



Monks Risborough

Church of England Primary School

A learning community- encouraging success, celebrating achievement, strengthened by God.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a very settled start back to the academic year following the Christmas break. I have spent a lot of time in classes throughout the school and the children have been demonstrating excellent behaviour with strong engagement and great enthusiasm for their learning.

On behalf of all of my staff I would also like to say thank you for the generous gifts we were given before Christmas – they were greatly appreciated.

Book Look

Yesterday we held our monthly 'Book Look'. If you were not able to attend but would like to see your child's work so that you can share in their learning, please let the class teacher know so that this can be arranged.

Welcome to Ms Richardson

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Ms Richardson who will be teaching the PPA slots previously taught by Mrs Bloxham for the remainder of the academic year. Ms Richardson has now spent a number of days at Monks Risborough getting to know the staff and school and has fitted in very successfully.

Clubs

Letters will have come home this week regarding extra-curricular clubs. Clubs run by staff members will start the week beginning Monday 22nd January (clubs run by external providers have already started). A couple of parents have asked why these clubs have not started straight away. The reason for this is that our staff run these clubs completely voluntarily and they love running them but it is important that staff also have the time at the beginning of term to ensure their classes are appropriately set up; this leads to the term being far more manageable for them. If you have not received a copy of our latest clubs list it can be downloaded from <https://www.monksrisboroughprimary.com/extra-curricular-activities.html>.

If any parent with the relevant DBS checks would like to help out at any of our clubs, please notify the club leader. I know one of our parents, Mrs Nichols, would greatly appreciate a parent helping her with Chess Club on a...

Key Stage 1 learning board

In Key Stage 1, if you would like to see what the children are learning on a weekly basis, please view the outside learning board in the Key Stage 1 collection area.

Parent Forum

The minutes from our latest Parent Forum are available to view on the school website. They can also be downloaded via the <https://www.monksrisboroughprimary.com/parent-forum-minutes.html>

Bumped Heads

We have changed our procedures to ensure parents are aware when their child has bumped their head. If your child bumps their head, they will be given a bumped head sticker and you will also receive a letter notifying you exactly where on their head they injured themselves.

Traffic

I would like to remind parents to be vigilant navigating the roads around the school premises. Just before Christmas there was an incident on the pelican crossing outside the school gates, resulting in the hospitalisation of a member of public. Please reaffirm to your children the importance of waiting for the traffic to stop at the crossing, as well as waiting for the green man, before crossing the road.

As always, my priority is your child's happiness, welfare and learning. Should you have any concerns regarding any of these, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.

Best Wishes,

Tom Baskerville

Head Teacher

Dates 2018

January

Thursday 11th	Book Look after school
Wednesday 17th	Kites to Maidenhead Synagogue
Monday 22nd	School Council Meeting

February

Tuesday 6th	Book Look after school
Friday 9th	Last Day of Half Term
Monday 19th	First Day of School
Wednesday 21st	Calshot parents evening 7.30pm
Thursday 22nd	Mum's in School

SCHOOL TERM DATES

	School opens on the morning of	School closes on the afternoon of
Spring 2018	Thursday 4 th January (N.B INSET day Wednesday 3rd January)	Friday 9 th February
	Monday 19 th February	Thursday 29 th March (Good Friday 30th March)
Summer 2018	Monday 16 th April	Thursday 24 th May (NB. INSET day Friday 25th May)
	Monday 4 th June	Tuesday 24 th July
Autumn 2018	Thursday 6 th September (NB. INSET day Wednesday 5th September)	Friday 19 th October
	Monday 29 th October	Wednesday 19 th December
Spring 2019	Thursday 3 rd January (NB. INSET day Wednesday 2nd January)	Friday 15 th February

For the complete calendar of school dates please see the website www.monksrisboroughprimary.com

(Please note changes to the calendar are in bold and italic)

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