



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First



Our school's
Designated
Safeguarding
Leads :

Mrs Price, Mrs Stewart

Friday 30th September

Dear Families of Monksdown,

It has been wonderful to welcome so many of our parents and carers into school this week to share the children's learning and taste how we enrich the curriculum. On Monday the whole school celebrated European Day of Languages. We took this opportunity to raise awareness around language learning and linguistic diversity. Thank you to those parents who so kindly brought in national dishes to tempt us all. The variety of spices, flavours and culinary delights went down a treat!



A cake and a cuppa

Thank you to those of you who supported the **MacMillan Coffee Morning** on Thursday.

We raised **£140.00**.



Aspirations were raised for pupils in Years 5 and 6 today and this is something we feel very passionate about as a school. With the support from POSITIVE FOOTPRINTS and COBALT HOUSING ASSOCIATION we were proud to host a careers morning in order to inspire, motivate and open up the world of work to our pupils. They are the future so we want to encourage them!

I hope our parents and carers enjoyed the sessions as much as we did.

Have a lovely weekend

Kindest Regards

Mrs Price

How did you learn to read?

Most of us will remember reading as a child possible images may even be conjured up of you sitting on the floor, in bed, outdoors etc surrounded by reading schemes. Do any of you remember Janet and John or Peter and Jane books I wonder? Maybe you remember Biff and Chip or other familiar names? Few of us, however, remember specifically how we learned to read. Since it is difficult to recall how we learned to read then it is also difficult for us to teach our children to read. Several studies have been conducted to reveal the best way to teach reading and there is overwhelming evidence that strongly supports the concept that explicitly and systematically teaching phonics significantly improves children's reading and spelling skills.

We want to encourage as many parents as possible to come to school for the Phonics Workshops.

Monksdown Pantry - Coming Soon....

I am excited to share with you that shortly Monksdown will be opening our very own Food Pantry. We realise the impact the cost of living crisis will have on our families and wanted to find a way of supporting. With that in mind, we are asking if you would kindly donate your Harvest gifts to our pantry this year.

We are asking for non perishable items and dried foods only e.g.:

Canned Vegetables	Canned Fish
Canned Fruit	Canned and Packet Soups
Canned Beans	Pasta
Rice	Jars of Pasta Sauce



Please send items in with your child. Thank you

Parking Notice

Our children's safety is always our main priority. Please can you park responsibly when dropping off and collecting your child as these are particularly busy times. We ask that you park away from school and walk your child to the school grounds.



Thank you

Year 6

You can apply online for a Secondary Year 7 place for schools if you live in Liverpool. If you live outside Liverpool and want to apply for a school here, you must apply through the education authority where you live.

Once you have created an online applications account, you can apply for up to five schools for Secondary Year 7.

Some schools (mainly faith schools) also ask you to complete additional paper forms that must be sent directly to them.

Please visit Liverpool City Council.Gov.UK - school admissions where you will be guided through the process.

I would recommend you visit school websites and attend any open days available. Some may be virtual, but will give you a taste of the opportunities on offer for your child. Choosing a secondary school is a really important decision. Should any of you need further support please contact Mrs Stewart who will be happy to assist.

All forms must be submitted by Monday 31st October, 2022.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 4th October - Cross Country Race at Newsham Park 3.30pm-5.30 pm

Week Commencing Monday 10th October - Year 6 Gang Prevention Workshops

Monday 10th October—Harvest Festival Service

Monday 17th October - Parent/ Carer Evening 3.15pm-6.00pm

Tuesday 18th October - Parent / Carer Evening 3.15pm-6.00pm

Friday 21st October 2.00pm School Closes for Half Term

Wednesday 2nd November—Flu Immunisations



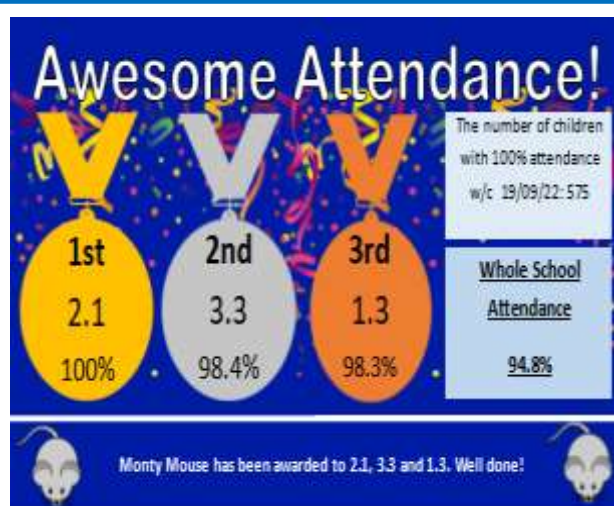
Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

<https://studybugs.com>

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Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health. See what illnesses are going around. Secure system, all communications encrypted.

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STARTING WELL

Dads' Club

The last Saturday of every month

10.00am - 11.30am

Utting Avenue East, L11 1DQ

Everton in the Community's **Starting Well** programme is here to offer support to Children aged four and under and their dads in the Liverpool region.

We are pleased to tell you about our new Dad's group which will be running on the last Saturday of every month from Clubmoor Children's Centre.

There will be activities and play equipment to entertain your little ones as well as snacks and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you!

For more information, please email
andrew.cousins@evertonfc.com
or scan the QR code with
your phone to register.



24th September 2022

29th October 2022

26th November 2022

28th January 2023

25th February 2023

Attendance Matters

At Monksdown Primary School we recognise the clear link between good attendance and punctuality and the achievement and success of our pupils. Our pupils need to attend regularly and be on time in order to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available. We take a proactive approach to improving the attendance of individual pupils whose attendance falls behind.

All our staff are working really hard to improve the attendance and punctuality of our pupils and throughout the year we will be celebrating our successes. All our incentives have been decided by the pupils for the pupils.



Meet Monty the Monksdown Mouse

Monty will visit the highest attending **three** classes each week and bringing with him some chocolate mice (gluten free options also available).

Each term Pupils with **97% attendance** or higher will be awarded a certificate.

Every term any pupil with **100% attendance** will be placed in a draw with the chance of winning a **family experience voucher** and awarded a certificate. There is one prize per Key Stage.



Pupils with **100% attendance at the end of the school year** will receive a book and a certificate as well as being entered into the draw to win a voucher. There is one prize per Key Stage.

Throughout the year we will be launching our **Ten-Day Challenges**. Any pupil who attends on time every day for the ten-day period will receive a **certificate** and the chance to win a **prize in the draw**.

Any class who achieve **100% attendance** for the week will be rewarded with a special treat arranged by their teacher. Treats including extra playtime, stationery, mentor fun and games session, special breakfast in class.

Each term pupils with **improved attendance** will be rewarded with a **special breakfast** in "The Hive" and a certificate.

Our **Year 6 Attendance Champions** will be making sure all classroom and school attendance and punctuality boards display the latest data and feed back regularly to our school attendance team to see how everything is progressing.

We just need our pupils to:

BE HERE! ON TIME ! EACH DAY!



**Monksdown Primary School :
School Uniform Donation**



**WE ARE LOOKING FOR
UNIFORM DONATIONS!**



**PLEASE BRING IN ANY ITEMS OF
YOUR PRELOVED UNIFORMS TO THE
HIVE**

Clothes 4 the Community

**FREE, good quality second hand clothes
for babies and kids age 0-11 years**



All welcome!

Fridays 9-10, term time only

Bethel Church, Green Lane, L13 7EA.



We want your boots!

Join our mission to rehome at least one million pairs of quality football boots across the UK, to stop them ending up in landfill. There's no better time to take part in football's biggest environmental movement – Football Rebooted.



Asda

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Children aged 16 and under can get a hot or cold meal for £1 at any time of day in Asda cafés across the UK, 7 days a week, with no minimum adult spend. Asda are extending this offer to the end of 2022.

Morrisons



Morrisons are offering a free meal for 1 child under 16 when buying an adult meal with a value of £4.99 or over at in-store cafés.

Sainsbury's

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Sainsbury's have introduced budget-friendly meal ideas to feed a family of four for less than £5. The recipes are available on the [Recipe Scrapbook at Sainsburys.co.uk](https://www.sainsbury.co.uk/recipe-scrapbook).