



# Monks Risborough Church of England Primary School

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## Newsletter 11 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we come to the end of a fabulous year of learning, we begin to look back and celebrate everything that has taken place within Monks Risborough. I am very proud of our school. With Parents, Staff, Children and Governors working together, along with support from the Parish of St Dunstan's, the children have received an incredible variety of rich and diverse creative learning opportunities, within a supportive community in which they thrive. As you will read below, even over the last two weeks as the school comes to a close, there have been many wonderful learning activities that have continued to take place.

Many visitors who walk through our school comment on our happy, industrious children, team work and the positive energy that permeates the school. Following an exceptionally busy year, I would particularly like to thank our wonderful staffs who are so passionate every day in giving all they have in trying to ensure they provide the very best for your children. I always feel very lucky to be working amongst such a brilliant team of committed professionals.

### A day of 'Goodbyes'

Today is a day of goodbyes and welcoming the next chapter in the lives of many people associated with the school. It has been lovely to see the children in Year 6 develop over the last 3 years. They are a very talented cohort of children who have given much to all areas of school life and we have enjoyed working with them as they have grown and developed throughout their learning journey. I have no doubt they will go on to achieve great things.

We are also saying goodbye to a few members of our staff team, including Mrs Morgan, Miss Morris, Mrs Stratford & Miss Sears moving on to pastures new, a couple of whom are leaving to train to teach Miss Hawes & Miss Nash, so on behalf of everyone associated with the school, I would like to say 'thank you' to them for their care, support and teaching and wish them much success in their future careers.

### Finally... The Ind of an era

As mentioned a few weeks ago, Mrs Ind is retiring today having worked at Monks Risborough for 22 Years. She has taught, inspired and supported so many families within the community and we are incredibly grateful for all of the time and commitment she has given to them and the school; taking on many roles including Deputy Head and Head Teacher. Mrs Ind will be greatly missed by the children, parents and staff and we do hope to continue to see her around the school from time to time. We wish her much happiness and enjoyment in her retirement.

### A note from Mrs Ind

Thank you all so much for your lovely kind wishes and gifts. The leaver's service was wonderful, but much more emotional than I ever imagined. Mons has been a big part of my life for so long. I agree with Class six there will always be a little of Monks in me. Good luck and happiness to you all.

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## Gym & Dance Show at Princes Risborough School by Bea Hunter

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July the dance club went to participate in this show. They performed Nicest Kids in Town (Hairspray) and (Matilda) When I Grow Old it was an exciting experience that the whole family enjoyed. In the dress rehearsal we had the pleasure of watching the other schools amazing routines.

## Hawks WWF outcome by Amelia Jackson

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, Class 4/Hawks had our class outcome a rainforest fair and we raised £115 for the WWF. We also wrote to our local MP Mr Bercow about their concerns about deforestation, following on from their topic of rainforests. We also made chocolate which was a fabulous end of term treat!

## Kites Mrs Laird- Parry's House by Jenson Jowett & Arabella Sewell

When Mrs Laird- Parry came to our class she told us about her house, one of the oldest in Princes Risborough. She brought some pieces of wood from her house which was very old. They are living in only part of the house so the builders are re doing the rest of it.

## Breakfast Club

First Light Childcare will start to operate a Breakfast club at Monks from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. If you responded to their questionnaire and shared your contact details, I believe that they will be contacting you during the summer break. Gym and Judo clubs will not be affected.

## Do you have time in the middle of the day?

We have 2 midday supervisor posts that have been vacant for some time. If there are any parents who would be interested in joining our midday supervisor team in the Autumn Term, please speak to the school office or send in an email.

Finally, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to welcoming the children back, safe and well on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

With best wishes,

Tom Baskerville

Head Teacher

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## School Dates

2017

### September 2017

Monday 4th  
Tuesday 5th  
Wednesday 6th  
Friday 8th

INSET DAY  
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First Day of School  
Reception First Day of School

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Breakfast Club starts 7.30am – 8.40am**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Reception Parents Cheese & Wine Evening 7pm**

### October

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>

Last Day of Half Term  
INSET DAY  
First Day of Half Term

### December

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Last Day of Term

### January 2018

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

INSET DAY  
First Day of Spring Term

## SCHOOL TERM DATES

	School opens on the morning of	School closes on the afternoon of
<b>Autumn 2017</b>	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September (NB. INSET days 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> September)	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October
	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October (N.B INSET day Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October)	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Spring 2018</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January (N.B INSET day Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January)	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March (Good Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March)
<b>Summer 2018</b>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May (NB. INSET day Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May)
	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Autumn 2018</b>	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> September (NB. INSET day Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September)	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October

For the complete calendar of school dates please see the website [www.monksrisboroughprimary.com](http://www.monksrisboroughprimary.com)

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

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