



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Friday 9th September



Our school's
Designated
Safeguarding
Leads :

Mrs Price, Mrs Stewart

Dear Families of Monksdown,

Welcome back to a new school year. It has been lovely to see so many happy smiling faces this week as we have welcomed the children and families back after the summer holiday. I do hope you all had a good break and managed to enjoy the lovely weather. I am especially pleased to welcome any new families and children to our school. Our new starters in Nursery and Reception have all settled in well.

The children look so smart in their new uniforms. Thank you for preparing them and following our school uniform policy.

We have been busy over the summer with works taking place both inside and outside of school. The new addition to Key Stage Two playground is currently "home" to class 5.2 who tell me they are enjoying learning in their new space.



You will have noticed three unique wooden buildings appearing on the playgrounds. We are still in the process of adding the finishing touches to the Shepherd's Huts. The children are looking forward to being taught outdoors in an intriguing, inspiring place.



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022

Monksdown Primary School remembered our Queen today in a special assembly. Thank you Queen Elizabeth for 70 years of loyal, dedicated service. Rest in Peace.



Our Stars!

- ★ NAM: All A.M. Nursery
- ★ NPM: All P.M. Nursery
- ★ R.1: All of R1
- ★ R.2: All of R2
- ★ R.3: All of R3
- ★ 1.1: Scarlett Coan
- ★ 1.2: Amber Smith
- ★ 1.3: Daniel Cox
- ★ 2.1: Ignacy Wierszyllowski
- ★ 2.2: Sonny Walker
- ★ 2.3: Nikodem Drazek
- ★ 3.1: Poppy Livell
- ★ 3.2: Jewel Azubuiké
- ★ 3.3: Riley Lowndes-Nurse
- ★ 4.1: Rebecca Green
- ★ 4.2: Shaanley Ganapathy
- ★ 4.3: Callum Douglas
- ★ 5.1: Jenny Roberts
- ★ 5.2: James Daley
- ★ 5.3: Nicole Wlasiuk
- ★ 6.1: Rubi Gavin
- ★ 6.2: Amelia Gardner
- ★ 6.3: Bobby Macklin

HARVEST FESTIVAL
Monday 10th October

**We will be collecting
donations of none
perishable food items.
These can be passed
into the class teacher.**

Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 13th September - Year 1 and 2 Roald Dahl Workshops

Wednesday 14th September- Year 4 Science Workshop Digestion

Thursday 15th September- Year 6 Height and Weight School Health

Friday 16th September - Classes 5.1 and 5.2 Swimming at Ellergreen

Friday 16th September - Key Stage Two Chess

Tuesday 20th September- School Photograph Day

Wednesday 28th September Road Rally Championships at Wavertree 3.15pm—6.00pm

Thursday 29th September- MacMillan Coffee Morning before school for parents/carers

Friday 30th September - Year 5 Job Junction Careers Morning

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

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

Smile Please



Our school photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 20th September**.

Individual Photographs

All children in Nursery and Reception classes will have an individual photograph taken.

Children will only have an individual photograph taken if they DO NOT have siblings in the school.

Family Photographs

Children will be photographed with their brothers and sisters only.

Should you wish for your children to have an individual photograph in addition to the family one please inform the school in writing either by email or letter.

Attendance News

Please meet our Attendance Team



Mrs Stewart



Miss Seaman



Mrs Bernia



Mrs Butland



Mr Swanson

I am very proud of the fact that we have three children join our team this year. Our Children's Attendance Champions will be voicing the views of the children and working with the team to monitor and improve attendance and punctuality across school. Their first task has been to help the team to decide how we will reward good and improved attendance.

Should you be experiencing any issues regarding attendance and punctuality please get in touch with our staff who are here to support .

email: attendance@monksdownprimary.co.uk or telephone 0151 226 1606

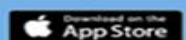
Please visit the Attendance and Punctuality page of our school website where you will find information regarding how we manage attendance and our policy.

Should your child be too unwell to attend school, the best way to report their absence is through the Study Bugs App. You will have received a flyer showing you how to do this. Most of our parents have already signed up but if for any reason you haven't, please do so as soon as possible. If you need any assistance with this, ask your child's class teacher or even your child as they are often very competent with these things!



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

<https://studybugs.com>



Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health

See what illnesses are going around

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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 bring along 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 include: 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!



REMINDERS

PE Kit

It is really important that your child has appropriate clothing to wear for PE in school. The children should bring their kit into school and leave it in their locker or on their peg depending on their age and take it home at half term for washing.

Please make sure this is the correct clothing:

- A white T-shirt with the school logo
- Plain navy blue shorts
- Sports footwear



Should you have any difficulty in obtaining a PE Kit for your child, then please speak with the class teacher

School Meals

Meals at Monksdown are high quality and mean the children have a healthy and nutritious lunch each day. School meal prices are £2.00 per day. Money should be paid a week in advance payable every Monday. Please pay online via School Money where possible. Otherwise money should be placed in a sealed envelope clearly labelled with your child's name, class and the amount.



Safety Notice

Children should be supervised by parents/carers whilst on the playgrounds before or after school.

All bikes, scooters and motorised vehicles should be dismounted at the school gates.

Adult motorised vehicles are NOT ALLOWED on the school site unless for a disability.

Dogs of any description are not allowed on school premises.

Please be considerate when parking your car. Please do not block driveways.

Thank you for your support to make our school safer for your children.

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](http://LiverpoolCityCouncil.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.

Wellbeing Top Tip

Settling back into school It can be a bit of a shock to the system going back to school after the summer holidays. Whether you're starting school for the first time, starting a new year, or going to a new school; any change can make us feel a bit anxious. How can we make this new start feel less daunting?

- Try and get into a good morning routine, allowing enough time to have breakfast, get dressed and check your school bag without feeling rushed
- If you're feeling anxious in the morning or the night before school, try listening to some calming music and practicing some breathing exercises e.g. deep breath in through the nose, hold it there and then breathe out through the mouth
- Talk to your family about any anxieties you're having. It can be helpful to get these off your chest and to problem-solve together
- Each night, make a list of things you are looking forward to for the next day or in the year ahead, or all the things that went well that day, to remind you of all the positives there are.



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**

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.sainsburys.co.uk/recipe-scrapbook).

Monksdown Primary School : School Uniform Donation



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UNIFORM DONATIONS!**



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STARTING THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2022

(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR(PROVIDING PLACES ARE AVAILABLE))



Group 1	5:30pm – 6:30pm	Ages 4 - 6
Group 2	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Ages 7 - 8
Group 3	7:30pm – 8:30pm	Ages 9 - 12

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of previous year's courses we are expanding the football coaching programme for the season. **The course will run on a weekly basis EVERY THURSDAY** during school term times.

All of our courses are run by **F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS**. All of our coaches have been **DBS/CRB POLICE CHECKED**. The course is open to **Boys and Girls** aged between 4 and 12. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through **FUN** and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the term(usually 10-15 weeks) **every child** will receive an engraved merit **Trophy** and course **Certificate**, with chances to win extra trophies including Penalty Shoot out, American Shoot out and Champions League Competitions.

The cost of the course is £7 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£28) with the first payment due on week one. Parents are welcome to stay and watch however the club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care. We have the use of **excellent facilities** including **the large indoor sports hall and outdoor grass pitches.**

TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT
FAZAKERLEY + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP NUMBER (1,2or3)
and receive confirmation by text

07856 315 637

Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)