



Monton Green Primary School

Newsletter Autumn 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to welcome both returning and new families to Monton Green for the 2018/19 school year. We hope to build on our many successes last year and work together with you to make this another great year for our school.

I want to start by highlighting our school's fantastic academic success last year. Our Y6 children made very good progress and achieved extremely well in comparison with the national outcomes at both the Expected Standard and the Higher Standard. Achieving the best possible academic outcomes for children, providing a broad curriculum and an excellent, nurturing environment will continue to be our top priority for 2018/19.

	Monton Green 2018	National Outcomes 2018	Monton Green 2018	National Outcomes 2018
Subject	Expected Standard	Expected Standard	Higher Standard/Greater Depth in Writing	Higher Standard (Greater Depth in Writing)
Reading	90%	75%	40%	28%
Writing	88%	78%	20%	20%
EGPS	84%	78%	42%	34%
Maths	86%	76%	28%	24%
Reading/Writing/Maths Combined	80%	64%	14%	10%

Staff News

We are pleased to welcome some new staff to our school. Miss James and Mr Cooper have joined the teaching staff team in Year 5 and Year 3 respectively and Miss Welby (Y1), Miss Ali (Y1/Y3) and Miss Whittaker (YR) have been appointed as new Teaching Assistants. We also have two new Welfare Assistants in the EYFS; Mrs Costello and Mrs Adams.

On a personal note, I want to let you know that I will be retiring (a little early!) at Christmas. The Governing Board have appointed Mrs Edwards as Acting Headteacher and Miss Wilson as Acting Deputy Headteacher and they will lead the school from 1st January 2019 until the end of the school year. The process to recruit a permanent Head will begin in the spring term and the new headteacher will be in post for the start of the 2019/20 school year. Mrs Edwards and Miss Wilson are both currently Assistant Headteachers and have worked in partnership with me at a senior leadership level for the last eighteen years so I am confident that they will do a great job.

There will be time later this term for me to say a formal 'goodbye'! In the meantime however, it is 'business as usual'. Please be assured that we will be working hard this term to ensure that the school is well placed to move forward and that there is a smooth transition after Christmas.



Mrs Robinson

Should you have a concern about a child's wellbeing in or out of school, please remember that Mrs Robinson is the Designated Lead Teacher for Safeguarding and Child Protection. Mrs Robinson is also an Assistant Head and her responsibilities include SEND and Pupil Welfare. She is a member of the school's Leadership Team and is not class based. Mrs Robinson is usually to be found by the EYFS/UJ Gate in the mornings and she is contactable via the school office.

Staff Team – Autumn Term 2018

Miss Mason	Headteacher
Mrs Edwards	Assistant Headteacher
Mrs Robinson	Assistant Head Teacher with responsibility for Pupil Welfare, Inclusion & SEND
Mrs Muir	School Business Manager
Mrs Barker	Office Manager
Mr Hutchinson	Site Manager
Mr Muir	Office Assistant

Early Years Foundation Stage

Nursery: Mrs Callaghan, Mrs Ellis (NNEB), Mrs Brownbill (Teaching Assistant)

Reception M: Miss McMahon and Mrs Paul (Teaching Assistant)

Reception B: Miss Burgwin and Mrs Whittaker (Teaching Assistant)

EYFS Lunchtime Welfare Staff: Miss Devenport, Mrs Costello and Mrs Adams

Key Stage One

Year 1: Miss Matthews, Mrs Fillingham (Teaching Assistant)

Year 1: Mrs Leyland, Miss Welby (Teaching Assistants)

Teaching Assistants providing support in Y1 both classes to pupils with SEND: Miss Wilson & Miss Ali

Year 2: Ms Wilson (Assistant Headteacher) and Ms Barker (Teaching Assistant)

Year 2: Miss Leggott and Ms Fairhurst (Teaching Assistant)

Lower Key Stage Two

Year 3: Mr Cooper and Mrs Griffin (Teaching Assistant)

Year 3: Mrs Lee, Mrs Treanor and Mrs Pickles (SEND Teaching Assistant)

Year 4: Mrs Riley, Mrs Blood (Teaching Assistant) and Mrs Quereshi (SEND Teaching Assistant)

Year 4: Miss Roberts and Mrs Rabbitte (Teaching Assistant)

Upper Key Stage Two

Year 5: Mrs Hopkins & Mr Bohn (Teaching Assistant)

Year 5: Miss James and Mrs Lewis (Teaching Assistant)

Year 6: Ms Cunningham and Miss Nicholls (SEND Teaching Assistant)

Year 6: Mrs Hampson and Miss Lewis (Teaching Assistant)

Resourced Provision for pupils with Moderate Learning Difficulties

Mrs Belcher, Mrs Hyde (HLTA), Ms Bennett (Teaching Assistant)

PE Staff

Miss Pollitt and Miss Dragisic



Autumn Term Dates for Your Diary



OCTOBER

- Tuesday 2nd October: Y5 trip to Jodrell Bank
- Wednesday 3rd October: Y4 visit to St Paul's Church for Experience Harvest workshops
- Monday 8th October to Friday 12th October: Year 6 Lledr Hall Residential Trip
- Monday 8th October: Tempus Fugit – Drama Performance Year 3 classes
- Wednesday 10th October: Be Seen Be Safe – autumn safety talks for Y3, 4 and 5
- Wednesday 10th October: Meeting for Reception Parents 3.45 – 4.45: Helping Your Child with Reading and Writing
- Monday 15th to Thursday 18th October: Y5H – Bikeability Course
- **School closed for Half Term: 22nd to 26th October**
- **Monday 29th October: School closed for staff training**
- **Tuesday 30th October: Nursery and Reception classes Parent/Teacher meetings 4.00 – 6.00 p.m.**
- Tuesday 30th October to Friday 2nd November : Y5J Bikeability Course



NOVEMBER

- Thursday 1st November: Y4 Trip to The World Museum Liverpool
- **Thursday 1st November: Nursery and Reception classes Parent/Teacher Meetings 4.00 – 8.00 p.m.**
- Friday 2nd November: individual and sibling group photos (school aged children only)
- **Wednesday 14th November 4.00 – 5.00 p.m.: KS 1 and KS 2 Parents' Drop Ins – a chance to look at your child's books before Parents' Evening later this term – see dates below.**
- Wednesday 14th November 6.30 p.m.: Nursery and Reception Admissions Open Evening – a meeting for parents of children not yet on roll who are considering applying for a school place for September 2019
- 15th November - 6.00 – 7.00 p.m.: Online Safety Talk for Parents
- Friday 16th Own Clothes Day for Children in Need
- **w/c 19th November: KS 1 and 2 TEST WEEK**



DECEMBER

- Saturday 1st December – PTA Christmas Fair 12.00 – 3.00 p.m.
- **Monday 3rd December: KS 1 and LJ Parent/Teacher Meetings 4.00 – 6.00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday 4th December: KS 1 and LJ Parent/Teacher Meetings 4.00 – 8.00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday 5th December: UJ Parent/Teacher Meetings 4.00 – 6.00 p.m.**
- **Thursday 6th December: UJ Parent/Teacher Meetings 4.00 – 8.00 p.m.**
- Monday 10th December: EYFS Christmas Concert at 2.15 p.m.
- Tuesday 11th December: EYFS Christmas Concert at 9.30 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.
- Thursday 13th December: Year 1 Christmas Concert at 9.30 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.
- Friday 14th December: Year 2 Christmas Concert – 9.30 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.
- Monday 17th December – EYFS Christmas Party 2.00 p.m.
- Tuesday 18th December – Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Parties 2.00 p.m.
- Wednesday 19th December –KS 2 Christmas film afternoon

School Closes for Christmas and re-opens on Monday 7th January

Parent/Teacher Meetings and Parents' Drop-Ins for KS 1 and 2 classes



Our school is getting bigger and so we are changing the way that we organise Parent/Teacher Meetings and the termly Parents' Drop-In sessions: We are moving the Drop-In so that it falls before the Parent/Teacher meetings – this way you will have had an opportunity to look at your child's work before you meet teachers to discuss attainment and progress. The dates for the KS1 and KS 2 Parent/Teacher Meetings are outlined above – these have been scheduled after our autumn term assessments have been completed so that we can share these with you. If in the meantime, you have any concerns about children's learning or their wellbeing, please remember that teachers are always available to meet with you by appointment at a mutually convenient time.

School Meals/Packed Lunches KS 2

If you plan to change the meal arrangements for your child please give us one week's notice and either let us know in writing or speak to Mrs Muir – who can usually be found at the main gate at the start and end of each day!

Health and Safety Reminders

Please drive slowly in the vicinity around school – showing regard for the safety of parents and children who are walking to school.



Please park your car with consideration for our neighbours and with regard for the parking restrictions, especially around Orchard Mount – I'm sure you would not tolerate members of the public blocking your drive so please don't park across our neighbours' drives/roads.



Please behave with courtesy towards children, other parents and our neighbours – verbal aggression is unacceptable and will result in a referral to the CPSO – it also damages the reputation of our school community and sets a poor example for our children!

We close our school gates at 8.45 to 9.10 a.m. and 3.15 – 3.45 p.m. to protect pedestrians who need to access school via the main office. Parents should not drive onto the school site.



Bags in School – Please help us to keep your child's coat clean this autumn and ease cloakroom congestion by ensuring your child **only brings their reading book bag and a draw string PE bag to school**. As our pupil numbers increase, we need all our cloakroom spaces for children's coats. Beautiful though they may be, backpacks make it impossible for children to hang up their coats - which usually fall off the peg, get walked on and become a tripping hazard! This is really important from a fire safety point of view as they could lead to congestion in an emergency! Please help us by keeping backpacks at home - children only need:

- A reading-book bag that will fit in their tray – these will hold reading books and homework folders.
- A draw string bag for PE kit/swimming kit – these are great because they hang below the coats and do not knock them off.

Work in classes this half term

Mrs Belcher's Class News

English

We will be continuing to develop our phonic knowledge for reading and spelling as well as writing. Alongside this we will be using the colourful semantics approach to develop our sentence structure when writing; this will be in the context of a range of stories and texts. We will also be developing our comprehension skills using these texts.

Maths

This term will focus on number, in particular developing our counting skills and place value knowledge.

RE

The question we will be unpicking this term is; who is a Christian and what do they believe? - with a focus on the Harvest festival.

Science

Electricity is our topic and within this we will be exploring mains and battery appliances but most importantly the safe use of these. The children will have an opportunity to create and investigate simple circuits.

Art

The children will be exploring Portraits. They will then create their own self portrait using a medium of their choice having explored paint, pastel and charcoal.

History

To link with our Science topic on electricity the children will be exploring non - electrical toys from the past.

PHSE

The children will be taking part in the 'Happy to be me' programme this term which focuses on raising self-esteem and confidence boosting.

PE

Swimming will be on Tuesdays – please ensure your child has their swim suit, towel and hat.

Mrs Belcher
Mrs Hyde
Ms Bennett
Miss Logan (Student Teacher)

Early Years Foundation Stage

The new school year has begun and the children have made a great start! They have settled well into their classes and are happily forming new friendships. They are now coming into school and organising their belongings independently – thank you for your support with this!

In Early Years our topic for the autumn term is 'This is me'. This will involve learning about us, families, houses and the body. Children will learn more about their appearance and paint portraits of themselves. As part of our work in PSHE, we will also learn about what makes us special and crucially the skills needed to make friends, which is particularly important to us at this time. Reception children will look at how they have changed over time by considering the things they can do now, compared to when they were a baby. We will also learn about a variety of religious festivals, including Rosh Hashanah and Diwali.

As summer ends we will learn about autumn and observe the changes happening around us. Our Maths and English work will be based on this in Reception and will be linked to high quality texts. Currently our Literacy is focused heavily on learning to write letters in the cursive style and using these letters to write simple words and sentences. In Maths we are working with numbers to 20 and focusing on recognising numerals and making amounts in different ways.

All Reception children should now have a reading book and will read every week with their class teacher. Books can be changed throughout the week, rather than a specific day - as is necessary. When reading, please focus on encouraging the children to use Phonics to segment and blend phonetically regular words c/a/t – cat. A meeting for Reception parents has been organised for Wednesday 10th October at 3.45 p.m. - which will focus on ways to help your child with reading and writing at home. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions in the meantime.

Thank you to parents who have already sent in labelled wellingtons. These are very useful when it is raining, which we anticipate more of! Additionally please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled, particularly cardigans and jumpers, as this makes them easier to return when misplaced.

We are always very grateful for any donations to the Early Years fund which can be made through the school website.

The Early Years staff are always available to answer any queries you may have and do not hesitate to speak to us.

Thanks you,

Miss McMahan, Miss Burgwin and Mrs Callaghan

Infant News

Infant Newsletter

Here we are at the start of a new school year - it was lovely to meet so many parents at the drop-in sessions we held recently.

Year 1

English and Maths

The children take part in daily phonics lessons learning to sound out and blend letters into words. The children's spelling and writing closely links with this phonics work. Alongside this, the children will continue to develop their fine motor and handwriting skills through a range of activities. Homework will be sent home on Friday to reinforce the phonics learning that has taken place that week.

It is vital to your child's reading progress that they practise applying these skills in their own reading books by reading at home. Your child's school reading book will closely match their developing phonic knowledge. Please try to read with your child at least three times a week and make a note or sign their reading record. Thank you
Maths is taught daily and there is a big focus on number work as well as shape and measures, including money. Maths homework will be sent home on a Friday to reinforce the Maths learning from that week.

Please return homework by Tuesday. Thank you

Topics



Our first topic is 'Ourselves'. The children will begin by learning about the parts of the body and keeping their bodies healthy. Children in Year 1 will learn about healthy food and make a healthy sandwich. As well as stories linked to this topic, the children will learn how to find information in non-fiction books and use simple recipes.

In History, Year 1 children will learn about how they have changed since they were babies - get those baby pictures ready! And in Geography they will make simple maps based on the school environment.

In Art the Year 1 children will learn how to mix secondary colours and how to change colours and paint carefully.

In RE the children will learn about what it means to 'belong' and then continue to develop this understanding by learning about belonging to a faith.

Year 1 PE is on THURSDAY - PE kit is a white T-shirt, stretchy navy blue shorts and pumps or trainers.

Year 2

English and Maths

The children continue to take part in daily maths and English lessons. Reading is taught daily and your child will continue to bring home a school reading book for reading to you at home. We also have daily spelling sessions; if you want to help at home, you can play spelling games with your child such as hangman, scrabble or online games. As part of the maths learning the children will be learning the 10 times table up to 10x12, this is also something you can practise at home.

Topics



Our first topic is 'healthy me'. The children will build on the work they did in Year 1 and will learn about the main food groups and be introduced to the 'eat well plate'. As part of this work, the children will design and make healthy food. Our English work will be based around stories and non-fiction books with a health theme.

Later in the term, the children will learn about The Gunpowder Plot in History and in Geography they will learn the names and location of the capital cities of the countries in Great Britain.

In Art lessons, the children will paint their own portraits and also learn about some artists famous for painting and drawing portraits e.g. Leonardo Da Vinci and the Mona Lisa portrait.

In RE the children will learn about what it means to 'belong' and then continue to develop this understanding by learning about belonging to different faiths.

In computing the children will learn simple programming and de-bugging skills.

Year 2's PE

Miss Leggott – Tuesday

Miss Wilson - Wednesday

PE kit is a white T-shirt, stretchy navy blue shorts and pumps or trainers.

Just a quick reminder - homework is due back in school on **Tuesday**. Homework should take approximately 15 minutes for each piece.

Also, when you read with your child during the week it would be helpful if you could make a quick note in their reading record.

Thank you

Miss Matthews, Mrs Leyland, Miss Leggott and Miss Wilson

Lower Junior News

Welcome back to another school year. The children have settled back well and made a good start with their learning.

Year 3

The Year 3s will be learning about The Ancient Greeks. To bring this learning to life we have organised for Tempis Fugit to visit school and perform as an Ancient Greek storyteller. In English the focus will be Greek myths and then report writing. Using their knowledge of Greek myths, the children will design and make a traditional Greek vase in Art.

Our Science topic is Electricity and the children will make simple circuits. They will then use their science knowledge and apply it to their DT project.

Our RE work in Year 3 will be based around the question 'What is it like to be a Christian in Britain today?' Spelling and grammar will be taught regularly and will continue to be a focus for homework. Maths homework will focus on learning the times tables and we ask that you continue to read with your child at home on a regular basis. Children will be learning the numbers up to 10 and some basic classroom instructions in French. In Computing, children will be using Scratch to begin learning how to write computer code, programming objects and characters to move and speak.

PE is on Wednesdays for Mr. Cooper's class.

Swimming is on Tuesdays for Mrs Lee's class.

Year 4



In Year 4 we are starting our year with an all-time favourite - The Ancient Egyptians. The children will find out about life in Ancient Egypt and, of course, about the pyramids, tombs and mummies. This subject will also be the focus for our English work. To support this learning we have organised a trip to the World Museum in Liverpool to take part in two Egyptian workshops. The children will be using non-fiction books and stories with an Egyptian theme to develop their reading and writing skills. Spelling and grammar will be taught regularly and will continue to be a focus for homework. Maths homework this year will focus on learning the times tables facts.

In Science our topic is Materials. The children will be learning about solids, liquids and gases. They will also be learning about rocks; focusing on the properties of hardness and permeability.

We will continue with our Jigsaw lessons starting with work about being a good class member, team building and being a good member of our school community. In RE the children will be learning about the Hindu religion. In French, children will be sentence building, using what they already know about colours and animals. Computing will focus on coding - the children will learn how to create short computer programs to control characters and objects.

PE will be on Mondays for Mrs Riley's class and Tuesdays for Miss Roberts' class.

Many thanks,

The Lower Junior Team

Upper Junior News

Year 5

This half term, we will be using both Fiction and Non-Fiction texts to teach aspects of reading and writing in our **English** lessons, where the children will be learning to write stories and newspaper reports with an Outer Space focus. Guided and/or individual reading will take place weekly for each child - please continue to hear your child read at home regularly, discuss new vocabulary with them, ask your child questions about the text, and comment in your child's reading record. Please help your child to remember to bring their school Reading Book and Reading Record into school each day. Spelling is taught daily as part of our English lessons and Handwriting lessons will take place on a twice weekly basis.

In **Maths** lessons this half term, Year 5 children will learn about the Place Value of large and decimal numbers before moving on to learn about addition and subtraction, and 2D shape. Please continue to help your child to learn and practise their times tables facts up to and including 12 x 12 at home.

In our **Science** lessons, Y5 children will learn all about Earth and Space. They will be finding out about the Solar System and Phases of the Moon; they also have an exciting trip to Jodrell Bank to look forward to, which will further enhance their Science learning.

PE lessons this half term will focus on the children playing Basketball with Miss Pollitt and indoor athletics with Miss Dragisic. Both Mrs. Hopkins' class and Miss James' class will have P.E. on Thursday morning. It is essential that children have their PE kits in school on the correct day - plain white tee-shirt and plain blue shorts or jogging bottoms, and pumps or trainers. Please help your child to remember these.

As part of our topic work, Year 5 children will learn about The British Isles in **Geography**, focusing on physical features such as counties, rivers and coast-lines.

In **RE** we will be finding out why some people believe that God exists. Our **PSHEC** topic is the first puzzle in our Jigsaw scheme and is all about 'Being Me in My World'. Through these lessons, children will be finding out about rights and responsibilities. In **Music**, we will be exploring texture, pitch and pulse through 80's rock anthems. We will be learning the names of different animals and colours in **French** and in **Computing**; we will be creating our own program using Scratch.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Hopkins and Miss James

Year 6

Welcome back to The Upper Junior Department!

This half term, in our **English** lessons, we will be teaching the children to use figurative language to create imagery in their writing, using Roald Dahl's 'Boy' as inspiration. Guided and/or individual reading will take place in lessons daily - please continue to hear your child read at home regularly, discuss new vocabulary with them, ask your child questions about the text, and comment in your child's reading record. Please help your child to remember to bring their school Reading Book and Reading Record into school each day. Spelling is taught daily as part of our English lessons and handwriting lessons take place twice weekly.

In **Maths** lessons this half term, we will be focusing initially on place value and securing children's knowledge of how the number system works. Please continue to help your child to learn and regularly practise their times tables facts up to and including 12 x 12 at home.

In our **Science** lessons this half term, Year 6 children will learn about Light initially before moving onto Electricity. They will learn how to construct circuits, make switches and vary a circuit's output by changing components.



We will be teaching the children to describe and compare places through our **Geography** lessons about two areas in the U.K: Snowdonia and Salford. This work will link closely to work carried out during our residential visit to Lledr Hall in October.

In **Computing**, year six pupils will be learning all about mobile apps, and will start to plan and create their own Android based app.

In **French**, the children will be learning the days of the week and the months of the year.

In **PE** lessons this half term, classes will be learning Basketball and Lacrosse. PE lessons for both Mrs Hampson's class and Miss Cunningham's class will take place on Friday mornings. It is essential that all children have their PE kits in school on the correct day - plain white tee-shirt and plain blue shorts or jogging bottoms, and pumps or trainers. Please help your child to remember these.

Our **RE** work will investigate how different people show their commitment to God, and our **PSHE** topic is called *Being Me in My World*. Through these lessons, the children will be learning all about the rights and responsibilities of global citizens.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Hampson and Miss Cunningham