



Monks Risborough Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 3 21st October 2016

Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of a very fulfilling first term of this academic year. Christmas is a special time in all schools but at Monks Risborough, with our community being at the heart of all we do, it is particularly poignant. Over the last few weeks, children across the school have engaged fully with parents, grandparents and the wider community, and I have received so many comments regarding what fabulous representatives they are of our school.

I am very proud of the changes Monks Risborough has made over the last two years and our Ofsted report validates the strength of many of our recent developments. In particular, I am proud of how the whole school community has worked together to create a very special place for the children to learn. We have spent time developing a staff team that encapsulates the ethos and values of our school. When I started at Monks Risborough, each member of staff who was here, as well as those that have joined since, knew that we needed to improve in many areas and were excited by the challenge. The commitment, passion and talent of our staff have been the driving force behind how far we have come. All of our staff and governors are aware that with such a thriving and supportive community, along with exceptional children, an amazing environment and a talented staff team, we have all the necessary ingredients to become recognised as a truly innovative and outstanding Church of England school and I do feel very privileged to be leading the us at such an exciting time.

Christmas is a time to be thankful. We have the most amazing children attending our school who make Monks Risborough such as pleasure to teach in. Over the term they have been extremely successful in a range of sporting and musical opportunities and have worked supporting each other to drive their learning on with strong progress being made across the school. They are why we are here and they make every minute spent at the school worthwhile. Many parents have enriched the life of the school, coming in for: outcomes, book looks, to help in class, raise money as part of the 'Friends' or to attend Nativities or church services among so many other contributions. It is this engagement in learning and wider support of the school that is so crucial to the children's outcomes and on behalf of our staff and children, I thank you greatly.

Over the term we have tried to strengthen our 'Daily Worship'. In an outstanding Church of England school you would expect to see the values and stories taught to have an impact throughout all areas of school life. To enable parents to find out a little more about this aspect of school, you will now find some of the prayers children have written and stories they have learnt about, in the 'Daily Worship' section of our website. From January, key Bible stories will also be attributed to our Christian values to improve the children's understanding of them in everyday life. Our pupils will also be able to use our recently developed outside reflection area, if they wish to go to a quiet and reflective space during the school day.

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It is with a tinge of sadness that today we say 'goodbye' to our SENCO Mrs Beerling, as she embarks on a slightly different career path, as a specialist teacher in Oxfordshire. Mrs Beerling has transformed special educational needs within Monks Risborough and I cannot thank her enough for her professionalism and the contributions she has made to our school. We will miss her greatly but do wish her the very best on this well-deserved promotion.

Next term, after-school clubs will begin the second full week back. There will be a few changes to the clubs / days these are on offer, as our staff meetings will be moving from a Tuesday to Wednesday evening. Many clubs will remain the same but we will send out a new club list, along with their timings, on the first day back.

On the front page of our website you will find a link to our 'Easy Fundraising' page. Most major retail companies make donations, if you carry out shopping by being redirected through this link. Apart from two minutes of your time to sign up, it will cost you nothing, but it will provide valuable funds to our school and I would be very grateful if you could do this.

In order to strengthen communication, if you would like to gain a deeper insight into the exciting day to day learning that is taking place within the school, please do sign up to our twitter page.

As always, the education, happiness and well-being of your child is my main priority. If you do have any concerns about your child, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I wish you a happy and joyful Christmas and look forward to seeing your children back in school on....

With best wishes,

Mr Baskerville

Head Teacher

2017

January

Wednesday 4th
Thursday 5th

INSET Day
First Day of School

Monday 9th
Wednesday 11th

Robins & Eagles Heights & Weights
Parent Book Look 3.30pm
Calshot Parents Information Evening 7.30pm

Friday 13th

School Council Meeting

Wednesday 18th

Young Voices Concert

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Tuesday 24th
Thursday 26th

Basketball (Yr 5) Falcons & (Yr 6) Eagles at PRS 12.30pm
Basketball (Yr 3) Kestrels & (Yr 4) Hawks at PRS 12.30pm

February

Friday 10th Last Day of half term

Monday 20th First Day of School

March

Friday 31st Last Day of term

April

Tuesday 18th First Day of School

May

Monday 1st Bank Holiday
Friday 26th Last Day of half term

June

Monday 5th INSET Day
Tuesday 6th First Day of School

July

Friday 21st Last Day of School Year.

SCHOOL TERM DATES

| | School opens on the morning of | School closes on the afternoon of |
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| Autumn 2016 | (NB. INSET day Monday 31 st October) Tuesday 1 st November | Tuesday 20 th December |
| Spring 2017 | Thursday 5 th January (NB. INSET day Wednesday 4 th January) | Friday 10 th February |
| | Monday 20 th February | Friday 31 st March |
| Summer 2017 | Tuesday 18 th April (NB. Bank Holiday 1 st May) | Friday 26 th May |
| | Tuesday 6 th June (NB. INSET day Monday 5 th June) | Friday 21 st July |

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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