



# MONKSMEAD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December News 2017

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Dear Parents

So here we are, the end of another busy term. The Christmas celebrations have been wonderful, I am so proud of all the children who have stepped on the stage and entertained all our families and friends. I would also like to say thank you to all my staff who work so hard and make the learning so purposeful and fun. I hope you enjoy the festive break and look forward to seeing you all, healthy and happy in 2018!

Happy December!

*Mrs Elsley*

Headteacher

## Happy Chanukah!

The Reception and Nursery children went next door to Yavneh Primary to learn all about Chanukah. They joined the Reception class and played a game with a dreidel, which is like a spinning top. The children learned some Hebrew words as they played. They then went into the synagogue to light the menorah for the third night, the Rabbi said how pleased he was to see the children here celebrating with the Yavneh children. Everyone enjoyed hearing some Chanukah songs, especially a funny song about donuts, being yummy in our tummies. On the way out everyone was given an extra special Chanukah treat - a donut.



## Festive fun!



Christmas Lunch



Nativity Play



KS1 Christmas Carols



## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

This month the following children have received a Head teacher award. Well done to you all!

	1st December		8th December		15th December	
Year 1	Tudor	Deborah	Holly	Billy-Joe	Parsa	Chloe
Year 2	Denisa	Krish	Maia	Suji	Edward	Temi
Year 3	Kyra	Chloe	Naomy	Frankie	Kerem	Princess
Year 4	Tobias	Dhyana	Kyle	Lea	Lewis	Ella
Year 5	Shaniya	Daniil	Eve	Emma	Mahmoud	Janelle
Year 6	Isabelle	Hayden	Koby	Melissa	Vlad	Louie
The park with the most merits this week	Aberford		Ripon		Ripon	

### NURSERY

Matthias  
Adele  
Frankie  
Illiana

## FOUNDATION STAGE HEADTEACHER'S STARS

### RECEPTION

Lucas  
Nicol  
Reece  
Sky

### Friends Of Monksmead

#### Winter Fayre

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Monksmead for the effort and support that has contributed to the Winter Fayre running so smoothly and successfully. Without their help, fun events such as this would not be able to happen.



Violins are just one of the worth while items that FOM have purchased. Please look out for the letter which has been emailed to parents. This details how the money raised at the Winter Fayre has contributed to school life.



### KS1 Carol Concert

**Joy to the World!**

Parents and family members were treated to a singing extravaganza on Monday evening at the Year 1 and 2 Christmas Carol Concert. The children all sang beautifully as they treated the audience to a host of both traditional and new Christmas songs. Well done to all of the children involved.

# JANUARY UPDATE



**First Day back  
Reception to Year 6  
Thursday 4th January**

**Nursery  
Friday 5th January**

**Little Oaks/Acorns Only  
Tuesday 9th January**



**Friday 5th January**

**We are off  
to the Pantomime!**

*Please don't forget to provide  
your child with a packed lunch,  
snack and non fizzy drink for the  
theatre.*

*If you have not already  
ordered a blue lunch, please  
don't forget to provide a packed  
lunch as there will be no orders taken on the day.*

## Swimming



Please don't forget your  
swimming kit, goggles and towel

**Year 4 - Tuesday 9th January  
Year 3 - Wednesday 10th January**

## Year 6 - PGL Trip

Please can payment be paid in full  
no later than  
16th January

## School Clubs restarting in January

Violin club	Monday 8th January
Choir	Tuesday 9th January
Boys School Football	Tuesday 9th January
Choir	Tuesday 9th January
Girls School Football	Wednesday 10th January
Homework Club	Wednesday 10th January
Netball Club	Thursday 11th January
Recorders Club	Thursday 11th January

For external run clubs such as Game on, Wow, Gym Jams and Soccer club, please check with the provider. (Contact details on the school website under 'Clubs').

## Class Assembly Dates

Year 5	Thursday 1st Feb
Year 1	Thursday 8th Feb
Year 2	Thursday 1st March
Nursery	Friday 9th March
Year 3	Thursday 26th April
Year 4	Thursday 24th May
Rec	Thursday 28th June

Class assemblies will start at 9:05 am



**Internet Safety for  
Parents**

**Wednesday 17th  
January  
3:30 pm**

**Last day to apply for a  
Reception Place 2018**

**Monday 15th January**



**Gym Jam starts**

**Thursday 18th Jan**



# SPORTS NEWS

## January

- 15 Girls Football Monksmead v Summerswood (HOME) Kick off at 3:30pm–4:20pm
- 19 Girls Football Parkside v Monksmead (AWAY) Kick off at 3:30pm–4:20pm
- 23 Y4/5 Boys Woodlands v Monksmead (AWAY) Kick off at 3:30pm–4:20pm
- 26 Y5/6 Boys Parkside v Monksmead (AWAY) Kick off at 3:30pm–4:20pm

## School Lunches £2.30 per day

Please can you ensure that school lunches are paid for in advance.

Please use the preferred payment method using the on-line payment system, School Comms or cheques are accepted, making it payable to Herts Catering Ltd (HCL).

1st half term at 27 days = £62.10

2nd half term at 29 days = £66.70

## Uniform

Uniform Orders will be ready for collection on Tuesday and Friday only



## School Office



Unfortunately we do not have change in the office. Please ensure any envelope has your child's name written on, what it is for and how much is inside.

Thank you

## Donnys

Donnys breakfast and afterschool club will restart on Thursday 4th January



## Unlock your child's potential

At our school we want our pupils to be confident, self assured learners with unrivalled access to stimulating and exciting learning opportunities both in and outside of school.

Stagecoach Performing Arts offer weekly enrichment classes in the local community aimed at developing children's confidence in a fun and non-competitive environment.

Enrolments are currently available for next term; for more details please contact Beverly Hyman at Stagecoach Borehamwood.



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## We need your Christmas cards!

We are trying to collect 1000 Christmas cards to take to the Woodland trust and exchange for a real tree. This will be planted on the field to create shade in the summer. Please bring in your used Christmas cards to the school office when we return in January.

## Sickness in School

Please be aware that a high number of children have been off school with a sickness bug. Our school policy is, any child who is sick should remain off school for a minimum of 48 hours from when they were last sick, to prevent the bug spreading further.

Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.