



Monks Risborough

Church of England Primary School

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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Having been an incredibly busy first few weeks to the Summer Term, I am finally able to stop and update you (with a little help from the Year 4 children) about some of the enjoyment in learning we have been having. As always, the Summer Term is always filled with many learning and PTA events so please do check the calendar for anything upcoming.

Ascension Day Service

Yesterday the school attended our annual Ascension Day Service at St Dunstons Church. All of the children sang wonderfully, supported by our orchestra 'The Minstrels.' James posed the question 'Did Jesus ascend into Heaven with his shoes?' causing much debate among the children. At the end of the service Mrs Fairall mysteriously disappeared...by Jack (Year 4)

Tennis Stars

As part of our School Sport Partnership Program, we have had children from across the school competing in 3 different tennis tournaments at Princes Risborough Secondary School this week: Year 2, Years 3 and 4 and Year 5. All of the children represented the school superbly, thoroughly enjoying the various events and coming away with medals and certificates.

'Yesterday, 16 children from Years 3 and 4 took part in a tennis tournament against local schools at Princes Risborough Secondary School. We carried out a few skills tournaments throughout the afternoon including volleying and hitting the ball into different areas of the court. At first I was really nervous but we came third and had great fun!' By Jemima (Year 4)

The Amazing Adventures at Shortenills

'Last week the Year 4 children went to Shortenills Eco-Centre. While we were here we had great fun carrying out environmental activities such as: den building, pond dipping, hiking and creating bug hotels. Before we went we were really excited but a little bit nervous. We stayed in huge dormitories with all of our friends which were really cosy. We were glad of this every night as we were very tired at the end of the day. Shortenills was a beautiful place to stay which was covered with sparkling bluebells.' By Ava, Jack, Jaydon and Jemima (Year 4)

Family Bingo and Quiz

The Family Bingo and Quiz was a great success with around 40 participants, as children from across the school competed with their families, demonstrating their worldly knowledge to compete for coveted 'Golden Gnome.' Questions ranged from children's favourite movie characters to complex maths, there was something for everyone and essential full team involvement. I would like to thank the 'Friends' and Lynn Williams in particular, for creating such a fabulous event and super questions.

Robin's Visit to Bekonscot by Luke

On Tuesday 17th April, we went to Bekonscot on a coach. First we had some raisins, and then we looked at the model village. After that we had lunch and went to the play area. Then we played I-spy with pictures. We drove back to school at 2pm. We had an exciting day.... It was our first school trip!

Netball League Champions!

Our Year 5 and 6 netball team have performed brilliantly this season. As a result, they have won their league and are now through to a champion's final against the other league winning teams across the Wycombe District. Well done!

Hawks Visit to Oakridge School – by Mabel

On Friday 27th April, we went to Oakridge School, to see our buddies. We had only met once before and that was all the way back in October. Everybody was so excited! When we arrived we were led to the school, it was massive! We were led to the hall; all the children were waiting eagerly to meet us. As soon as we sat down and started to talk we felt as though we had known each other for a long time. In addition, a religious man who came from the Mosque down the road came to talk to us about the values in his religion. After that we did a group activity, covering a bit of paper with a drawing with lots of brightly coloured pieces of tissue paper. We all had a great time at Oakridge and we hope to all go there again.

Food Hygiene – 5 stars

Our Dining Room and food hygiene practice was inspected recently by the Environmental Health Food Safety and I am delighted to inform you that we were awarded the highest possible level – 5 stars. Well done to our terrific midday supervisor team!

Sharing our Fabulous Phonics

Four Trainee teachers from Oxford Brookes University have been in school today, Mrs Swain has been providing them with phonics training and they have then been to various classes to observe the excellent teaching practice in this area, across the school

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.

Kind regards,
Tom Baskerville

Attendance

Since our return from Easter Holidays 146 children have 100% attendance. During this time 11 children were late, 16 children attended medical appointments. There were 10 children absent due to holidays or other unauthorised absences.

POLITE REMINDER THAT THE SCHOOL GATES CLOSE AT 8.45AM

Dates

May

Thursday 17 th	Netball Club Finals
Friday 18 th	Rounders at PRS for Eagles 1pm Film Club

Tuesday 22 nd	Book Look after school
Wednesday 23 rd	Rounders at PRS Kestrels & Hawks 1pm
Thursday 24 th	Parent & Daughter Talk Falcons 2pm Robins outcome to parents 2.30pm Last Day of Half Term

Friday 25th **INSET Day**

June

Monday 4th **First Day of School - Walk to School Week**

Wednesday 6 th	Leavers & Team Photographs
Friday 8 th	Eagles to Hazard Alley Mufti Day for Summer Fair Hampers

Monday 11 th	Falcons to Green Park
Wednesday 13 th	Athletics multi skills at PRS for Wrens & Kites 1pm
Thursday 14 th	Athletics at PRS for Kestrels & Hawks 3.45pm

Friday 22 nd	School Sports Day
Saturday 23 rd	Summer Fair
Wednesday 27 th	Summer Concert 7pm
Thursday 28 th	Book Look after school
Friday 29 th	Reserve Sports Day

SCHOOL TERM DATES

	School opens on the morning of	School closes on the afternoon of
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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