



Monks Risborough

Church of England Primary School

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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Monks Risborough, I trust that you and your children have had a lovely summer break and are feeling refreshed and as excited about the coming year as we are. I would particularly like to extend a warm welcome to any families new to the school.

All of the children have settled extremely well into their new classes demonstrating excellent behaviour to their teachers and have been animated when talking to me about their learning ahead.

Class Photos

Class photographs will be taken next Wednesday. Please ensure your child comes to school with their shoes shined and in full winter uniform. Although we do allow children to continue wearing summer uniform at this point in the year, for our class photographs it will look much more professional to have all children in the same uniform.

Clubs

After school clubs will begin on the week beginning Monday 25th September. This gives our teachers a little time to ensure everything is in place for your children. A clubs list and sign up information will come home next week.

Meet the Teacher

A letter came home on Wednesday informing you of our 'Meet the Teacher' times next week. As a quick reminder they are:

Year 1 Tuesday 12th Mrs Morris 2.30pm

Year 2 Wednesday 13th Mrs Healy 2.30pm

Year 3 Thursday 14th Miss Gehnich 2.45pm

Year 4 Friday 15th Miss Jeffrey 2.45pm

Year 5 Monday 11th Mrs Hirst 2.45pm

Year 6 Monday 11th Miss Robinson 2.45pm

Foundation Stage Curriculum and Phonics Talk

Mrs Swain will be running a curriculum and phonics talk next Wednesday at 9.00am for the parents of children in the Foundation Stage. Come along and find out all about how your child will be taught this year.

Foundation Stage Parents Cheese and Wine Evening

Our Foundation Stage Team and the Friends will be hosting a cheese and wine evening on Friday 22nd September at 7pm. This is an opportunity for parents to begin to develop links and get to know one another. Further information will be coming home next week to parents of children in the Foundation Stage but please do put this date in the diary.

Are you in a position to help make lunchtimes fabulous?

At the end of the last academic year I informed parents that we are short of Midday Supervisors. Midday Supervisors are really important members of our staff team, as playtimes and lunchtimes is where so much of the children's social learning takes place; despite our wonderful lessons, many children report this time to be their favourite part of the day. So far, since advertising on the Bucks County Council Website and informing parents via the newsletter we have not had anyone come forward. If you would be interested in this position or know of anyone outside of our school community who would suit this post, part time or full time, please do let me know by next Wednesday.

Children learn best when the school and parents work in partnership with each other. Please do come in and speak to the teachers or myself if there is anything that is concerning you as the well-being of your child is our first priority.

Best Wishes,

Tom Baskerville

Head Teacher

Dates

2017

September

Monday 4th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5th	INSET DAY
Wednesday 6th	First Day of School
Friday 8th	Reception (Robins) First Day in School
Tuesday 12th	11+ Preparation Test
Wednesday 13th	Reception Curriculum & Phonics Talk 9am
	Class photographs
Thursday 14th	11+ Test
Friday 22nd	Jeans for Genes Day
	Reception Parents Cheese & Wine Evening 7pm - 9pm
Tuesday 26th	Parent Book Look 3.30pm

October

Walk to School Month Black History Month

Monday 2nd	Harvest Festival at St Dunstan's Church 9.30am
Tuesday 3rd	German Unity Day
Wednesday 4th	Phonics talk for Parents 9am
Thursday 5th	Dad's in School
Friday 13th	Be Bright, Be Seen Day
Saturday 14th	Bingo & Quiz Night
Monday 16th	STEM Week
	Parents Evening 5pm - 8pm
Wednesday 18th	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Friday 20th	Last Day of Half Term
Monday 30th	INSET Day
Tuesday 31st	First Day of School

November

Friday 3rd	Disco
Tuesday 7th	Open Morning for Reception & Year 3 September 2018 intake 9.30am
Wednesday 8th	Individual & Family Photographs
Thursday 9th	Open Morning for Reception & Year 3 September 2018 intake 9.30am
Saturday 11th	Adult Friends Evenings
Monday 13th	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 17th	Children in Need
Wednesday 22nd	Parent Curriculum Evening 7.45pm
Friday 24th	Mufti Day for Christmas Hampers

December

Monday 4th	Carols in Community 6pm
Thursday 7th	Nativity to Parents 1.45pm
Friday 8th	Nativity to Parents 1.45pm
Wednesday 13th	Christmas Lunch Whole School
	Christmas Concert 7pm School Hall
Thursday 14th	Christmas Party Falcons & Eagles 1.30pm
Friday 15th	Christmas Party Kestrels & Hawks 1.30pm
Monday 18th	Christmas Service at St Dunstan's Church KS2 Robins & Kites 9.30am
	Christmas Party Robins, Wrens & Kites 1.30pm
Tuesday 19th	Christmas Service at St Dunstan's Church KS2 & Wrens 9.30am

Last Day of Term

SCHOOL TERM DATES

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

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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