



# Monks Risborough

## Church of England Primary School

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

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of the parents who have signed up to attend Parents Evenings tonight and on Wednesday - it is great that we have such an active and involved community. If you are unable to make it along, please do ask a member of the school office to make a separate appointment for you to meet with your child's class teacher, as it is from these evenings that the teachers also find out so much about your child.

### Safeguarding in School

Please can I remind all parents that if you are to be in the school building at any time a pupil is on site, you must first of all sign in and be given a lanyard at the School Office. This includes checking your children's bags for water bottles etc. prior to and at the end of the school day. Please appreciate that this is exactly the same requirement for all members of staff, myself included.

### Parents E-Safety Curriculum Evening – a date for the diary

At our recent Parent Forum, I was informed that a number of parents would appreciate a 'Parents Curriculum Evening' about e-safety. As a result, I have rearranged the Parents Curriculum Evening date we had originally organised and arranged for a Bucks County Council e-Safety advisor to come and talk to you about this very important subject. I will send out further information immediately after the half term break but speaking as both a headteacher and a parent, this is a crucial evening in helping you to keep your children safe and shouldn't be missed if at all possible. The evening will now be held on 29<sup>th</sup> November, from 7.30 – 8.30pm.

### Please Park Considerately

Two of our Junior Road Safety Officers came to see me yesterday to tell me that a number of parents are still parking on the corner of Peters Lane next to the football pitch and they were unsure why. Parking here blocks visibility and also adds to the confusion and congestion along the road. This was mentioned in the 'Considerate Parking' leaflet and it is quite difficult to explain to a child why adults deliberately choose to park there. I cannot stop people parking there but it is everyone's responsibility to ensure the safety of our children. It is also very difficult to explain to a child why it is reasonable for parents to choose not to follow the schools safety guidelines.

Walk to School Week – By the JRSO's Thank you for all waking to school this week and all of the money you gave in exchange for our reflective merchandise. We will announce how much we have raised next week. The two winning classes were Year 6 and Reception with 90 people walking to school over the week.

### Year 6 Football and Netball Competition – by Charley McGlue & Harry Quigley

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 16 children from Year 6 went to Princes Risborough School, to take part in a football and netball competition. In football we came 2<sup>nd</sup> and in netball we came 3<sup>rd</sup>, overall we came 4<sup>th</sup> but we won the fair play award and we all enjoyed taking part in the event.

### Saxon Day – by Hannah Drake

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October Falcons had an Anglo – Saxon, History off the Page day, where lots of wonderful activities took place. We had activities like ink making, weaving and candle making! We even had a battle on the school field before lunch and enjoyed ourselves, thoroughly. After lunch we had an archaeology session in which we dug for artefacts and then identified them. Overall we had a lovely day.

### Christmas Fair

Just a little reminder, that our Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Please add this to your diaries as it is one of our schools key fundraising, and very enjoyable, events.

### Adults Curry and Quiz Evening

A letter has been sent out to all parents about an 'Adults Curry and Quiz Night' on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November. This is the first time the Friends have held this event and after a great amount of planning are hoping it will be a great success. Please do form a team, whether that be with friends from within or outside of the school and come along for a thoroughly enjoyable evening. I have been told that the curry is amazing!

## Easy Fundraising – Have you signed up yet?

You can contribute to our school funds so easily by signing up to easyfundraising. Christmas is just around the corner and if you were to simply go through this simple route, you could provide the school with significant funds without spending a penny. Please log in through the attached link and sign up to carry out your Christmas Shopping.

## Attendance

9<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016 – 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016

Reception	94%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	93%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	99%

9<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017 – 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017

Reception	99%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	98%

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

#### ***October***

#### **Walk to School Month Black History Month**

Monday 16th

STEM Week  
Flu Vaccinations in School  
Parents Evening 5pm - 8pm  
Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm  
Last Day of Half Term

Wednesday 18th  
Friday 20th

Monday 30th  
Tuesday 31st

INSET Day  
First Day of School

#### ***November***

***Wednesday 1st***  
Friday 3rd

***Eagles to the Gurdwara***  
Disco

Tuesday 7th  
Wednesday 8th  
Thursday 9th  
***Friday 10th***  
***Saturday 11th***

Open Morning for Reception & Year 3 September 2018 intake 9.30am  
Individual & Family Photographs  
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***Kestrels to Chiltern Open Air Museum***  
***Adults Curry & Quiz Night 7.30pm***

Monday 13th  
***Tuesday 14th***  
***Wednesday 15th***  
Friday 17th

Anti-Bullying Week  
***Eagles & Falcons Tag Rugby at PRS 1pm***  
***Kestrels & Hawks Tag Rugby at PRS 1pm***  
Children in Need

Friday 24th

Mufti Day for Christmas Hampers  
***Children's Film Night 3.30pm***

***Wednesday 29th***

***Parent Curriculum Evening 7.30pm***  
***Uni Hockey at PRS Wrens & Kites***

***December***  
***Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>***

***Christmas Fair***

Monday 4th  
 Thursday 7th  
 Friday 8th  
 Wednesday 13th

Thursday 14th  
 Friday 15th  
 Monday 18th

Tuesday 19th

Carols in Community 6pm  
 Nativity to Parents 1.45pm  
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 Christmas Lunch Whole School  
 Christmas Concert 7pm School Hall  
 Christmas Party Falcons & Eagles 1.30pm  
 Christmas Party Kestrels & Hawks 1.30pm  
 Christmas Service at St Dunstan's Church KS2 Robins & Kites 9.30am  
 Christmas Party Robins, Wrens & Kites 1.30pm  
 Christmas Service at St Dunstan's Church KS2 & Wrens 9.30am

**Last Day of Term**

**SCHOOL TERM DATES**

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

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

(Please note changes to the calendar are in bold and italic)

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