



Monksdown News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have all now settled very well into their new classes. By now, your child should have received a home reading book and homework. We encourage all children to read each school night to an adult as well as completing homework tasks which are set each Friday. We have a homework club every Friday evening should your child need extra support in completing tasks. A separate homework letter explaining our homework policy will be sent out next week.

On Monday 18th, thirty of our pupils will be visiting Consiton in the Lake District for a five day residential trip. I'm sure they will have a truly memorable time and return to school with tales of adventures and bravery.

Our school photographer came into school today and photographs will be ready shortly.

Harvest Collection - Our Harvest Festival Services will take place on Wednesday, 11th October in school. This year we will continue to support our local Food Banks. We would kindly ask you to send in any non-perishable items e.g. cans, tins and dried food. We will be collecting throughout September and October so please keep donating as much as possible to support our local community.

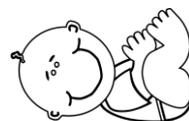
After School Clubs - These will begin from Monday, 25th September. Please ensure you check which club your child has been granted a place in. All children **MUST** be collected at 4pm promptly.

Uniform - Unfortunately, I am still seeing children wearing training shoes. These are not part of our agreed school uniform policy. All children must wear black polished school shoes. May I remind you that jewellery and nail varnish are not allowed, however watches and stud earrings are acceptable.

Curriculum - You will have received an overview of the topics your child will be taught this term. Please take time to read this carefully and support your child at home with their learning.

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs S. Gough
Headteacher



It's a Boy!

Mrs Campbell has had a bouncing baby boy.
Mum and son are doing fantastically.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 6 th September 8.55am	Return to school
Monday, 18 th September	After school clubs commence Year 4 museum trip
Thursday 21 st September 2.30-3.30pm	Drop in Session for parents with School Nurse
Monday, 18 th – Friday 22 nd September	Residential trip to Coniston
Tuesday, 26 th September	Year 5 Viking Day
Wednesday, 27 th September	Reception Parents' meeting - Phonics
Friday, 29 th September	Bikeability Training for Year 5 Session 1
All October	Black History Month
Friday, 6 th October	Bikeability Training for Year 5 Session 2 Year 3 LFC Academy Boys Football
Wednesday, 11 th October	Reception Parents' meeting – Reading Harvest Festival
Friday, 13 th October	Drop Everything and Read Day Come Dine With Me
Wednesday, 18 th October 10am	Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday, 20 th October	Reception Stay and Play Day 2pm School closes for half term
Monday, 23 rd – Friday, 27 th October	Half Term – School Closed
Monday, 30 th October 8.55am	School re-opens

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.

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Birthday Celebrations

We celebrate everyone's birthday and make a big fuss of the children. We are teaching healthy eating habits and they are encouraged to eat healthy food in school. Some children like to bring birthday cake into school on their special day. Some children have food allergies so cake etc is not the best idea. If you want to send a treat in for your child's class can we suggest sending in fruit that can be shared.

If you do bring a cake into school, please can it be pre cut and individually wrapped so each child can take it home to eat under the supervision of their parent/carer.

Thank you

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE

Apologies, the Spring INSET Day will be Friday, **9th March** not Friday, 23rd February as printed in the calendar.