

Newsletter 4 – January 2019

Headteacher's Update

I can't believe it is the end of January – 2019 is flying by already! The children have made a fantastic start this year and have already been very hard at work. I've been impressed with how calmly they have settled in, and been trying their best to learn new skills and improve the ones that they have.

We have updated our weekly celebration assembly with some new certificates, so that they reflect some of the things we are working on as a school. These are 'English Expert', 'Maths Master' and 'ReflectEd Learner of the Week'. The first of these awards were given out on Friday – a huge well done to the winners! Thank you to Mrs Cathmoir and Mrs Houghton for designing and tweaking the new certificates.

The Friends of Monkwick had a Film Night for the children, which was very well attended. The children had a great time and enjoyed the night. A huge thank you to our Parent Group for another fantastic night. The next event planned is the Valentines Disco on 13th February. Tickets are limited!

Snow and Bad Weather

There has been lots of talk on the news recently about heavy snowfall. If the weather is bad, and there is a change to the normal arrangements, we will notify parents using ParentMail. Information will also be published on the front page of our website and the Facebook group. We will always try to remain open in bad weather, unless it is unsafe to do so. School Closure is a difficult decision and only takes place under extreme circumstances.

Colchester United

We have been working with Colchester United throughout this year. They have worked with groups of children on Reading and Writing, and even brought Eddie the Eagle to an assembly with them! A lucky group of children who had written some poems got to attend a football match on Saturday 19th January with Miss Pool and Mr Hewitt. They had a great time and were excellent representatives of the school!

Staying Safe Online

Please remember to keep an eye out on what your children do, and who they speak to online. It is important to monitor, and make sure that your child knows not to pass out any information that may identify them, and to speak only to people who they know.

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 12th February – Termly Learning Conferences (Parents Evening) Wednesday 13th February – Valentines Disco Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February – Half Term Holiday Monday 25th February – Non Pupil Day Tuesday 26th February – Children Return to School

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Schooldays / Weekends	School Holidays
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