



# Monks Risborough

## Church of England Primary School

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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we come to the end of the first half of the Spring Term, I would like to commend the children for the excellent attitude to learning they have shown and a considerable improvement in behaviour across the school. I started the term by challenging them to 'look smart and act smart,' as I felt the usual high standards they set themselves had slipped a little. They have risen to this challenge and have shown great improvements in their behaviour throughout all areas of the school.

### Whole School Writing Day

At our recent school council meeting, in line with our value of community, the children asked for more opportunities to work with children in other year groups. As a result, today they have been working in mixed year groups to make models of 'Fantastic Beasts' and in the process discuss their brilliant ideas. This afternoon they have returned to their own classrooms to create some superb character descriptions based on them. As you attend Parents Evening after the half term break, please come to the school dining room to see this work displayed.

### Basketball Brilliance

Over the past two weeks, children across the school have represented Monks Risborough in 3 basketball competitions against local schools, at Princes Risborough Secondary School. Despite not having had many training sessions, both our Year 2 and Year 4 teams achieved the silver medal in their respective competitions and our Year 6 team the fair play award. These achievements demonstrate both our sporting talent across the school as well as ensuring our sporting values lay at the heart of how we compete.

### Football Fever

Last week our Year 6 football team took part in a round robin competition against Naphill, Princes Risborough, Stokenchurch and St Teresa's School. The children battled valiantly, drawing one match and running the other schools close in the remaining matches. Despite not being the overall victors this time, the children all commented on the great fun they had.

### Mr Gouldstone departs...for a while!

Mr Gouldstone will not be with us for the next half term as he is undertaking a placement at another school for his teacher training. We wish him 'all the best' and look forward to him returning at the beginning of the Summer Term.

### Warming up for Energize

Later in the year, every child in Falcons class will be performing as part of the Energize show at the Wycombe Swan. On Wednesday the children went to the Town Hall in High Wycombe to practise their singing and dancing alongside many other schools. I was informed by Mrs Hirst that they represented the school very well and their singing and dancing is coming along particularly well – keep up the hard work Year 5!

### Nature Areas

As you may have noticed, we have finally begun work on refreshing the steps and nature area at the back of the KS1 playground. Mr Stannett had worked hard to repair all of the path way in this area but as we were about to open it, we identified serious issues with rotting steps. Over the next term, new steps will be installed and the gardening club will be reseeded and improving this area. The children know not to run on the banks and we ask that you remind them of this at the end of the school day if necessary. I would also like to say a very big 'thank you' to Mr Felix who has spent a great deal of time over the last few months improving the pond area. This will be extremely beneficial in the Summer Term as classes use this area for science investigations.

### Mums in School Day

Today the children have come home with a letter regarding our Mums in School Day. Please do put the date in the diary, sign up and come and join in the children's learning.

Have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing all of the children back safe and well on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

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

Best Wishes,

Tom Baskerville  
Head Teacher

## February

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> First Day of School  
 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Lent Service at St Dunstan's Church 2pm  
 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Eagles Calshot Parents Evening 7.30pm  
 Mum's in School throughout the school day

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Book Fair Book all Week  
 Falcons Energize Rehearsal 9am  
 Parents Evening 5pm - 8pm  
 Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm

## March

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> World Book Day - Dress as a book character  
 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Book Look after school  
 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Film Club

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Perfect Parking Week  
 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> KS2 Cross Country Monks Risborough School 1.15pm  
 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Eagles Schools in Harmony Rehearsals 9.15 am  
 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> KS1 Cross Country Speen 1pm  
 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Hawks outcome in their classroom 2.30pm  
 Falcons Energize Rehearsals The Swan Theatre 9am  
 Falcons Energize Performance The Swan Theatre 7pm  
 Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Falcons Energize Performance The Swan Theatre 2pm

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Eagles to Calshot 9am  
 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Falcons Bikeability  
 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Falcons Bikeability  
 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Falcons Bikeability  
 Kites Great Fire of London Day in the Hall 9am  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sports Relief  
 Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Muddy Monk

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Mufti & Easter Fair 3.30 pm  
 Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Robin's outcome to class 6 helpers 2.15 pm  
 Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Easter Service KS2 Wrens & Kestrels 9.30am  
 Eagles Schools in Harmony Performance 7pm  
 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Easter Service KS2 Robins & Kites 10.30am  
 Kestrels to Ashmolean 9am  
 Eagles outcome 2.30pm  
 Last Day of Term

## SCHOOL TERM DATES

|                    | School opens on the morning of  | School closes on the afternoon of  |
|--------------------|---|--|
|                    | Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February  | Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March<br><b>(Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March)</b>      |
| <b>Summer 2018</b> | Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April   | Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May<br><b>(NB. INSET day Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May)</b> |
|                    | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June   | Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July  |
| <b>Autumn 2018</b> | Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> September<br><b>(NB. INSET day Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September)</b> | Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October  |
|                    | Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October   | Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December  |
| <b>Spring 2019</b> | Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January<br><b>(NB. INSET day Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January)</b>     | Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February   |
|                    | Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February  | Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April   |
| <b>Summer 2019</b> | Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April<br><b>(NB. INSET day Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April)</b>        | Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May  |
|                    | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June   | Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July  |

For the complete calendar of school dates please see the website [www.monksrisboroughprimary.com](http://www.monksrisboroughprimary.com)