



# MONKSMEAD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. It is always a pleasure to see the days getting longer and to spot the first signs of Spring around us. Although Spring is nearly here, the weather is still very changeable, so please do keep any eye on the weather and ensure your child is appropriately dressed each day.

There are a lot of events coming up over this half term, starting with World Book Day next week. I am looking forward to seeing the variety of costumes the children choose to wear! I do hope to see many of you during the morning reading sessions with your class. Parent Consultation evenings are also fast approaching. If you have not yet signed up for a slot with your child's teacher, please do so as soon as possible.

In the School Council this half term, we talked about the school's approach to charity. We considered what 'charity' actually means and how this is not always about money. The children strongly believe that there are many ways that we can support others and that, as a school, we should do as much as we can—whether through donations or by raising awareness. The children are keen to keep supporting our current charities but would like us to support others as well. As always, I am very proud of the mature discussions and contributions from our children during these sessions.

With kind regards  
Lisa Bub  
Headteacher

## WORLD BOOK WEEK - THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. Come to school dressed up as your favourite book character, the choice is yours!

### Parents welcome!

**Reception & Nursery** are welcome to come into their child's classrooms from 9:10am - 9:45am. Children should still arrive at school normal time to be registered promptly.

From 9:00am - 10:30am, **parents of KS1 and KS2 children** are welcome to come into their children's classrooms to join in with our World Book Day activities.

During this time, each class will also get a half an hour slot in the hall where you are welcome to join them in reading their favourite books.

### **The hall times are as follows:**

**9:00am - 9:30am - Year 1 and Year 4**

**9:30am - 10am - Year 2 and Year 5**

**10:00am - 10:30am - Year 3 and Year 6**

### **Book Fair (Thursday 27th February—Wednesday 4th March)**

Come in and buy a book from our book fair. The more we sell, the more free books for the school! The book fair will be held after school, each day, from Thursday 27th February through to Wednesday 4th March in our school dining room.

**As it is World Book Day on Thursday 5th March, each child will be given a £1 book token which can be put towards any book at our fair. There are so many wonderful books to choose from, so do come along!**

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

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

	7th February		14th February			28th February	
Year 1	Sethlina	Arya	Ralph	Briana		Maria	Tiwa
Year 2	Erica	Joshua	Daniel	Tianna		Nina	Nicolas
Year 3	Daisy	Christopher	Ella	Kian		Musa	Jacob
Year 4	Rudina	Jake	Lucas	Amelia		Harvey	Suji
Year 5	Oliver	Zion	Innes	Sophia		Kiyan	Hetty
Year 6	James	Caitlin	Ayman	Caiden	Ashaan	Sandra	Ella
The park with the most merits this week	Ripon		Maxwell			Maxwell	

### NURSERY

Jiamaia  
Oliver  
Bennett  
Dulcianna

## FOUNDATION STAGE HEADTEACHER'S STARS

### RECEPTION

James  
Viaan  
Megan P  
Antonia

## Parent Governor Election

Our Governing Body has a vacant position for a Parent Governor.

The election is open to any parent/carer of a child who attends Monksmead School.

**Please look out for the information that will be sent home to all families.**

For more information about our Governing Body, please visit our school website:

<https://www.monksmead.herts.sch.uk/>

Select the 'About Us', 'People' and then 'Governors' tabs.

## Severe Weather

In the event that the school needs to close for health and safety reasons due to severe weather, the school will send a text to all parents as early as possible. A message will also be placed on the school website. Monksmead School is also part of the Everbridge School Closure Notification System. Please sign up to receive messages using the following link:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/emergency-school-closures/emergency-school-closures.aspx>

# MARCH UPDATE

## Class Assembly Dates

Year 3 Thursday 6th February

Parents are welcome at 9:05am to come and join us.

## Monday 2nd March

School Nurse will be in to see Reception class only for a health check.

## WORLD BOOK Day

Thursday 5th March

## Parent Consultations

Tuesday 10th March at 3:30-6:20pm

Wednesday 11th March 4:00-7:00pm

**Appointment sign up sheets are now available outside the office**

Data collection sheets will be given to parents, a chance to amend any personal details (i.e address, telephone number)

## Year 3 & 4 Singing Show

Monksmead School presents... Year 3 and 4 Singing Extravaganza!

Parents of children in Year 3 and 4 are invited to attend this exciting event where the children will be singing and performing a range of their favourite songs. They have been practising the songs they have chosen but for now they are all very excited about performing in front of an audience.

There will be two performances taking place:

Monday 23rd March at 2:15pm

Tuesday 24th March at 6:00pm

If you don't need all of your tickets please hand them into the school office so we can hold a waiting list for those who require more tickets, thank you.



## Nursery Mothers Day Assembly

Friday 20th March for parents of children in Nursery only

## Sport Relief Friday 13th March

Children can come to school wearing their own sports clothes in exchange for £1, which will help go towards raising money for Sports Relief.



From the 9th March, the school office will be selling various items to help support Sport Relief.

When you fundraise for Sport Relief, you support those living with mental health issues and provide lifesaving maternal healthcare for mothers and babies. You help those at risk of trafficking or domestic violence and join the global fight to end malaria. You do all this, and so much more, because Comic Relief uses the money you raise to support projects on the ground, here in the UK and across the world.

# NEWS

## March Fixtures for Sports

2	Y5/6 Boys football Monksmead v Clore Shalom (HOME) 3:30pm kick off - 4:20approx
6	Y4/5 Boys football Monksmead v Saffron Green (HOME) 3:30pm kick off - 4:20approx
11	Y5/6 Girls Football Monksmead v Cowley Hill venue TBC 3:30pm kick off - 4:20approx
12	Netball match x 2 games (HOME) Monksmead v Shenley 3:30pm start—4:30pm finish approx.
13	Y4/5 Boys football Monksmead v Cowley Hill (HOME) 3:30pm kick off - 4:20approx
17	Netball match x 2 games (HOME) Monksmead v Shenley 3:30pm start—4:30pm finish approx.
18	Y5/6 Girls Football Monksmead v St Teresa's (HOME) 3:30pm kick off - 4:20approx
27	Netball match x 1 games (HOME) Monksmead v St Teresa's 3:30pm start—4:30pm finish approx.

## Corona Virus (COVID-19)

Information and guidance has been sent home via email to all families.

To stay up-to-date with official guidance, please visit the following website page which is updated at 2pm each day.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

Public Health England (PHE) recommends that the following general cold and flu precautions are taken to help prevent people from catching and spreading COVID-19:

- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze. [Catch it, Bin it, Kill it](#)
- put used tissues in the bin straight away
- wash your hands with soap and water often – use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

If you are worried about symptoms, please call NHS 111. Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment.



## Medical Notification

We are going paperless with first aid notifications of a pupil after half term break Monday 2nd March. Prior to this, parents received notification on a letter in their child's bag if their child accidentally hurt them self, banged their head, bumps/ scrapes etc. We will no longer continue with this code of practice, parents will now receive notification **via email only** and occasionally a follow up phone call if needed. There is no cause for alarm if you receive an email, it's exactly the same as if your child brought home a paper copy in their bag except you will be advised of bumps and scrapes instantly straight to your email box.



## Football



**Y5/6 Boys Football**  
**Monksmead 5 v 0 Parkside**  
Man of the match - Harvey

**Y5/6 Boys Football**  
**Monksmead 0 v 7 Meryfield**  
Man of the match - Fabion

## School Comms

Please make payments via schoolcomms, if you do bring cash in a named envelope please ensure it has the correct amount as we do not have change in the school office.  
Thank you