



Monks Risborough

Church of England Primary School

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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The end of this first term of the academic year has brought a memorable festive season to Monks Risborough, as we have undertaken many events to celebrate Christmas and the birth of Christ. I have been particularly impressed with the number of children getting involved in a wide range of school and community events to enrich this season. Over the last two days we have had two wonderful services, led by Year 3, at St Dunstons that have encapsulated the heart and spirit of our school. Celebrating together, supporting each other and learning as a community (children, parents, governor, staff and parishioners) is what makes our school so special and I am so proud of our very amazing school.

Lights, Camel, Action

Well done Key Stage 1 and the Foundation Stage on performing such a wonderful nativity. The singing, dancing and acting (as well as judging) was amazing and would certainly have given the celebrities a run for their money!

Year 3 Nativity at St Dunstan's

Thank you Year 3 for leading such a beautiful re-telling of the Christmas story at Church today. We had many people comment on just what a lovely service it was.

Christingle Service and Nine Lessons and Carols

Our senior choir performed superbly at St Dunstan's for both of these Christmas services. Thank you to the many children who took part and the families that attended.

Christmas Carol Concert

Our Minstrels, Glee Club and Senior Choir showed off their musical skills performing and leading our Christmas Carol Concert. Again we had many families attending and in great voice for this fun-filled musical evening – well done to all of the children involved.

Christmas Lunch

Last Wednesday the whole school sat down to enjoy a Christmas Dinner with turkey and all the trimmings. This was a very special occasion as all staff and children got to eat, pull crackers, share jokes and celebrate Christmas as a community. Thank you to Mr Stannett, all of the office staff and parents who undertook a significant amount of organising to set this up.

Christmas at St. Dunstan's Church: There are a whole variety of services to enjoy in the days leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve at 3 pm there is a 'crib' service with a chance for children (and adults!) to come dressed up as their favourite character for the retelling of the nativity story. At 6 pm there is a village carol service with plenty of opportunities to sing accompanied with some readings, reflections and prayers. Towards midnight the First Communion of Christmas starts at 11.30 pm with a Family All Age Communion service on Christmas Day at 10.00 am. With all good wishes for Christmas Rev James Tomkins. 01844 275944 jamestomkins@btinternet.com

As always, your child's happiness, welfare and learning are my first priority. Should you have any concerns regarding any of these, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.

Finally, I wish you all a 'Merry Christmas' and look forward to seeing all of the children back, safe and well, on Thursday 4th January.

Best Wishes,

Tom Baskerville

Head Teacher

Dates

January 2018

Wednesday 3rd INSET DAY
Thursday 4th First Day of School

Wednesday 10th Calshot parents evening 7.30pm
Thursday 11th Book Look after school

February

Tuesday 6th Book Look after school
Friday 9th Last Day of Half Term

Monday 19th First Day of School
Thursday 22nd Mum's in School

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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