



Monksdown News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week and continue to enjoy the fabulous weather we are experiencing. Long may it last! This week saw the final government tests for this academic year being completed. We also receive a Key Stage 1 Local Authority Monitoring visit last week which ensured all our teacher assessments were accurate.

Reception classes continued with their theme of 'seasonal change' by taking a Summer Walk through Croxteth Park. We are blessed to have this hidden treasure right on our doorstep.

Well done to year 1 and 2 pupils who took their phonics screening checks this week. They were all so sensible and conscientious.

When entering the school via the pedestrian entrance on Monksdown Road, please ensure you close the gate after you. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs S. Gough

From September, current **Year 2** pupils will no longer automatically be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) when they move to the **Year 3**.

To register for a Free Meal please visit:

<http://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/grants-and-funding/free-school-meals/>

Parents of children in the Juniors (years 3-6) are NOT automatically entitled to Free Meals. If you think your child should receive a free meal please also complete this form.

Please note: We receive a weekly FSM list and if your child's name is not included on this they will not be allocated a meal.

Red Markings By Classroom Doors

These markings have been installed to ensure the safety of our children. We kindly request that parents and carers do not stand within these red boxes when dropping off or collecting children from school.

Thank you for your co-operation

Dates for your Diary

Monday 25/6/18	Chess Tournament at St George's Hall
Friday 22/6/18	School receives Numbers Count Quality Mark at Liverpool Museum
Tuesday 27/6/18	Year 5 Fun Day – St John Bosco
Thursday 28/6/18	Transition Day – children to meet their new teachers
Wednesday 4/7/18	Transition Day – children to meet their new teachers Secondary Transfer Day – Year 6 children visit their new schools
Friday 6/7/18	New to Reception parents' meeting
Monday 9/7/18	Transition Day – children to meet their new teachers
Tuesday 10/7/18	Reports go home to parents
Wednesday 11/7/18	New to Reception Lunch from 11am Parents Afternoon for KS1 and KS2 1.30 – 3pm
Friday 13/7/18	Full Governing Body Meeting at 10am Choir to sing at Hope University Graduation Ceremony KS1 Come Dine with Me
Tuesday 17/7/18	KS1 trip to Windmill Farm
Wednesday 18/7/18	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 10am
Thursday 19/7/18	KS2 trip to Gullivers' World
Friday 20/7/18	School finishes for the Summer break at 2pm
Tuesday 4/9/18	8.55am return to school

AGE APPROPRIATE CONSOLE GAMES

We are aware that a lot of our pupils are playing on games that are PEGI certified 15 or 18 years of age. This means that there is content which is inappropriate for children under this age (language, violence or sexual themes). It also means that other people who play these games and who might contact your child are likely to be adults. We have had reports of offensive language being used towards our pupils, both by other children they know and by adults who are strangers.

We also often have children arriving at school exhausted because they have been playing these games until late at night (the games are developed to be addictive). This means children are unable to concentrate in school and often feel unwell.

It is your parental prerogative to allow your child to play these games but please be aware of; the risks they may be taking, the content of the games and the effect these games may be having on their behaviour, friendships, mental and physical health.

ONLINE ETIQUETTE

It has come to my notice that some parents' messaged on Facebook groups are causing concern.

Whilst your personal pages are just that, I need to take seriously any messages which bring our school into disrepute. We put tremendous effort into educating our children about the words they use both online and in the playground. Please support this.

SPORTING NEWS

The Under 9s girls football team played admirably on Tuesday evening and were fine ambassadors for the school.

A group of Years 5 and 6 girls played at the LFC Football Initiative.

Special congratulations to Lucy Doherty in Year 6 who was awarded a special prize by LFC for her behaviour, attitude and sporting prowess.