



Monks Risborough Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 5 **3rd March 2017**

Dear Parents,

As you will read below there is never a dull moment at Monks Risborough. Over the last two weeks there have been some incredibly inspiring learning taking place, as you will read below.

Book Week

Thanks to the support of the Monks Risborough community this has been a very inspirational week for the children. This morning they looked fantastic as they came in dressed up for World Book Day. Throughout the day the costumes have allowed the children to bring many of Roald Dahl's characters to life as they have spent the day role playing. Thank you for the time and effort you have put into helping to create and organise their amazing costumes.

On Monday, Book Week started with a very special morning Worship in which the children were not only introduced to the life of Roald Dahl but they also listened to a special interview undertaken by both Roald Dahl and his Grand Niece, Emma. Last week, she contacted the us from her home in Devon, to inform us that she used to attend the school and that Roald Dahl visited us in 1979 to help raise money for our library. Not only did she provide a number of photographs, Emma also provided us with a formal interview she carried out with Roald Dahl for her school project. The interview finishes with Roald Dahl giving his best wishes to the children of Monks Risborough. Please click on the link below to be taken to our website in which the interview can be heard. <http://www.monksrisboroughprimary.com/roald-dahls-monks-interview.html>

We have also been very fortunate to have had many parents come in to work in our library and to share their favourite books with the children in class. Children seeing their parents read has one of the greatest impacts on developing a positive attitude to reading so we are very grateful to those parents who came in.

Throughout the week children have been writing and creating their own books in the style of Roald Dahl. I have been very impressed with the quality of work and the engagement the children have shown and we look forward to sharing some of this work at the 'Book Look'.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday marked the beginning of the season of Lent in the church calendar. The children shared in a special service at St Dunstan's, led by James, in which they learnt about and focused on the value of perseverance.

Message from James

Free singing course during the Easter holidays: I have three free places for a daily singing course in Oxford from April 10th-12th 2017. Three children from St. Dunstan's church choir (including past/present pupils of the school) are attending and it would be great if other children (aged 8-11) would like to take up this fantastic opportunity. The idea is to improve the standard of the singing of choral music, receive expert tuition and have fun at the same time. For further information please click on this link <http://www.rscm-oxford.org.uk/eastercourse17.htm> or speak with James Tomkins (01844 275944 jamestomkins@btinternet.com) or Sarah Fairall

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Oh we do like to be beside the seaside!

Last week our Year 6 pupils visited Calshot Activities Centre on the south coast for 5 days. Here the children carried out much of their learning in Science and Geography through a variety of environmental studies, such as collecting a 'catch' on a trawler and then sorting the animals using keys, as well as investigating coastal erosion. Additionally, the children took part in many adventurous activities, from skiing to cycling in a velodrome. Last Wednesday, whilst at Calshot, I visited our Year 6 pupils and was thrilled with how the Calshot staff were highly complimentary about their outstanding behaviour and excellent subject knowledge. Year 6 you are a real credit to our school – Well done!

Cycling Awareness

Today I presented Year 5 pupils with certificates for completing their 'Bikeability' training. They now know how to check their bikes to ensure they are safe to ride on and have a good understanding of how to stay safe when cycling around local roads.

Parents Evening

Thank you so much for attending our Parent Evenings this week. I often state that greatest progress is made when we work together and we so lucky that we have such a supportive parent community who care so much about their children's learning. These sessions are important as they are a time to take stock of how your children are progressing and enjoying school. Through the discussions generated, these confidential appointments can often have a significant effect on how children achieve in class. To help keep you better informed, we provided you with some of the assessment tracking data we use to support learning. Please do give me feedback to let me know how useful this is and if the information could be made even more useful to you in the future.

Daily Worship and Values Newsletter

Today you will have also received our Values Newsletter which will give you an insight into what the children have been learning in our Daily Worship. If you would ever like to attend our Worship on a Monday or a Thursday, please let us know via the School Office as we would love to see you there.

Time to be Nosey

Please note that the Year 3 children will be selling red noses for a minimum donation of £1.00, around the school from Monday.

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.

With best wishes,

Mr Baskerville

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School Term Events

March

Monday 6 th	Kites (Yr2) Great Fire of London Day
Tuesday 7 th	KS2 (Yr 3,4,5 & 6) Cross Country at Monks 12.45pm
Wednesday 8 th	Kestrels (Yr3) class outcome Egyptians 2.30pm in class
Thursday 9 th	KS1 Cross Country at Speen
Monday 13th	Hawks (Yr4) class outcome in classroom & IT suite 2.30pm
Tuesday 14 th	Hawks (Yr4) to Shortenills
Friday 17 th	Hawks (Y4) return from Shortenills
Tuesday 21 st	Hawks (Yr4) to Oakridge School
Wednesday 22 nd	Robins (Rec) to Bekonscot
Friday 24 th	Red Nose Day Film Club for Gardening Club
Monday 27 th	Kites (Yr2) to Maidenhead Synagogue morning only.
Wednesday 29 th	Robins (Rec) class outcome in dining hall 2.30pm
Thursday 30 th	Easter Service led by Hawks (Yr4) Robins, Kites, Falcons & Eagles to attend
Friday 31 st	Easter Service led by Hawks (Yr4) Wrens, Kestrels, Falcons & Eagles to attend School Disco Last Day of School

April

Tuesday 18 th	First Day of School
Thursday 20th	Parent Book Look 3.30pm
Sunday 23^d	Cross Country 10K
Monday 28th	Readathon Deadline

May

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

June

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

July

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Friday 21st

Last Day of School Year.

SCHOOL TERM DATES

	School opens on the morning of	School closes on the afternoon of
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
Autumn 2017	Wednesday 6 th September (NB. INSET days 4 th & 5 th September)	Friday 20 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)

Attendance

Attendance: Feb 20th – March 3rd 2016

Reception	99%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	96%

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Year 6	99%

The last two days this week we have had 100% attendance in school enabling all pupils to enjoy book week, thank you for your continued support.

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