



Monks Risborough

Church of England Primary School

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

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please read below an outline of a number of exciting activities that have taken place and will be coming up over the next couple of weeks.

Children in Need

For the first time as a Head teacher, it has been great to see so many children come to school covered in spots! Thank you for your generosity and contributions towards this vital charity, as a school we have raised £147 so far. In worship, we learnt about the range of support Children in Need provides for different causes.

Parents E-Safety Evening

A further reminder, that our online and e-safety evening will be held on Wednesday 29th November at 7.30pm. In our ever changing world this is a crucial event to attend to help keep your children safe.

Remembrance Day

Year 2 led a very reflective worship last Friday, as we remembered soldiers who have died and been injured in conflict. On Sunday they presented a wreath made in class at St Dunstan's Church and then laid it at the WW1 Memorial Cross on Mill Lane as part of the memorial service. Thank you to all of our community who paid their respect on this day of remembrance.

Volunteer helpers Christmas Dinner

We require 2 volunteer parents, who hold a DBS with the school, to help set up 9am – 10.30am approx. for our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 13th December. Please notify the school office if you are available to help.

Friends Meeting

If you would like to become more involved with the 'Friends,' our next meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd November at 7.45pm at The Red Lion at Whiteleaf.

Christingle Service at St Dunstan's Church, Sunday December 3rd at 10.00am

A family friendly service for all ages, without Holy Communion, a Christingle is an orange with a candle, red ribbon and sweets that is used to tell people about God's love for the world. It is also the symbol used by the Children's Society in promoting its work to help young people who are disadvantaged or abused. Please come along to join in the fun and receive a Christingle orange as part of the celebration

Back to the Stone Age by Hal Cooper & Frankie Liddle

On Friday 10th November Kestrels class embarked on an outdoor adventure to the Chiltern Open Air Museum, while they were there they had brilliant time learning about lots of things from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Some activities included making fire and play hunting in the Stone Age and using traditional methods to make clay drinking pots and flat bread.

Tag Rugby Year 5 and 6 by Ben Giles

On Friday 13th November the members of Tag Rugby club went to Princes Risborough School. We won our first game but lost the next two with only one or two tries in it. We then drew 4 – 4 and lost again, in the end we came 4th by one try and we still got the Fair Play Award.

Book Look

Please come along to our monthly 'Book Look' on Tuesday at 3.30pm to review your child's learning with them. As Miss Gehnich will be leading Ukulele club at this time, if you are a parent in Year 3, please can you let her know by Tuesday morning if you will be attending so that she can arrange for your child's books to be put in the Library for you to view after school.

Tag Rugby Year 3 and 4 by Thomas Ruck

On Wednesday 15th November some of year 3 & 4 went to a Tag Rugby tournament. The top scorer for Monks was Thomas Ruck from year 4; the team tactic was to work together. Monks Risborough came fourth and got the Fair Play Award.

Football Match – St Teresa’s by Luke Sewell

Two weeks ago 10 boys from Year 6 played St Teresa’s School in a football match. We played very well and won 1-0. This was Evans’s first football match for our school and I think he enjoyed it. Jack scored a header from a good cross by Harry. Luke got player of the match for good defending.

Midday supervisor post

We are still advertising for someone to join our fabulous midday supervisor team. If you are interested in this post, please let me know via the school office.

Fun on Friday’s

Next Friday, pupils also are invited to come to school dressed in mufti, in return, please bring along an item for the Christmas hamper, items to bring can be seen on the Christmas Fair Hampers & Helpers poster on the school website <http://www.monksrisboroughprimary.com/current-events.html>. Additionally, next Friday the Friends will also be hosting a film club in which the film ‘Sing’ will be shown. Please sign up via the office where we have the film club letter.

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

November

Tuesday 21st	Book Look after school
Thursday 23rd	Hawks meet up with Oakridge School at PRS Falcons outcome 2.30pm in ICT suite
Friday 24th	Mufti Day for Christmas Hampers Children’s Film Night 3.30pm
Saturday 25th	Christmas Lights Festival Risborough Choir Singing at 4.30pm
Tuesday 28th	Eagles outcome 2.30pm
Wednesday 29th	Uni Hockey at PRS Wrens & Kites Parent Curriculum Evening 7.30pm

December

Friday 1st	Mufti Day Bring a Bottle for Christmas Tombola
Saturday 2nd	Christmas Fair
Sunday 3rd	Christingle Service St Dunstan’s 10am
Monday 4th	Carols in Community 6pm
Thursday 7th	Nativity to Parents 1.45pm
Friday 8th	Nativity to Parents 1.45pm
Monday 11th	Senior Choir Falcons to sing at Tiddlywinks Toddler Group 9.50am
Wednesday 13th	Christmas Lunch Whole School Senior Choir Eagles to sing at Baptist Church 2pm
Thursday 14th	Christmas Concert 7pm School Hall
Friday 15th	Christmas Party Falcons & Eagles 1.30pm Christmas Party Kestrels & Hawks 1.30pm
Sunday 17th	Nine lessons & carols St Dunstan’s 6pm
Monday 18th	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
	Monday 29 th October	Wednesday 19 th December
Spring 2019	Thursday 3 rd January (NB. INSET day Wednesday 2 nd January)	Friday 15 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)

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