



# Monks Risborough Church of England Primary School

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

Dear Parents,

This half term the sun has been shining and the children have been smiling with the fantastic learning that has taken place. It has been so lovely for them to have had the opportunity to spend so much time on the field (I wasn't sure when the grey days were going to end) It has been a joy to observe their fantastic friendship skills and particularly how well our children in KS2 and KS1 interact with each other. Over the half term, I have been on duty most days on the field and their behaviour has been exemplary.

## SATS Stars

Over the past few weeks the children in Years 2 and 6 have been undertaking their end of key stage statutory assessment tests (SATS). Throughout the year these children have worked exceptionally hard, and although we try to keep any pressure to a minimum, they do recognise the tests as being important. All members of our staff team are exceptionally proud of their efforts – Well done Years 2 and 6!

## Let's have a splashing time

Today you will have received a letter regarding swimming which will begin the first week back after the half term break. There are various requirements, as detailed by Bucks County Council, in regards to what children are allowed to wear in school pools. Please can you make sure you read the letter carefully to ensure that children arrive to their first swimming session with appropriate clothing.

## Book Look

Many parents came along to 'Book Look' this week. As a staff, we strongly recognise the importance of working with you to support your children's learning. Children love to show their learning to you and it helps to add additional value to their efforts. If you are unable to attend book looks, but you occasionally do have an opportunity to come into school, please do feel free to make an appointment to come and view your child's work at another point.

## Please check the Calendar

There are many summer events coming up over the next half term, for example: Sports Day, productions, music evenings, triathlons, the Summer Fair, Campathons etc. Please do check through the calendar to ensure you are aware of anything you are looking forward to attending.

### Staffing Update

Mrs Richardson has been working temporarily across the school to cover teacher's planning time on a supply basis, while Mrs Chapman has been on maternity leave. Mrs Richardson will be leaving us today and Mr Mullen and I will be covering all of her PPA commitments (I will be teaching both sessions for Year 4 on a Wednesday, rather than have them split over two separate days). Most of these sessions will take place when the children are swimming so that as much core teaching as possible is carried out by your child's class teacher.

I am sure we will see Mrs Richardson again, as she may well come back to the school and cover various supply teaching days. I would like to say thank you to her for all of her hard work.

Mr Gouldstone has completed two of his teaching placements towards his teaching qualification. After spending some time this term in Years 3 and 6 he will be completing his teaching practice in Year 3, which he has really enjoyed (and so have the children!) under the supervision of Miss Gehnich, after half term.

The accountability, skills and knowledge for the teaching of swimming increases every year. Currently Mrs Hirst, Mrs Nish and Mrs Shea are our members of staff who are qualified to teach swimming and will be delivering this element of the PE curriculum next half term. All three members of staff are very experienced swimming teachers, having taught swimming at the school for many years. Mr Mullen will be increasing his teaching commitment in Year 5 and will be teaching all day on Thursday and Fridays.

As always the well-being, happiness and progress of your children are my top priorities. Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

I wish you a restful half-term break.

Kind regards,

Tom Baskerville

### **Attendance**

Since our return from Easter Holidays 128 children have 100% attendance. During this time 13 children were late, 19 children attended medical appointments. There were 14 children absent due to holidays or other unauthorised absences.

**POLITE REMINDER THAT THE SCHOOL GATES CLOSE AT 8.45AM**

## Dates

### June

#### Monday 4th

First Day of School - **Walk to School Week**

Leavers & Team Photographs

Wednesday 6th

Eagles to Hazard Alley

Friday 8th

Mufti Day for Summer Fair Hampers

Monday 11th

Falcons to Green Park

#### Tuesday 12th

**Athletics at PRS for Falcons & Eagles 3.45pm**

Wednesday 13th

Athletics multi skills at PRS for Wrens & Kites 1pm

Thursday 14th

Athletics at PRS for Kestrels & Hawks 3.45pm

#### Monday 18th

**Falcons Secondary Transition Meeting in Classroom 7pm - 8.15pm**

#### Wednesday 20th

**Minstrels to Kneller Hall**

#### Thursday 21st

**Mufti Day for tombola bring a bottle**

Friday 22nd

School Sports Day

Saturday 23rd

Summer Fair

#### Monday 25th

**Falcons & Eagles Big Bang Green Park**

#### Tuesday 26th

**Wrens to Kew Gardens**

**Robins at PRS for Multi Skills 12.45pm**

#### Wednesday 27th

**Golden Welly Competition Robins, Wrens & Kites 1pm**

Summer Concert 7pm

#### Thursday 28th

**Kites to Amersham Field Centre**

Book Look after school

Friday 29th

Reserve Sports Day

### July

#### Tuesday 3rd

**Monks Risborough Transfer Day**

## SCHOOL TERM DATES

	School opens on the morning of	School closes on the afternoon of
<b>Summer 2018</b>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May <b>(NB. INSET day Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May)</b>
	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Autumn 2018</b>	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> September <b>(NB. INSET day Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September)</b>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October
	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Spring 2019</b>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January <b>(NB. INSET day Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January)</b>	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February
	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Summer 2019</b>	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April <b>(NB. INSET day Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April)</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July

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

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