



Monks Risborough

Church of England Primary School

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

Dear Parents/Guardians

The children have had an excellent half term and have impressed us all with their outstanding attitude towards their learning. As we approach the half term break, I would just like to make you aware of a few recent events and upcoming notifications.

Winter Uniform

From half term we expect all children to return to school in full winter uniform. Please check the website if you are unsure of any of the uniform requirements.

Out of this World!

Learning this week has been 'out of this world' as we have been holding our annual STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). Across the school, children have been carrying out a variety of activities based on this theme, from building space buggies to designing rockets and launching them into space. We have also been very fortunate to have a number of parents come and share their knowledge and expertise to enrich the children's learning experiences.

Diwali Delights

Mrs Wright and Ms Subramaniam came into school on Wednesday and shared with the children their experiences of Diwali which has been taking place this week. Both parents shared how Diwali was celebrated within the Hindu and Sikh faiths but equally importantly celebrated the cultural diversity that enriches the world in which we live.

Good luck Mrs Chapman

Mrs Chapman left our school to begin her maternity leave on Wednesday. We wish her all the best and much enjoyment with the impending arrival of her second child. In order to retain continuity in our school, Mrs Healy has agreed to teach Year 2 full time from after half term and Mrs Bloxham will be covering the PPA time Mrs Chapman was previously carrying out across the school.

Year 6 Cup

Our Year 6 football team took part in the first round of the district cup against St Peters on Tuesday. After a hard fought and close match, St Peters finally triumphed 4-2. Well done Year 6 for an excellent performance.

Parents Curriculum Evening

As mentioned in our previous newsletter we will be hosting an important curriculum evening, focusing on e-safety, for all parents on 29th November at 7.30pm. In this digital age, in regards to keeping your children safe, this may be the most important curriculum evening you will ever attend. Please add the date to your diaries.

Attendance

16th Oct 2016 – 20th Oct 2016

Reception	93%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	88%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	98%

16th Oct 2017 – 20th Oct 2017

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Year 1	99%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	92%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	95%

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
Wednesday 18th Friday 20th	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm Last Day of Half Term
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 Open Morning for Reception & Year 3 September 2018 intake 9.30am Kestrels to Chiltern Open Air Museum Adults Curry & Quiz Night 7.30pm
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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
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Friday 24th	Mufti Day for Christmas Hampers Children's Film Night 3.30pm
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Wednesday 29th
Parent Curriculum Evening 7.30pm
Uni Hockey at PRS Wrens & Kites

December

Saturday 2nd

Christmas Fair

Monday 4th Thursday 7th Friday 8th Wednesday 13th	Carols in Community 6pm Nativity to Parents 1.45pm Nativity to Parents 1.45pm Christmas Lunch Whole School Christmas Concert 7pm School Hall
Thursday 14th Friday 15th Monday 18th	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
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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