



MONKHOUSE MESSENGER January 2019

WINNING HOUSE TREAT



Congratulations to everyone in Dome

The Dome House enjoyed their end of term treat of an extra playtime and the opportunity to come into school for a day in non uniform in December. Miss Scott, head of Dome House, expressed how proud she was of all the children who had worked extremely hard to earn house points over the first term.

BE PREPARED FOR COLD WEATHER AND SNOW!

The children are always so excited when it snows and we want to enjoy this fully with your child. To allow children to enjoy their much deserved break times (and stay healthy), can we please ask that all children come to school with a warm coat, gloves and a hat to ensure they are comfortable during playtimes. Can we also request the following:

- Children travel to school in appropriate wet weather foot-wear e.g. wellies, snow boots, hiking boots etc.**
- Children have school shoes in bag to change into when they are in school.**

WATER BOTTLES

Can we remind all children that they should only have water in their bottles that they bring to school and not juice or flavoured water. We do have a water fountain in school so children always have access to drinking water and can fill up their bottles throughout the day.

E-safety

A reminder for all parents and carers that our monthly e-safety update and termly e-safety newsletter is up on our website.

PLAY UPDATE -RESOURCES WE URGENTLY NEED

We are in need of the following to help set up the different areas in school. If you have any items which you no longer use or were going to give away, please send them into school. Each week, we will send an email requesting different items to help keep it on everyone's radar.

- **Pushchairs – for children and for dolls**
- **Dolls and Action figures toys for water play and sand play.**
- **Suitcases, handbags – all sizes**
- **Sheets of fabric (such as tarpaulin, plastic, netting and bedding)**
- **off cuts of wood, old wooden broom handles,**
- **Old kitchen utensils, metal pots and pans, plastic measuring jugs etc**
- **Wellington boots – brilliant response this week thank you – we have 19 pairs of children's wellies. We now need adult sizes 1- 8**

SPORT

DANCE FESTIVAL:

This year the Dance Festival will be on Monday 4th March for Years 1 and 3 at The Parks in North Shields. Tickets are available to buy directly from The Parks from Monday 18th February – please note no one will be allowed into the performance without a ticket. Tickets cost £4 per adult and £2 per child. Children will need to arrive between 6pm – 6.30pm by the side entrance. Letters regarding the event, costumes and dress rehearsals to follow.

RESIDENTIAL VISITS 2019 AND 2020

We currently offer two residential visits for KS2 children. The French trip only takes place every two years (June 2018, 2020, 2022 etc.) whereas the Robinwood visit is annual (November). We have added in the approximate costs, based on the previous visit, for parental information. If your child is in current Year 4 and 5, they will only have one opportunity to go on the French Trip when they are in Year 5 and 6 in June 2020.

Robinwood November 2019, 2020, 2021 approx. £200	France June 2020 Approx. £500
For children in Yr 4&5 – letters asking for interest are out currently.	For children in Yr 5&6 – letters asking for interest will be coming out in Summer 2019 (to current year four and five pupils)

PUPIL LEADERS/ECO TEAM –

Some of the pupil leaders helped hand over the donations collected for the food bank. What an amazing amount of items you have kindly given over 300! A massive thank you to everyone for your generosity. We will be keeping it open until Easter for those of you who would like to donate.



Year 1 and 2 Eco Warriors are taking the left over fruit from their class down to the yard at break time for years 3-6. Well done girls! We are trying to reduce the amount of single use plastics in school. If possible can all children bring in a reusable water bottle to help us in our mission!!



KS2 -Permission to walk to the school gate safeguarding

A number of our KS2 pupils walk to meet parents and carers at the school gate. Please can you ensure the children are fully aware of what to do if you are not there to collect them. We remind children that they should come back into school so that we can help. If children have permission to walk to gate and you have arranged for another known adult or a friend's mum to collect them from there, please can you ensure the children know who is meeting them. This will support all the work we do on keeping children safe.

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

We welcomed the children from our partner school in Shenzhen, China in December. It was a wonderful visit, culminating in a sharing assembly.

Traditional Chinese dancing. Sharing the school song. Traditional guzheng instrument and chinese writing.



ROAD SAFETY AND PARKING

Many thanks to all the children, parents and carers for addressing the new road safety difficulties brought to our attention with the new Wallington Court road. I appreciate parking is difficult around school, however the safety of the children is our main priority. Hopefully, the council will support with new school road markings. Many assemblies over this half term will focus on road safety, including parking safely, and I'm sure the children will share these messages with you. We really appreciate your ongoing support.



FAMILY CHRISTMAS LUNCH DECEMBER 2018

Thank you to all the children, parents and staff who organised and attended our annual family Christmas lunch. It was a huge success and we thank all the parents for your messages of thanks.



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

EYFS



Key Stage 1



Year 3 & 4



Year 5&6 Christingle



YEAR 1 & 2 TRIP

To launch their new project for this term, How can we keep ourselves and others safe? Year 1&2 went on a trip to The Safety Works. They had a fabulous time learning about, fire, medical and safety around animals. Ask them to show you stop, drop and roll. Do you know whose permissions to ask before you stroke a dog? Even if you know them.



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 if you require more information prices / activities etc.

PTA EVENTS

The PTA spent a lot of their valuable time in school during busy December. Not only did they put up the school Christmas decorations, but they also took the time to make teas and coffees before every child's Nativity show, whilst selling raffles tickets. These amazing ladies and gents took the time to source some of the items for the Christmas stall and make cookies to sell to the children and raise over **£600** (including raffle sales). Then after all of that, they then spent their time taking down the Christmas decorations and putting them away, before the school closed for the Christmas break.

WE THANK YOU PTA!

Next up Preparing for the Mother's Day Stall!



PE

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



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.**

SPORTING SUCCESS

We have had many sporting successes so far this year! We have seen many year 5 and 6 children take part in football matches where their teamwork and communication was incredible to lead their team forward. Recently Year 5 and 6 children attended an athletics competition where all of our children competed against other schools, many coming 2nd or 3rd place across North Tyneside. We look forward to the upcoming events of the skipping and dance festival which will run in the new year.

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.

If you have any other questions about this email or the letter, then please call the catering staff at school on 0191 200 6174 or email catering.services@northtyneside.gov.uk

GDPR (General Data Protection Requirements)

Our school, along with many companies, has updated its data protection practices and protocols to meet new national guidance. During parental consultations, we asked all parents to complete new data collection sheets with clear explanation as to why we need this information. Thank you to everyone for supporting us in this. We will contact all parents directly who we did not collect the sheets. We collect and use personal data in order to meet legal requirements and legitimate interests set out in the GDPR and UK law, including those in relation to Article 6 and Article 9 of the GDPR and the Education Act 1996. For more information about GDPR please refer to the Schools’ Privacy Notice on our website www.monkhouseprimary.co.uk or request a copy from Monkhouse Primary School Office.



Little Dudes

Victoria Richards, is running her Little Dudes club again this term. 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 or 07766702824 to enquire or book.

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. 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 Tel: (0191) 643 2540

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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 4th February	Y5&6 trip to Hancock Museum
Tuesday 5th February	Y3 trip to Rising Sun
Wednesday 6th February	Y4 trip to Rising sun
Monday 25th February	Staff Training Day
Monday 4th March	Dance Festival for Y1&Y3
Monday 4th March	Individual Photographs in uniform
Tuesday 5th March	Individual photographs in non-uniform & sibling photos after school
Monday 18th March	Parental consultations
Tuesday 19th March	Parental consultations
Wednesday 13th March	PTA Disco – more info to follow
Tuesday 2nd April	Y5&6 at Whitley Bay Library for exhibition – more info to follow
Week beginning 13th May 2019	Y6 SATS week (please do not make appointments or book holidays on this date)
Tuesday 9th July	Marden Transition Day
Wednesday 10th July	Marden Transition Day
Monday 15th July	Staff Training Day

HOLIDAY DATES

School Closes

School Re-opens

SPRING TERM 2019

SPRING MID TERM

Friday 15th Feb 2019

Tuesday 26th Feb 2019

EASTER HOLIDAY

Friday 5th April 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

SUMMER TERM 2019

MAY DAY

Monday 6th May 2019

Tuesday 7th May 2019

SUMMER MID TERM

Friday 24th May 2019

Monday 3rd June 2019

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Friday 19th July 2019

TRAINING DAYS 2018-19 –

school will be closed to pupils

Monday 25th February 2019

Monday 15th July 2019