



Monks Risborough

Church of England Primary School

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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The end of the Spring Term has culminated in many exciting activities and outcomes to the children's learning. It is through these that not only do we cultivate engagement in learning but are also able to promote key social skills and team work that are so essential for the next phase in their education. In addition, events by the 'Friends' and services at St Dunstons have enabled all members of the community to play an active part in developing opportunities for the children, as well as to enjoy worshipping with them and showing value in their learning. I would like to say thank you to all members of our community who have contributed so much time to supporting and enriching the opportunities for the children at Monks Risborough.

Uniform Update

Children can begin to come to school in summer uniform after the Easter Break, dependent on the weather. Please can all children be in full summer uniform by the May half-term.

Thank you to everyone for providing your views around school uniform. It has been extremely useful in helping us to consider any changes, the impact of these and how uniform changes could be implemented. Currently we have consulted with children, parents, staff and governors to get a rounded view. After reporting back to the governing body, there are a couple of aspects we are investigating a little further to ensure we don't make expensive and wholesale changes unnecessarily, although certain aspects of uniform, such as PE kit, will definitely change. I will inform you of these and how they will be implemented in the first newsletter next term.

Easter Services

Many people have commented on the two very poignant Easter services that Year 4 have led over the last two days. They were very confident in delivering their lines and acting out the Easter story but they also demonstrated tremendous friendship and teamwork, supporting each other to take on parts of children who were unfortunately unwell. Well done Year 4!

Easter Fair

Our Easter Fair on Monday was thoroughly enjoyable and provided an exciting start to the Easter period. It was great to have such lovely weather but not be so hot that it would melt all of the Easter eggs. Thank you to all of the Friends and staff for hosting such an enjoyable fair.

Muddy Monks Trail Run

On Sunday, the school held its second trail run, 'The Muddy Monks.' People from across Risborough and further afield (as well as myself and Mr Stannett) took part with many comments about what a challenging but fantastic course it was. This event will certainly be taking place next year so if you have been a little apprehensive thus far – you have a whole year to prepare for the next one! Thank you to all of the Friends and particularly Martin Felix and Emma Lumb for all of their time in advertising, marking out the course and preparing for the event.

Eagles residential to wonderful Calshot!

Last week, Year 6 went on a residential trip to Calshot. It was a once in a lifetime experience where we created memories that will last forever. During the week, we experienced a wide array of activities featuring different skills and helping us to uncover our talents. Some of the activities were environment based such as trawling where we went on a boat and collected sea-organisms. Other adventurous activities were inside the main hanger where we had the

opportunity to take part in action packed activities such as skiing, climbing and cycling in a velodrome. Calshot was an amazing experience!

By Evie

Schools in Harmony

Last night, schools from across Risborough took part in a collaborative concert performing and singing a number of different songs. We spent weeks leading up to the concert practising and it was worthwhile because on the evening our parents were spell bound by our captivating performance. It was very enjoyable singing alongside children from other local schools.

By Daniela and Zanirah

Great Fire of London

Last week Year 2 took part in a hands-on learning experience from 'History off the Page.' Within this, the children were able to take part in an immersive experience about the Great Fire of London. The day was memorably rounded off by a visit from the fire service (with their fire engine) to put out the fire!

Netball Competition at Kings Mead

Following a week away on the south coast, the following day our netball team (lead by Mrs Shea) got up bright and early to take part in a netball competition in High Wycombe. The children played superbly, growing in confidence throughout the tournament and winning a number of games. The camaraderie and team spirit was clearly displayed, resulting in them winning the Fair Play award – Well done Netball Team!

Class Outcomes

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend our class outcomes this week and engage in the children's learning. Outcomes ranged from a Calshot experience in Year 6 to shopping in Year 1. Our outcomes play a key role in providing a purpose for the learning throughout the term and it is great they are so well supported.

Twitter

In order to provide you with a little more insight into what happens during the school day, we have increased the use of our Twitter account. If you have an account, please do 'follow' us, if not the timeline is being constantly updated on the front page of our website.

As always, the happiness and well-being of your child remains my top priority. Should you have any concerns regarding this or the progress your child is making, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I wish you all a restful Easter break and look forward to seeing the children back safe and well on Monday 16th April.

Kind regards,
Tom Baskerville

Attendance

Over the last two weeks 148 children have 100% attendance. This week 1 child was late, 5 children attended medical appointments. There were 3 children absent due to holidays or other unauthorised absences.

POLITE REMINDER THAT THE SCHOOL GATES CLOSE AT 8.45AM

Dates

March

Tuesday 27th	Kites outcome 2.30pm Robins outcome to Eagles 2.15pm
Wednesday 28th	Easter Service KS2 Robins, Kestrels, Hawks, Falcons & Eagles 9.30am Wrens outcome in Hall 2.30pm Kestrels outcome in classroom 2.30pm
Thursday 29th	Schools in Harmony Performance 7pm Easter Service KS2 Wrens, Kites, Hawks, Falcons & Eagles 10.30am Kestrels to Ashmolean
Friday 30th	Last Day of Term Good Friday

April

Monday 2nd	Easter Monday
Monday 16th	First Day of School
Tuesday 17th	Robins visit to Bekonscot
Wednesday 18th	Netball match at Monks Risborough School 3.30pm
Friday 20th	Disco
Tuesday 24th	Book Look after school
Wednesday 25th	Netball match at Monks Risborough School 3.30pm
Saturday 28th	Mr Baskerville's Bingo & Quiz

May

Monday 7th	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22nd	Book Look after school
Thursday 24th	Last Day of Half Term
Friday 25th	INSET Day

June

Monday 4th **First Day of School**

SCHOOL TERM DATES

	School opens on the morning of	School closes on the afternoon of
	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
	Monday 25 th February	Friday 5 th April
Summer 2019	Wednesday 24 th April (NB. INSET day Tuesday 23rd April)	Friday 24 th May
	Monday 3 rd June	Wednesday 24 th July

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

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