



Monks Risborough

Church of England Primary School

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

Friday 22nd September

Dear Parents,

The start of term is always very busy so I would like to make you aware of a few up and coming events at the school over the next couple of weeks.

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 that we are made of Lego, and if one piece of our Lego is missing, 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 today will make a big difference to their lives – thank you!

Tanzania Charity

We carefully develop the value of community: locally (at school), through the wider community (our School Linking Network Project with Oakridge School) as well as internationally (through a Year 5 project about Tanzania). As part of the Tanzania project, the children in Year 5 sponsor a child called Emmy to enable them to go to school. Yesterday, Mrs Ind came into school and led our morning worship informing the school and sharing photographs about Emmy and how well they are getting on at school. This particular worship demonstrated to the children how fortunate they are to grow up in a country where education is an entitlement, it is also an example of how our school communities generosity impacts on the lives of others around the World.

Perfect Parking

Despite the range of activities children undertake both at home and at school, the most likely place a serious accident will occur is within a few metres of the school gates. For this reason everyone has a responsibility to ensure they are doing everything they can to park safely. Monday signals the start of our 'Perfect Parking Week'. Today, in your child's book bag, you will find information detailing how parents can park to keep our local roads as safe as possible for your children. Our School Travel Team (a group of parents from across the school) will be helping our 'Junior Road Safety Officers' monitor considerate parking throughout the week.

One concern raised at our most recent meeting was that a number of children have been seen crossing various roads in a dangerous manner, as well as not looking out for parked cars turning around or pulling away. Our Travel Team help to teach the children these skills through 'Footsteps Training' in KS1 but it is important that parents help to reinforce this message, particularly around the school gates where the volume of traffic is higher.

Book Look – Tuesday 26th September

Our first 'Book Look' will take place straight after school on Tuesday. Please do come in and see how your children have started with their learning. A joined up approach between parents and school is vital in ensuring your children achieve to the best of their abilities. If you are unable to make it along on Tuesday, please do speak to the class teacher and arrange another time to come in and see your child's learning.

Bucks Free Press Reception photos – Tuesday 26th Sept

The Bucks Free Press will be taking photographs of our Robins Class on Tuesday. Every day they have come to school looking incredibly smart so please ensure they are continuing to look their very best for this photograph. We look forward to seeing them soon in the local news!

Harvest Festival – Monday 2nd October

The Harvest Festival service will be taking place at St Dunstan's Church on Monday 2nd October at 9.30am. Parents are invited to attend this service and your donations would be greatly appreciated. We ask that they are tinned or dry goods only, Thank you.

Stem Week – 16th October

This year our STEM Week will run from Monday 16th– Friday 20th October. Throughout the week, your children will opportunities to take part in a range of activities relating to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Our parent community have a wealth of skills within these areas and as in previous years, if you feel you would be able to contribute to the week by: talking about your job, sharing a skill or leading a session with a class/group of children in relation to one of these areas, please let Miss Gehnich know so that she can coordinate it. Any ideas that you have in relation to our STEM week will also be gratefully received. We have always been so fortunate to have parents willing to support this particular week, in which the children's eyes are opened to the contribution STEM makes outside of their school lives.

Dad's in School Day – Thursday 5th October

The biggest impact on boys reading is seeing their dads read.

We are asking all Dads to come along and join in with their children's learning on Thursday 5th October. This will be a normal school day with general lessons taking place but it is a wonderful opportunity to get involved and support your children with their learning in class. Next week you will be able to book a time slot to come in but please do pencil this date into your calendar. There will also be a Mums in School Day later in the year (please refer to the school calendar). Should any father not be able to attend, grandfathers are quite welcome in their place!

Parent Forum – Friday 29th September

The first meeting of the year will be on the above date if you have any questions/ ideas you wish to be discussed at the meeting please contact your relevant class parent representative, their emails can be found on our website or via this link <https://www.weebly.com/editor/main.php> If you a parent of a Robins class child and would like to represent Robins class, please speak to Mr. Baskerville.

Friends of Monks Risborough

The Friends of Monks Risborough have launched a Facebook page, named Friends of Monks Risborough School. This will have all events to be held by the Friends and may have information you will find useful, please have a look.

Attendance

Attendance: 15th Sept – 22nd Sept 2016

Reception	100%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	90%
Year 6	98%

15th Sept – 22nd Sept 2017

Reception	97%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	99%

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

Tuesday 26th

Bucks Free Press Photograph Robins Class
Parent Book Look 3.30pm

October

Walk to School Month

Black History Month

Monday 2nd

Tuesday 3rd

Thursday 5th

Friday 13th

Saturday 14th

Monday 16th

Wednesday 18th

Friday 20th

Monday 30th

Tuesday 31st

Harvest Festival at St Dunstan's Church 9.30am

German Unity Day

Dad's in School

Be Bright, Be Seen Day

Bingo & Quiz Night

STEM Week

Parents Evening 5pm - 8pm

Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Last Day of Half Term

INSET Day

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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