visit
Monday 16th July	Staff Training Day – School closed to all pupils

HOLIDAY DATES

	School Closes	School Re-opens	Training days
SPRING TERM 2018			• Monday 16th July 2018
EASTER HOLIDAY	Thurs 29th March 2018	Monday 16th April 2018	
SUMMER TERM 2018			
MAY DAY	Monday 7th May 2018	Tuesday 8th May 2018	
SUMMER MID TERM	Friday 25th May 2018	Monday 4th June 2018	
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	Friday 20th July 2018		

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.....