



# Monks Risborough

## Church of England Primary School

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

Dear Parents,

I am very impressed with how well the children have settled into their learning, after their first two weeks back. All children have a new class teacher and many children are new to the school, however, they have all quickly learnt the routines within their classes and there is a happy and industrious attitude to learning in all classes across the school.

### Perfect Parking Week - Drop off Zone

I have stood by the Peters Lane gate to welcome the children into school on a number of occasions over the last couple of weeks. During this time I have noticed many parents parking in the 'Drop off Zone' and walk their children into the school playground before returning to their vehicles. A couple of parents have mentioned to me that they were not sure of how it should be used. Simply, this zone is simply to park, let your child out of the car and dive off. This may be more difficult if your child is very young; however, it enables traffic to keep moving along Peters Lane, and provides a place to safely set down your child very close to the school gate. Please read the information sent home today about Perfect Parking Week to help you keep your children safe.

### Cheese, Wine and an Auction of Promises

The Wine and Cheese evening with an auction of promises is fast approaching. This community evening is an opportunity to have fun and meet with friends as well as other parents across the school you may not know. On the evening, there will be a range of exciting promises you can bid for but just as importantly, the evening will be a sociable event full of fun and games in which you can better get to know and enjoy being part of our school community.

### Book Look

Our first 'Book Look' of the academic year will take place on Monday, straight after school. Once you have collected your children, you are welcome to go straight to your child's class so that they can proudly show you how they have started the year with their learning.

### Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you for supporting Jeans for Genes day. This charity event raises money for children who are affected by a genetic disorder, and need support for carers or nurses, new equipment or even an opportunity for respite. We explained genes to the children by using the idea our genes are a recipe from our Mum or Dad. If one part of the recipe isn't completed, it can affect the way we look, our senses or even our mobility. They may have more questions about this that you might like to discuss at home. The money raised £166, will make a big difference to their lives – thank you

### School Uniform

There is still a little confusion regarding our school uniform since the changes we have made. Please click on this school website link to check uniform requirements. [www.monksrisboroughprimary.com/uniform.html](http://www.monksrisboroughprimary.com/uniform.html) The second hand uniform sale raised £46 thank you.

### Friends Meeting

If you would like to become more involved and offer something back to the school (however big or small), why not join our PTA. The next meeting will be held tonight, at 7.30pm at The Red Lion Whiteleaf. Any member of our school community is welcome to come along join and will be warmly welcomed. Becoming a member of the 'Friends' is more than just raising money but also an opportunity to develop friendships with other parents.

## Request from Mr Mullen

If you have any Lego that you are able to donate to the school I would be most grateful. Please drop any bags of Lego you can spare to the school office. Thank you

## **St. Dunstan's Church Harvest Festival**

A family friendly service for all ages is being held on Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> **at 11 am** to which the school choir has been invited. Everyone is welcome to the service and to the lunch afterwards. At the service we are collecting items for the work of the Whitechapel Mission which provides hot food and a drink, showers, clothing, free toilets and the chance of a wash and brush-up to homeless people in London. We are delighted to accept your donations for their work at or before the Harvest service. Please log on to their website [www.whitechapel.org.uk](http://www.whitechapel.org.uk), click on 'donate' and scroll down to 'donate gifts in kind' for a list of the things most desperately needed. If you would like to come to the Harvest lunch at 12.30 in the Scout Hall in Courtmoor Close then please obtain your tickets from Rachel Ungi (01844 761535) adults £6, children 18 or under £3 by Friday September 28<sup>th</sup>. You don't need to come to the service to come to the lunch! Rev James Tomkins [jamestomkins@btinternet.com](mailto:jamestomkins@btinternet.com) 01844 275944

Finally, can I please remind you that the children should only bring in healthy snacks, such as fruit or yoghurts for break times and that there should be no crisps or nut products in school; which includes Nutella bars, muesli bars with nuts or other chocolate products.

## A few upcoming reminders

### **Inset Day Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

### **Harvest service Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am**

## STEM Week

This year we are working hard to promote the profile of Science within the school. If there are any parents with a Science, Technological or Engineering background who would be interested in getting involved with our STEM Week and supporting us with Science, please contact Miss Gehnich (Kestrels Teacher & Science coordinator) by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

As always, the well-being, happiness and progress of your children are my main priorities. My door is always open, please do make an appointment to come and see me if you have any concerns regarding these areas.

Best wishes

Tom Baskerville

Since our return from the summer holidays 173 children have 100% attendance. During this time, 6 children attended medical appointments.

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

### **Dates**

#### **September**

**Friday 21st**

**INSET DAY**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup>

***Perfect Parking Week***

Book Look after School

Thursday 27th

Wrens to Oxford Arboretum

Friday 28th

Eagles to PRS for Play 9.30am

Parent Forum Meeting 2.15pm

***Robins Dessert & Wine Evening 7pm - 9pm***

**October**

**Black History Month**

***Tuesday 2nd***

***Class Photographs***

***Multi Skills Kites to PRS 12.30pm***

***Football Boys U11's District Competition 3pm Princes Risborough Primary***

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** **Football Girls U11's Tournament 4pm Downley School**  
 Thursday 4th School Census Day  
**Friday 5th** **Film Club**

Monday 8th Harvest Service St Dunstan's 9.30am  
**Thursday 11th** **Kites to Whipsnade Zoo**  
 Friday 12th Dads in School Morning

Monday 15th **STEM Week**  
 Parents Evening 5pm – 8pm  
 Wednesday 17th Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Friday 19th Last Day of Half Term  
 Monday 29th First Day of Term  
**Wednesday 31st** **Open Morning Reception 9.30am - 11am**

**November**

**Thursday 1st** **Open Morning Reception 9.30am - 11am**

**December**

**Wednesday 6th** **Robins, Wrens & Kites Nativity to Community 10.30am**  
**Thursday 7th** **Robins, Wrens & Kites Nativity to Community 10.30am**

Wednesday 19th Last Day of Term

**January**

**Wednesday 2nd** **INSET DAY**  
**Thursday 3rd** **First Day of Term**

**SCHOOL TERM DATES**

	School opens on the morning of	School closes on the afternoon of
<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 <b>(Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday)</b>
	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Autumn 2019</b>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September <b>(NB. INSET days Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> September)</b>	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Spring 2020</b>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January <b>(NB. INSET day Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January)</b>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
<b>Summer 2020</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May <b>(Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday)</b>

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

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