



MONKSMEAD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November News 2019

www.monksmead.herts.sch.uk

Dear Families,

This week, the whole school took part in Skip2BFit workshops. The children had great fun and worked very hard during these sessions and there were a number of rather red cheeks around the school after the event! Well done everyone! Year 6 also led a wonderful assembly for the school, showcasing their learning around Macbeth. It was lovely to see so many parents join us on this occasion and I am sure they will agree that the children really shone.

November has been a busy month and we are looking forward to an equally busy December. The school Christmas tree will soon take pride of place in the hall and we are quickly getting in to the joyful spirit of this time of year. There are plenty of activities planned for the children over the next few weeks including the Winter Carousel, a pantomime (Beauty and the Beast), the Christmas Nativity performed by our Early Years classes and our KS1 carol singing. December is going to fly by!

As we move into the winter period, the weather is becoming noticeably colder and is often wet. However, whenever possible playtime will continue to take place outside — even if it is raining lightly. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate warm / waterproof clothing and that every item is named.

Kind regards

Lisa Bub
Headteacher

Winter Carousel

Friday 6th December

REC - YEAR 6

3:15 - 5:30pm

The Winter Carousel is a 2 hour event for children only parents can relax at home! The ticket cost of £ 5 per child covers all their expenses. They will be fed Mod Pizza and drinks. They can take part in various craft making activities, receive a present from santa, take part in a class game challenge to win a morning making pizzas in MOD in Borehamwood and much more! Normally taking part in all activities at the Winter Fayre would cost more but the Friends of Monksmead have decided to try and help parents this year by keeping costs as low as possible. Any profits that are raised will go towards our fund for replacing the KS2 climbing frame as we achieved our goal to but a new climbing frame for KS1 las year.

Wreath making

Festive Karaoke

Card making

Decorate a biscuit

A visit to Santa including gift

Glitter Tattoos

Festive Games

Nail Painting

Making Reindeer food

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

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

	8th November		22nd November		29th November	
Year 1	Jack	Michelle	Amelia	John	Arjun	Tiwa
Year 2	Yaara	Erica	Emie	Dylan	Joseph	Freddie
Year 3	Juno	Daisy	Arah	Rio	Grace	Deborah
Year 4	Victoria	Maia	Rudina	Ruby	Jas	Harvey
Year 5	Nicholas	Chloe	Jessica	Chloe	Zion	Noya
Year 6	Caitlin	Daniel	Kyle	Zemmey	Ruby	Gabriella
The park with the most merits this week	Ripon		Ripon		Ripon	

NURSERY

Elsie
Ivy
Ariya
Lola

FOUNDATION STAGE HEADTEACHER'S STARS

RECEPTION

Milly
Jessica
Vlad
Joey

KEO films

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DECEMBER UPDATE

**Don't
Forget!**



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Friday 20th December

**School finishes at
1:30pm**

KS1 Carol Concert

Please join us Monday 16th December at 5pm to hear Christmas songs sung by Year 1 and 2. Tickets are free but you will need them with you when you attend the Carol Concert. If you do not need a ticket please hand it into the school office and this can then be allocated to somebody who may need extra tickets. We will be holding a waiting list and this will be on a first come first served basis.

Pantomime

On Monday 2nd December we have the pantomime of **Beauty and The Beast** taking place at Monksmead. So get your voices ready boys and girls for lots of cheering and booing.

It's behind
you!

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

**Wednesday 11th
December**



Please bring £1 in exchange for wearing a Christmas jumper. If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, please do not feel you need to buy one, also if you don't want to wear a Christmas jumper wear any festive accessories:-i.e headbands, hats and badges.

Free English Course (10wks)

Would you like to learn or improve your English skills to have more involvement in your children's school life?

Then this is the course to get you started. You will study: Speaking, Listening, Reading & Writing skills. Have lived in the UK for less than 10 years Live in Hertsmere includes: Borehamwood, Potters Bar, Bushey & Radlett. Can attend 2 lessons per week (day). Have children of school age (0-18) For more information and to book a place contact Branka and Paul on 01727 737154 or email bct2@oaklands.ac.uk

Bringing Communities Together

Starts: 21 January Finishes: 2 April

(No lessons 17 -21 Feb)

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 -12:00pm

(2 lessons each week)

Venue: Oaklands, 163 Borehamwood, Elstree Way,
Borehamwood WD6 1JY

Environmental Xmas Fair

**Year 5
Thursday 5th December**

Whole School Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 11th December

Red Option - Christmas Dinner

Roast turkey slices, chipolata sausage, roast potatoes & a choice of seasonal vegetables, sage and onion stuffing & gravy.

Green Option - Vegetable Wellington with sage onion stuffing and vegetarian gravy, roast potatoes and a choice of seasonal vegetables.

**No blue or Yellow option available
on this day**

**Year 6
Trip to Cinema
Tuesday 3rd December**

INFORMATION & NEWS

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Please see the accompanying letter regarding 'Operation Encompass'.

This is an important initiative which is being launched by Hertfordshire Police on 2nd December 2019.

More information about Operation Encompass can be found at

www.operationencompass.org

School Uniform

Please could you help your child to have the correct school uniform each day. Details can be found on the school website. Whilst they do look lovely, a number of children have started to wear interesting headbands (including cat ears!). Unfortunately, these are not part of the school uniform and your child will be asked to remove them and put them in their bag to keep them safe for the rest of the day.

Thank you for your help.

School Dinner Payments

Please be aware that school dinners must be paid for in advance. This can be paid via the School Gateway at £2.50 per day or by cash in a named envelope, please ensure you have the correct change.

Borehamwood Foodbank Christmas Opening Times

Thursday 19th December, 10am - 12:30pm
Monday 23rd December, 1pm until 3:30pm
Thursday 26th December, Closed
Monday 30th December, 1pm - 3:30pm
Thursday 2nd January, 10am - 12:30pm

Football Results

Girls Y5/6 Parkside 1 v 8 Monksmead

Girl of the game - Gabriel

Girls Y5/6 Saffron Green 0 v 2 Monksmead

Girl of the game - Maisie

Boys Y4/5 Monksmead 0 v 8 St Teresa's

Man of the match - Dillon

Boys Y4/5 Monksmead 1 v 9 St Nicholas

Man of the match - Fabion

Important note - car parking

We understand that it can be difficult to find an appropriate and close parking spot when dropping off or collecting your child. Please be considerate of our children's safety when you park, as well as that of other road users. I would also ask that you consider our neighbours and do not encroach on their driveway space. Parking even slightly over someone's drive can create a hazard should the homeowner need to move off, or on to, their own property. It can potentially lead to damage of your own or other people's vehicles as drivers are unable to clearly view what is moving. Where it is noted that an individual Monksmead parent is not parking with consideration, the school may contact them to discuss this further.

School Clubs & Swimming

CHESS CLUB

No chess club on Friday 6th December due to Winter Carousel. Last Chess Club for this term will be Friday 13th December.

HOMEWORK CLUB

No Homework club on Friday 6th December due to Winter Carousel. Last Homework Club for this term will be Friday 13th December.

GYM JAMS

Last Gyms Jams for this term will be Thursday 12th December.

YEAR 5 SWIMMING

Last swim for Year 5
Tuesday 17th December.

YEAR 6 SWIMMING

Last swim for Year 6
Wednesday 18th December.