



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First



Designated
Safeguarding
Leads : Mrs Russell
Mrs Dakin
Deputies- Mrs Price
and Mrs Stewart

Friday 22nd September

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers into school yesterday for our Children's Leadership Presentation. At Monksdown we believe that all children have the potential to develop leadership skills. Our children thrive on being responsible, trustworthy and dedicated individuals and we are extremely proud of them all. I know the staff subject leaders are looking forward to working with the children, listening to their ideas and improving outcomes for the rest of the school.



GANGS
GET AWAY 'N' GET SAFE

As part of our Stay Safe curriculum Year 6 children have been taking part in workshops

"To educate, inspire and empower young people to take control of their future by rejecting the gang lifestyle".

James Riley works across the UK to deliver the GANGS (Get Away 'N' Get Safe) prevention programme to schools educating young people to make the right decisions.



Our Stars!

- ★ N: Logan Dawes
- ★ R.1: Jack Jones
- ★ R.2: Nadia Zgorska
- ★ R.3: Bobby Walker
- ★ 1.1: Michelle Lin
- ★ 1.2: Harley Dunn
- ★ 1.3: Masey-Jay Turner
- ★ 2.1: Seren Lockett
- ★ 2.2: Amber Smith
- ★ 2.3: Amelia Gorczyńska
- ★ 3.1: Sonny Walker
- ★ 3.2: Rosy-Lea Kemp
- ★ 3.3: Mason Barrow
- ★ 4.1: Jaxon Macauley
- ★ 4.2: Molly Taylor
- ★ 4.3: Maja Krzyzak
- ★ 5.1: Ben Zhen
- ★ 5.2: Lusy Leshaj
- ★ 5.3: Zachary Mohktar
- ★ 6.1: Harvey Potter
- ★ 6.2: Abdoulaye Toure
- ★ 6.3: Lennon McKeown

NEXT WEEK

Monday 25th September

Cash for Kids Fundraising
Event 4 weeks

Tuesday 26th September

Years 5/6 Boys' Football
Match v Liverpool College
3:15pm—5:15pm

European Day of Language
Celebrations

Wednesday 27th September

Road Relay Competition
Wavertree Sports Park

Thursday 28th September

Years 5/6 Girls' Football Match
v Liverpool College
3:15pm—5:15pm

Friday 29th September

Liverpool Maths Party

Macmillan Coffee Morning
8:45am - 9:15am - Parent Pod
KS2 yard.

Important Information for Years 5 and 6

Our Year 6 children and families will soon be deciding which secondary school they would like to attend. This is a very important decision and you need to be fully informed about the criteria, choices and process.

Each individual school will have their own admissions policy and open evening. Please visit the websites where this information will be displayed.

It is vital that you attend the individual school's admission evenings with your child in order to help you make your choices.

Year 5 parents and children should also visit the schools as preparation may be needed during the coming year in order to support applications, particularly for schools that are over subscribed or where an entrance exam is required.

We will be holding sessions on **Tuesday 17th October at 3.00 pm** and **Thursday 19th October at 3.00pm** to help families to complete the online application form. Please bring your child with you to the sessions as they can also ask any questions and be part of the process.

Please make the most of these sessions when we can also answer any questions you have.

Open Evenings - September and October 2023

Recommended submission date: Friday 20th October 2023

Closing date for applications: Tuesday 31st October 2023

Offer Date: Friday 1st March 2024

PE Days

In order to maximise PE session time we have decided it would be beneficial for our children to come to school wearing full PE kit—**navy blue shorts and white t shirt with school logo**—including training shoes or pumps. During the colder months a pair of plain jogging/tracksuit pants can be worn with our navy blue school jumper and of course an outdoor coat. Tracksuit bottoms must be **navy blue** with minimal amount of logos please.

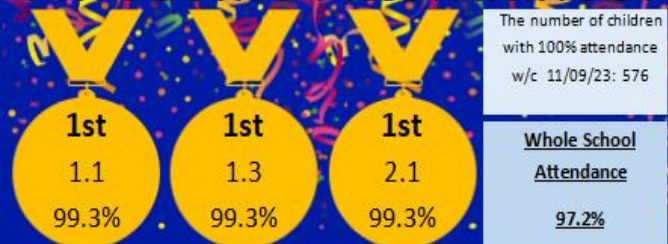
This is optional, children may still come to school wearing a full uniform and get changed for PE during the school day if you wish.

Maths Party

We will be joining many other schools across the city exploring Maths through books next Friday 29th September in school.



Awesome Attendance!



Monty Mouse has been awarded to 1.1, 1.3 and 2.1 Well done!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 29th September 8:45am - 9:15am

Please join us for a cuppa and a cake at the Parent Pod on KS2 yard.

Cakes and a cuppa will be on sale to support this very worthy cause!

This year we are asking for donations of cakes. Please give cake donations to your child's class teacher on Thursday 28th September.



School Uniform

Our school policy is that ALL children wear **black, sensible school shoes suitable for polishing**. Children should NOT wear training shoes for school even if they are black. If you are experiencing any difficulties with this matter, please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Trainers may be brought into school for playtimes and lunchtimes if needed and worn on PE days if your child opts to wear PE kit to school on this day.

Thank you for your cooperation .

Bikes and Scooters

If your child has accidentally come home with a scooter or bike that isn't theirs, please can it be returned to school as soon as possible. Many thanks.



Caring and Sharing

We will be holding our Harvest Service in school on **Monday 2nd October**. This year we are requesting donations for our own pantry.

Please start sending these into school from Monday 18th September.

Suggested items:

Tinned Fruit, Tinned fish, Tinned meat, Pasta sauce, Biscuits, Crips,

Tinned Beans, Tinned Soup, Bottles of sauce, Salt, Pepper,

Tinned vegetables

Dried foods: Pasta, Rice, Cereals, Tea, Coffee

Many Thanks for your support



Claim a free autumn pass

Autumn is a great time to get out and about, and the National Trust are giving away a select number of autumn passes that provide free entry to a National Trust place of your choice.

**National
Trust**

This single-use pass allows free entry for two adults and up to three children, one adult and up to four children, or two adults on their own.

For more information and to apply visit

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/escape-into-autumn>

There are a number of National Trust places close to Liverpool (and many are accessible by Public Transport)

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/liverpool-lancashire>

Dates for your Diary

Monday 25th September—4 weeks	Cash for Kids Fundraising Event
Tuesday 26th September	Years 5/6 Boys' Football Match v Liverpool College 3:15pm—5:15pm European Day of Language Celebrations
Wednesday 27th September	Road Relay Competition Wavertree Sports Park
Thursday 28th September	Years 5/6 Girls' Football Match v Liverpool College 3:15pm—5:15pm
Friday 29th September	Liverpool Maths Party Macmillan Coffee Morning 8:45am - 9:15am - Parent Pod KS2 yard.
Monday 2nd October	School Photographer
Tuesday 3rd October	School Photographer Reception Bikeability Sessions Class 6.3 Royal Court Theatre Hate Crime Play Cross Country Race 2 Newsham Park
Wednesday 4th October	Class 6.2 Royal Court Theatre Hate Crime Play
Thursday 5th October	Class 6.1 Royal Court Theatre Hate Crime Play
Friday 6th October	9:15am Governors Resources Committee 10:15am Governors Curriculum Committee Year 3/4 Girls' Football Match v Liverpool College 3:15pm—4:15pm
Tuesday 10th October	Rock Kidz
Wednesday 11th October	Rock Kidz Cross Country Race 3 Stanley Park
Monday 16th October	Flu Vaccinations Nursery—Year 6 Cross Country Race 4 3pm-5pm Clarkes Gardens Recycle Week and Scarecrow Project
Tuesday 17th October	1.1 and 1.2 Martin Mere Trip
Wednesday 18th October	1.3 Martin Mere Trip LFC Foundation Sport in School
Thursday 19th October	Autumn Trail
Friday 20th October	LSFS Year 6 Boys' Trip 12:30pm—3:30pm Jeffrey Humble
Tuesday 24th October	Parent/Carer Evening 3:15pm—6:00pm
Wednesday 25th October	Parent/Carer Evening 3:15pm—6:00pm LFC Foundation Sport in School
Thursday 26th October	Full Governors 9:30am Year 5 Saxon Experience Day in school—Costume needed
Friday 27th October	School closes at 2PM for half term
Monday 30th September —Friday 3rd October	Half Term Holiday

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
16+

In UK and Europe:
rest of the world 13+

...MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients; not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging. WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a 'Forwarded many times' label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safety on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution; get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'locked chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Burrows is an online safety consultant, education and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various research papers and content on research for the Australian government comparing internet use and online behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



...HEY OSCAR...








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#WakeUpWednesday

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Full details are available on our website: www.iconcope.org/iconweek2023

SOCIAL MEDIA CALENDAR

<p>MONDAY 25 September</p>	<p>It's finally here! #ICONweek2023.</p> <p>Our exciting week of webinars includes speakers from the military, police, GPs, parent ambassadors, health visitors, and the education section.</p> <p>Visit www.iconcope.org/iconweek2023 for more details</p> <p>#ICONWeek2023 #ICONcope</p>	 <p>For help and advice on soothing a crying infant and coping with crying visit www.iconcope.org</p>
<p>TUESDAY 26 September</p>	<p>If you have a baby that cries a lot, it can be exhausting and lonely. You are not alone.</p> <p>Crying is normal. It is not your fault. It's ok to take a time out when you feel overwhelmed.</p> <p>Keep baby safe, keep yourself safe.</p> <p>#ICONcope #ICONweek2023</p>	 <p>For help and advice on soothing a crying infant and coping with crying visit www.iconcope.org</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 27 September</p>	<p>Abusive head trauma can occur in any environment when a parent or carer is on the edge due to infant crying.</p> <p>Make sure anyone looking after your child knows the ICON principles. https://iconcope.org/parentsadvice/</p> <p>#ICONweek2023 #ICONcope</p>	 <p>For help and advice on soothing a crying infant and coping with crying visit www.iconcope.org</p>
<p>THURSDAY 28 September</p>	<p>There are lots of things you can do to help soothe your baby. Check out our top 5 tips to help with infant crying. The main thing to remember is to stay calm and never hurt or shake your baby. #ICONcope #ICONweek2023</p>	 <p>For help and advice on soothing a crying infant and coping with crying visit www.iconcope.org</p>
<p>FRIDAY 29 September</p>	<p>It's tough when your baby won't stop crying. You may worry something is wrong with your child, that you'll lose your cool or that your parenting skills aren't up to the job. But you can handle it!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Take a break * Ask for help <p>NEVER SHAKE YOUR BABY!</p> <p>#ICONcope #ICONweek2023</p>	 <p>For help and advice on soothing a crying infant and coping with crying visit www.iconcope.org</p>

ICON Week

25 - 29 September 2023

Social media videos and graphics

ICON

NHS

ICON Week 2023

25 to 29 September

Shaking or losing your temper with a baby is very dangerous and can cause:

- Blindness
- Learning disabilities
- Seizures
- Physical disabilities
- Death

For help and advice on how to cope with infant crying visit www.iconcops.org
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NHS

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25 to 29 September

5 tips to help soothe a crying baby:

- Talk calmly, hum or sing to your baby
- Let them hear a repeating or soothing sound
- Hold them close, skin to skin
- Take baby for a walk outside
- Give them a warm bath

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- I** Infant crying is normal and it will stop
- C** Comfort methods can sometimes soothe a baby and the crying will stop
- O** It's OK to walk away for a few minutes, if you've checked the baby is safe
- N** Never shake or hurt a baby

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Practice pausing at the door. A great tool to help you make sure you are ready to enter the baby's room and offer care.

Before entering check the 3 Cs:

- Can I be careful?
- Am I calm?
- Will I be caring?

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25 to 29 September

Babies start to cry more frequently at about two weeks of age.

Crying may get more frequent and last longer during the next few weeks, hitting a peak at about six to eight weeks, sometimes a little later.

Every baby is different but after about two to three months, babies start to cry less and less each week.

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Included within the toolkit are all of the original ICON videos which can be used in addition to the graphics above.



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Important Information about School Attendance

Thursday 7th September 2023

Dear Families of Monksdown,

Monksdown Primary School is determined to do everything they can to ensure your child has the very best start in life. An essential part of this is that every child is punctual and attends school. As a parent or carer, you have an important part to play. Your child has the right to a good education and you have a legal responsibility to ensure that they go to school on time, all of the time.

Pupils should only be absent from school if:

- They are too ill to attend
- They have a medical appointment that can't be arranged out of school hours
- There are exceptional circumstances
- Advanced permission has been granted from school

Leave of Absence during term time:

Parents/Carers do not have a right by law to take their child on holiday during school term-time.

Only in **exceptional circumstances** may school grant leave of absence for a holiday. A written application to the Head Teacher or myself, Chair of Governors, must be made in order for the school to consider this. If a parent/carer takes a child on holiday without prior permission from the school, the Local Authority may issue a **Penalty Notice of £120 per parent per child**, reduced to **£60 per parent per child** if paid within 21 days. Even if a leave of absence is permitted it still counts as an absence and is recorded as Unauthorised. Permission simply means a fixed penalty will not be issued.

If you are experiencing issues with your child's attendance the school's attendance team are there to support. Please contact the school should you require their help.

Kind Regards

Martin Reynolds
Chair of Governors



School Open

School Closed

Bank Holiday – school closed

September 2023

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May 2024

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June 2024

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July 2024

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August 2024

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