



Monks Risborough Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 8

Friday 16th June 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Firstly, I would like to start by referring you to the bottom of the newsletter where we have our dates for the remainder of the academic year. This half term is exceptionally busy and there many events coming up that you may wish to attend or be on the lookout for information about.

As well as information about some of the exciting events that have taken place this week, contained in this newsletter is important information about Sports Day, Transition Days and the Summer Fair. Please remember that Sports Day will take place next Friday.

The 'Ind' of an era

Mrs Ind has been a member of Monks Risborough for over 20 years. Having stepped down from her post as Deputy Head last year she has enjoyed a further year teaching Falcons. Now the school is in a stable position, Mrs Ind has made the difficult decision to retire and enjoy herself with her developing family. This decision has been exceptionally difficult for her as she often comments how the school has been a huge part of her life for a long time but she now feels the time is right. Mrs Ind has been invaluable to the success and stability of the school: working across KS2, being a fabulous Deputy Head for many years and also acting up as our Head Teacher but most importantly many, many individual children's lives have been greatly affected by her unfailing desire to ensure every child in her care has had the opportunity to succeed - she will be greatly missed and we wish her so much happiness in her retirement.

Baby Boom!

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Chapman is expecting her second child later this year and will be starting her maternity leave in November. We are all very excited for her and her family and wish them well over the coming months.

Transition Days

Our transition days will take place on Tuesday 4th July while Year 6 visit their new secondary schools, the children in all other year groups will have an opportunity to meet their new teachers and visit the classrooms they will be taught in next year.

Information is currently being sent to parents with children starting in the Foundation Stage and those new to the school in Year 3. Their transition days will take place on Tuesday 4th July with a new parents meeting on Thursday 6th July at 10am in the school hall.

Summer Fair

Tomorrow is the Summer Fair, a popular event in our school calendar. We hope to see lots of friends and family there. Please check your emails for the timings for those offering to help or who could help in those areas we have missing.

Sports Day

Earlier in the week a letter was sent out about Sports Day next week. If you missed it, please click on this link for details about the day.
<https://www.weebly.com/editor/main.php>

Walk to School Week

The weather has been very kind to us this week as many children made an extra effort to walk to school. Throughout the week many children have completed trails, collected stamps and been treated to a delicious healthy breakfast. Not only is walking great for your

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health, providing a relaxing start to the day but also helps to reduce traffic on our busy roads. Hopefully some children will now be in a good walking habit and will continue this for the rest of the term. I would like to say thank you to all of the volunteers on our School Travel Team who organised this initiative.

Would you like to join our Parent Forum?

Through voicing parent concerns and ideas, the parent forum have played an integral role in many improvements within the school. If you are interested in taking on this role in any of the year groups, or would like to find out more about it, please notify the office. Effectively, the current parent reps will stand down at the end of the academic year to ensure equity but may be happy to represent your year group again if there are no other volunteers. I would like to thank our current parent reps for the work they have carried out and their time and commitment to the role.

A day with the Military by Hester Lloyd-Evans and Rose Vint Yr 5

The minstrels went to Kneller Hall for an exciting day out, we first had to check us all in but then we went straight to the band stand. We watched them perform some pop songs such as Castle on the Hill and Adventure of a lifetime. Then we watched them rehearse a musical version of Cinderella or as they called it Cinderneller, after that we had a delicious picnic lunch bought by Mrs Cox. Finally we had a look round their museum of army music, where we saw antique uniforms, weapons and old instruments. We enjoyed our visit and we had a great day out, all thanks to Mrs Cox.

Year 5 and 6 Athletics – by Jessica Raine Yr 6

On Tuesday 13th June, Eagles and Falcons went to Princes Risborough Secondary School for an athletics tournament. There were four sprint races and four long distance races. Then each child got to choose if they would like to compete in 'vortex' (throwing) or standing jump. Although we may not have won we all had a good time.

Year 3 and 4 Athletics – by Thomas Ruck Yr 3

The athletics was fun and you got to do lots of fun stuff like 400m run, 15m run, Vortex and standing long jump. You would also be racing people in your year and people that have the same gender.

Year 1 and 2 Athletics – by Harry Jagot Yr 2

On Wednesday we went to the athletics at the top school. We came forth but we had the best score on the relay. Our score was 25 seconds and the team before had 30 seconds.

Hazard Alley – by Olivia Dance Yr 6

On Wednesday, Class 6 went on a school trip to Hazard Alley in Milton Keynes. The trip was about being safe and what to do in a bad situation. In the morning we learnt about e-safety and being cyber smart; one of the activities even included your own rap!

After lunch we went downstairs to an indoor town; we learnt about safety outside. One of the activities was making a 999 call. Overall we had a fun, educational day and we will take the skills we learnt to our next schools!

Young Entrepreneurs – by Beatrice Hunter

Year 6 are taking part in the 'Fiver Challenge' (making money out of a five pound note at school). Our class will be creating our own companies and hoping they will make money out of our business ideas. We will be selling our items both after school and at the Summer Fair – so keep your eyes peeled and money at hand.

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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 – Head Teacher

SCHOOL TERM DATES

| | School opens on the morning of | School closes on the afternoon of |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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 |
| | 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 |

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: May – 16th June 2016

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| Reception | 95% |
| Year 1 | 98% |
| Year 2 | 97% |
| Year 3 | 94% |
| Year 4 | 95% |
| Year 5 | 95% |
| Year 6 | 95% |

Attendance: May – 16th June 2017

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| Reception | 94% |
| Year 1 | 96% |
| Year 2 | 98% |
| Year 3 | 97% |
| Year 4 | 91% |
| Year 5 | 96% |
| Year 6 | 97% |

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School Dates

2017

June

Saturday 17th

Summer Fair

Tuesday 20th
Friday 23rd

Eagles Games at PRS
Sports Day

Wednesday 28th

Kestrels to Neasdon Temple
Summer Concert at school 7pm - 9pm
Multi Sills at PRS Robins 12.30pm
Kites outcome 2.45pm
Reserve Sports Day

Thursday 29th

Friday 30th

July

Monday 3rd
Tuesday 4th
Wednesday 5th
Thursday 6th

Gym & Dance Show Rehearsal at PRS 9.15
Transition Day
Transition Day PRS
Gym & Dance Show
Transition Day PRS
Reception & Year 3 New Parents visit school 10.00am - 11.30am

Friday 7th
Saturday 8th
Sunday 9th

Gym & Dance Show at PRS
Campathon
Triathlon

Tuesday 11th
Wednesday 12th

Dress Rehearsal Eagles Production 1.30pm
Kites to Amersham Field Centre
Production to Parents 7pm
Production to Parishioners 10.30am
Production to Parents 7pm
Book Look

Thursday 13th

Thursday 20th
Friday 21st

Eagles Leavers BBQ
Leavers Service at St Dunstan's 9.30am
Last Day of School Year.

September 2017

Monday 4th
Tuesday 5th
Wednesday 6th

INSET DAY
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First Day of School

October

Friday 6th

Disco

Saturday 14th

Bingo & Quiz Night

Friday 20th

Last Day of Half Term

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