



Monksdown News

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W E L C O M E B A C K

The children look very smart and well rested. Apparently, this Summer was one of the warmest on record but the wettest! However, this hasn't dampened the children's spirits and each has had wonderful stories to share nevertheless.

This week we welcomed many new faces into The Monksdown Community: Mrs Alam will be teaching Year 5, Mr Taylor who will be teaching Year 1 and ninety bright eyed little people joined our Reception classes.

I leave you with a quote "Teaching children to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best".

Have a wonderful weekend

Best wishes

Mrs Gough

Every Day Counts!

We encourage parents and carers to ensure their children attend school every day. Good attendance is celebrated with weekly class rewards, termly certificates and prizes plus an annual school trip paid for by school.

90% attendance = ½ day missed per week

80% attendance = 1 day missed every week

1 school year at 90% attendance = 4 whole weeks of lessons missed.

1 school year at 80% attendance = 8 whole weeks of lessons missed.

90% attendance of 5 years = ½ year missed

80% attendance over 5 years = 1 whole year missed

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UNIFORM

A small minority of children have not come to school in the correct school shoes. Can I remind you that our policy states: *Black, sensible school shoes, that can be polished. Please **do not** send your child to school in trainers for school even if they are black.*

School is not responsible for loss or damage of personal items that have been brought into school. All children are responsible for their own belongings. Please ensure ALL items are clearly marked with your child's name (or even initials).

Punctuality and Attendance

School begins at 8.55am for all children in Reception, KS1 and KS2 It is of paramount importance that you bring your children to school ON TIME and collect them ON TIME (3pm) every day. It is very distracting when children arrive late into school and miss vital parts of lessons as well as disrupting other children's learning. When children are not collected promptly at home time they can become very distressed which is upsetting everyone involved.

Costa Reading Week

11-17th
September

Would you enjoy a free latte or hot chocolate? Would your children enjoy a free babycino or soft drink?

If the answer is 'yes' then head on down to Costa in LIVERPOOL ONE any day next week and enjoy some quality relaxing time with your family and share stories and activities together. The best thing is its FREE!!

Download our APP!

Go to the Apple or Play Store and search for **Monksdown Primary**. Just follow the install instructions and you will have access to lots of useful information and receive instant notifications to your phone or tablet.



The school photographer will be in school on Friday, 15th September 2017. All children in school on this day will have their individual photograph taken. If you want a family photo, please inform Mrs Daly **IN WRITING** stating children's names and classes.

MONEY

ALL money (trip, dinners etc.) MUST be sent into school in an envelope – clearly marked with the child's name, class, amount and what it is for. Include the permission slip if it's for a trip.

MONEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF IT'S NOT IN AN ENVELOPE.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL MONEY BE ACCEPTED AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

IT MUST GO TO THE CLASS TEACHER.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 6 th September 8.55am	Return to school
Monday, 18 th September	After school clubs commence
Monday, 18 th – Friday 22 nd September	Residential trip to Coniston
Friday, 29 th September	Bikeability Training for Year 5
All October	Black History Month
Friday, 6 th October	Bikeability Training for Year 5
Wednesday, 18 th October 10am	Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday, 23 rd – Friday, 27 th October	Half Term – School Closed
Monday, 30 th October 8.55am	School re-opens



PARKING



As the area around the school develops, parking continues to be restricted. If travelling by car, van etc. please leave home in plenty of time to be able to park safely a short distance away from school (in adjacent roads) and walk to the school premises.

Your childrens' safety is of paramount importance

The car park is for staff and parents of children with physical needs.

Please DO NOT use the staff car parks.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION IN THIS MATTER