



Monks Risborough

Church of England Primary School

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an industrious few weeks we have had at Monks Risborough School. The children have been wholeheartedly absorbed in all their learning and are proud of their achievements and progress.

Sending our best wishes to Mr Baskerville

Thank you for all your kind words and best wishes to Mr Baskerville. We have passed on all of your good thoughts. He is taking time away from school on sick leave but will return as soon as he is ready. In the meantime, everything is running as normal, with very good support from the Governors and the whole staff community.

What has been happening in our school?

EYFS & KS1

"We have been busy practising our Nativity play. It's something to do with aliens but we can't tell you anymore yet... It will spoil the surprise! There are also shepherds, angels, and Mary and Joseph and of course, baby Jesus." –Sollie, Rubie, Alice

Year 3

"We walked up to Whiteleaf to see the Neolithic Barrow. After that, we had an outdoor treasure hunt." –Maisie

Year 4

"We have been writing non-chronological reports about our own mythical creatures. In Maths we have been learning short multiplication and division." –Poppy

Year 5

"In Maths we have been learning about line graphs and bar charts. Our computing lesson was all about making websites, we are making an Anglo Saxon webpage." –Jake

Year 6

"We have been learning fractions... It's fun adding fractions. We have written a biography about Shakespeare in English, which is pretty fun." –Caleb, Charlie, Jack

Thank you to all the staff and teachers who provide so many engaging opportunities for the children. It is always a privilege to visit each class and see such amazing learning.

School building work

Thank you so much for your patience during the KS2 roof refurbishments,

"The work is due to be completed next week, weather permitting." –Mr Stannett

Goodbye and Good Luck

At the end of the month we will be saying goodbye to our very caring HLTA, Mrs Holdsworth.

"I will be very sad to say goodbye but I am excited to take on a new opportunity at a bigger school with more teaching responsibilities." –Mrs Holdsworth

We wish her lots of luck with her new endeavours and are delighted that she has found the next step in her career... We also hope she will come back and visit when she can.

Worship and Assemblies

The children in YR and Y2 enjoyed a special Diwali assembly led by Mrs Wright. They explored the symbol of light by decorating their own candles. We are very grateful to Mrs Wright for sharing her knowledge with us.

Thank you to Mrs Healy, James Tomkins, and the Y2 children for leading a very poignant service for Remembrance. They left us with lots to consider and to be thankful for. We thank you, as families, for sharing the stories you have, with your children, about a significant moment in our world history.

Mr Mullen began this week with an anti-bullying assembly, focussing on Respect. Respect for each other, guiding us towards more positive relationships. Later in the week, we discussed cyberbullying and the children considered the long term impact of unkind words. It has been very positive to see children across the whole school trying their best to show each other respect.

Today, Miss Jeffery will be leading a Children in Need worship where we will be thinking of children in our wider community and how we can support them. We look forward to seeing as many of you, who can make it, at our 'Bring and Buy' sale later today. Thank you for your extremely generous donations of items for the sale.

As always, your children's well-being is at the heart of all we do at our school. If you do have any concerns, please do see the teachers at the end of any school day and do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you would like an appointment.

Warmest Regards,

Mrs Swain

Deputy Headteacher

POLITE REMINDER THAT THE SCHOOL GATES CLOSE AT 8.45AM

- Since our return from the half term holidays 139 children have 100% attendance and 81 children have 100% attendance since September!
- Safeguarding: Please do not enter the building without first signing in at the office. This includes looking for lost property and meeting the teachers.

Dates

November

Monday 12th

Thursday 15th
Friday 16th

Anti-Bullying Week

Tag Rugby Kestrels & Hawks to PRS 12.30pm
Children in Need - Mufti Day Wear Spots and or Yellow, Bring & Buy Sale

Tuesday 20th

Tag Rugby Falcons & Eagles to PRS 12.30pm

Book Look
Hawks meet up with Oakridge School at PRS
Mufti Day for Christmas Hampers

Thursday 22nd
Friday 23rd

Monday 26th
Tuesday 27th
Wednesday 28th

School Council Meeting
Falcons Tanzania Fundraising outcome 3.15pm
Uni Hoc Wrens & Kites at PRS 12.30pm
Parents Curriculum Evening 7pm - 8.30pm POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING TERM
Bottle Mufti Day for Christmas Fair
Parent Forum Meeting 2.15pm

Friday 30th

December

Saturday 1st

Christmas Fair

Monday 3rd
Wednesday 5th

Community Carol Singing 6pm
Robins, Wrens & Kites Nativity to Community 10.30am
Uni Hoc Falcons & Eagles at PRS 12.30pm
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Thursday 6th
Friday 7th

Be Bright Be Seen Day Uniform & Bright coats, hats, socks & reflective accessories.

Monday 10th
Wednesday 12th

Christmas Carol Concert 7pm
Christmas Lunch in School
Eagles Choir to sing at Baptist Church 2pm

Thursday 13th	Hawks Greek Day Book Look 3.30pm
Friday 14th	Hawks outcome in classroom 2.30pm Robins, Wrens & Kites Christmas Party 2pm - 3pm <i>Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children - Uniform & Christmas Jumper</i>
Monday 17th	School Council Meeting 10am Kestrels & Hawks Christmas Party 2pm - 3.30pm
Tuesday 18th	Christmas Service at St Dunstan's Kites, Kestrels, Hawks, Falcons & Eagles 9.30am Falcons & Eagles Christmas Party 2pm- 3.30pm
Wednesday 19th	Christmas Service at St Dunstan's Robins, Wrens, Kestrels, Hawks, Falcons & Eagles 9.30am Last Day of Term

January 2019

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
Autumn 2018	Thursday 6 th September (NB. INSET day Wednesday 5th September)	Friday 19 th October
	Monday 29 th October	Wednesday 19 th December
Spring 2019	Thursday 3 rd January (NB. INSET day Wednesday 2nd January)	Friday 15 th February
	Monday 25 th February	Friday 5 th April
Summer 2019	Wednesday 24 th April (NB. INSET day Tuesday 23rd April)	Thursday 23 rd May (Friday 24th INSET Day Monday 6th May Bank Holiday)
	Monday 3 rd June	Wednesday 24 th July
Autumn 2019	Wednesday 4 th September NB. INSET days Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd September)	Friday 25 th October
	Monday 4 th November	Thursday 19 th December
Spring 2020	Tuesday 7 th January (NB. INSET day Monday 6th January)	Friday 14 th February
	Monday 24 th February	Friday 3 rd April
Summer 2020	Monday 20 th April	Friday 22 nd May (Monday 4th May Bank Holiday)

For the complete calendar of school dates please see the website www.monksrisboroughprimary.com

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