

Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

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

Friday 1st December

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Santa's elves have been busy decorating the school ready to make the build up to Christmas magical. The look on the children's faces as they came into school made the hard work worthwhile.

We have just a week to go until our Christmas Fayre and I do hope you will be able to come along and enjoy the food, stalls, games and fun. There may be some special visitors arriving especially for the event. This will be a cash only fayre as we do not have card reading facilities.

Please also join us for our Christmas crafts, concerts and plays which are detailed below.

Have a wonderful weekend. Best Wishes Mrs Price















Christmas Fayre 11am





Tuesday 5th December Wednesday 6th December Nursery Stay & Play 10:15am—11:30am Parents/Carers Invited R1 Christmas Crafts and Carols 1:30pm Parents/Carers Invited

Thursday 7th December

R2 Christmas Crafts and Carols 10am-11:30am Parents/Carers Invited

R3 Christmas Crafts and Carols 1:30pm Parents/Carers Invited

Saturday 9th December

Tuesday 12th December

Thursday 14th December

Y3 10am Y4 2pm Christmas Carols — Parents/Carers Invited

Wednesday 13th December

Y2 Christmas Play 10am Parents/Carers Invited

Y1 Christmas Concert 2pm Parents/Carers Invited

KS2 Christmas Dinner — Wear your Christmas Jumper

Y1 Christmas Concert 10am Parents/Carers Invited

Y2 Christmas Play 2pm Parents/Carers Invited

Friday 15th December

Y5 10am Y6 2pm Christmas Carols — Parents/Carers Invited

Shake Waffle and Roll

Well done to class 6.2 who achieved 100% attendance for the second week running. Chocolate waffles washed down with hot chocolate, squirty cream and marshmallows went down a treat as they laughed at the antics of Mr Bean. Well done children.









Speak Out and Stay Safe

The children enjoyed a fantastic drama-based assembly that taught them about antibullying and the importance of sharing problems.







Voyages of Discovery

It was 2.1's turn to visit the Maritime Museum this week. They loved sketching the Titanic model, learning about what life was like on board and enjoyed acting out the story 'Polar, the Titanic Bear' during the interactive workshop.











Decorative Delight

A beautiful Christmas decoration produced by this fabulous Y5 pupil inspired other classes to have a go at making their own!





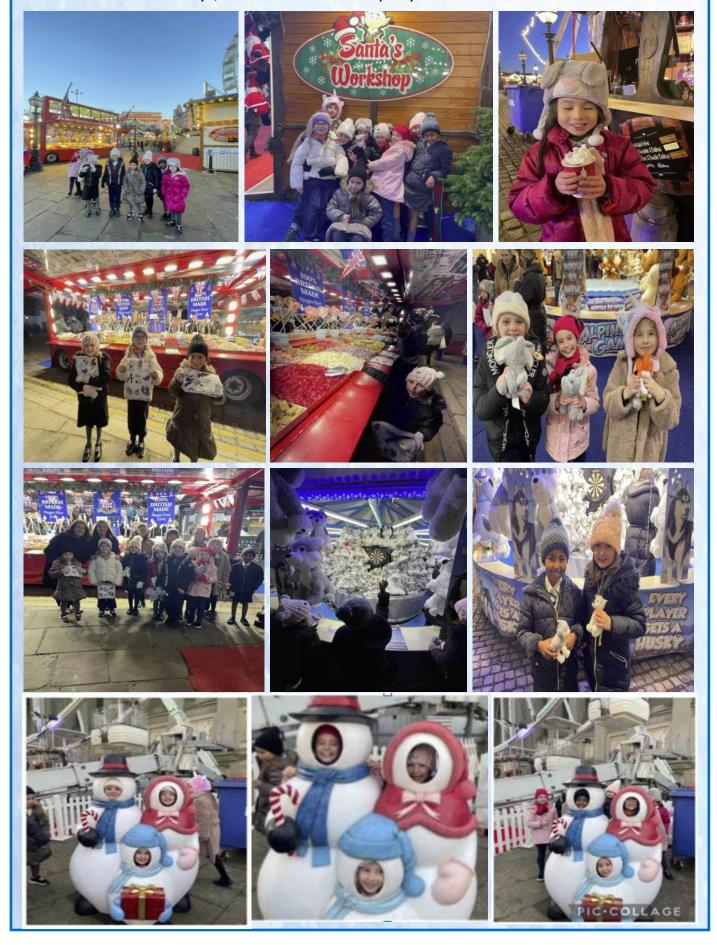
Tea and Talk

Thank you to all those who attended the latest Tea and Talk session. The next one will take place on Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 9am. A MHST Practitioner will be available to help with referrals for anxiety or worries.



Christmas Market

The Year 2 walking club got into the festive spirit this week by visiting the Christmas Markets. The group loved exploring the stalls and seeing the twinkly lights of the Christmas huts. As always, behaviour was exemplary.



Progress and Reading Award Winners

Two children in each class were awarded with a gold coin to spend in our book vending machines. These children have been recognised for their hard work and effort in the month of November. Well done!

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R.1	River Scully	Jack Jones
R.2	Jeff Wong	Lillie Shrimpton
R.3	Enzo Blue Davis	Heidi Hincks
1.1	Erin Giles	Freya McArdle
1.2	Amelia Szydlowska	Darcy-Mae Skivington
1.3	Lily McRoberts	John Clegg
2.1	Jaxon Young	Henleigh Lawless
2.2	Stefan Wierszyllowski	Noah Maguire Vogel
2.3	Thomas Murphy	Sam Griffin
3.1	Johnny Walker	James Green
3.2	Jacob Smith	Faith Daniels
3.3	Reece Devine	Reegan Lawerence
4.1	Alfie Mawdsley	Ruby Wheeler
4.2	Skyler McGivern	Luis O'Donnell
4.3	Febe Wong	Ava Williams
5.1	Merna Bernesa	Arwa Tariq
5.2	Katelyn Ditauskaite Williams	Riley Edris Nichols
5.3	Thomas Murphy	Arthur Smith
6.1	Mariam Diab	CJ Forster
6.2	Wiktoria Haska	Ella Humphries
6.3	Hayley Whitwell	Igor Siennicki

Please can you help support our Christmas Fayre?

Non-Uniform Days



Friday 8th December will be the final leave your uniform at home day — We ask children to ring a bottle — sauce, soft drinks, alcohol please (bring all glass bottles straight to the school office). Thank you

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Raffle Prizes

If you, or anybody you know, could donate any prizes for our raffle it would be greatly appreciated — please send in any information of what you can offer before next Friday 8th December so we can prepare for the event. Thank you

We hope this will be a fantastic day, so as much support as possible would be greatly appreciated. See you all there at 11.00 am.

Important Information

Online application forms for Reception places for September 2024 must be completed by **Monday 15th January**. If your child was born between the 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 you must complete the online form. Please note even if your child currently attends our nursery you must also complete the form. Please visit www.liverpoolcitycouncil.gov.uk.



Parking Notice

Please be extremely careful when parking and driving around school. We ask that you leave home five minutes earlier and park in the roads slightly away from school to avoid congestion in the immediate vicinity.

When dropping children off at breakfast club please be aware of children crossing the roads before reversing or driving away.



Bikes and Scooters

If your child comes home with a bike or scooter that does not belong to them, please return it to school immediately.



Christmas Fayre

At Monksdown Primary School





Festive fun and games including:

- · Tombolas
- Elf off the shelf
- · Splat the Elf
- Antler Hoopla





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Tuesday 5th December Nursery Stay & Play 10:15am—11:30am Parents/Carers Invited

Reception and KS1 Panto 'Treasure Island'

Wednesday 6th December R1 Christmas Crafts and Carols 1:30pm Parents/Carers Invited

Thursday 7th December R2 Christmas Crafts and Carols 10am—11:30am Parents/Carers Invited

R3 Christmas Crafts and Carols 1:30pm Parents/Carers Invited

Friday 8th December Year 4 Pop Up Club—Christmas Shortbreads—Invitation Only 3pm—4:30pm

Saturday 9th December Christmas Fayre 11am

Tuesday 12th December Y3 10am Y4 2pm Christmas Carols — Parents/Carers Invited

Reception and KS1 Christmas Dinner —Wear your Christmas Jumper

Wednesday 13th December Year 2 Pop Up Club—Chocolate Bark and Christmas Wands Invitation Only

3pm-4:30pm

Y2 Christmas Play 10am Parents/Carers Invited
Y1 Christmas Concert 2pm Parents/Carers Invited

KS2 Christmas Dinner — Wear your Christmas Jumper

Thursday 14th December Y1 Christmas Concert 10am Parents/Carers Invited

Y2 Christmas Play 2pm Parents/Carers Invited

Friday 15th December Y5 10am Y6 2pm Christmas Carols — Parents/Carers Invited

Monday 18th December

Y5 and Y6 Party Day—Christmas Party Lunch—Party Clothes

Tuesday 19th December Y3 and Y4 Party Day Christmas Party Lunch—Party Clothes

Wednesday 20th December Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 Party Day—Christmas Party Lunch—Party

Clothes

Thursday 21st December Children break up at 2pm.



Attendance Tournament



Autumn Term 2 Week 3

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Well done to all winning classes and those who received bonus points.

The class with the most points will receive a day out to Croxteth Park.

	Bonus
96% +	1 point
98% +	2 points
100%	3 points



What Schools Need to Know about

WHAT THE ACT WILL DO The Chiline Safety Act was passed into UK law in October 2023, with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they re chiline. The government has predged to zero-tolerance approach to protecting children from online harm? __, and the oct certainly includes more powerful legislation which should help to safeguard young people in the digital world. Our guide summarises the key points for schools ...

HARMFUL CONTENT

ANIMAL CRUELTY

MORE TRANSPARENCY

HOSTING MISLEADING ADVERTS

NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING

REPORTING AND FILTERING

AGE-RESTRICTED MATERIAL

What this means for you

ation's scope and limitations. The act is certainly a sitive step, but as artificial intelligence and other or es, schools will still need to remain extremely vig

KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

m consultation on 'protecting people from it as online' will be running until February 2024.

REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS

Remain mindful of your organisation's own online activities: the legal duty for schools to mointain appropriate software monito and littering, for example, will not cha-

WATCH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

ENGAGE WITH PARENTS

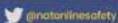
Schools should also explain to parents and cares the new possibilities that the Online Safety Act affands them in terms of protecting their children. Many parents may have previously felt that there was little they could do about changing online platforms' content; they now have a for greater level of support when complaining about a company or the

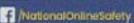
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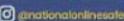


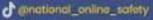


















AT DIXONS FAZAKERLEY ACADEMY

SHERWOODS LANE, FAZAKERLEY, L10 1LB

STARTING THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY 2024

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



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 with the course held indoors in the large sports hall.

TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE <u>TEXT</u> FAZAKERLEY + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP NUMBER (1,2or3)

and receive confirmation by text

07856 315 637

Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)





9 out of 10

unvaccinated children
can catch measles
if someone in their
class has it

Check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations



Royal Life Saving Society UK issues winter water safety advice

Urgent Winter Water Safety Message

RLSS UK offer safety advice for winter water safety, with simple steps to keep safe during the winter:

- Never go onto the ice to play, to retrieve an object, or a pet
- Never enter the ice to rescue somebody, call 999 and ask for the Fire and Rescue Service

What to do if you fall through the ice: Keep calm and shout for 'help'

- Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you
- If the ice is strong enough, kick your legs to slide onto the ice
- Lie flat and pull yourself towards the bank
- If the ice breaks, work your way to the bank-breaking the ice in front of you anyway
- If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Press your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water
- Once you are safe, go to hospital immediately for a check up

What to do if you see someone fall through the ice:

- Shout for assistance and phone the emergency services call 999 or 112
- Do not walk or climb onto the ice to attempt a rescue
- Shout to the casualty to 'keep still' and offer reassurance to keep them calm
- Try and reach them from the bank using a rope, pole, tree branch, clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach
- When reaching from the bank, lie down to avoid being pulled onto the ice
- If you cannot reach them, slide something which floats, such as a plastic bottle or football, across the ice for them to hold onto to stay afloat whilst help is on the way
- If the casualty is too far away, do not attempt to rescue them. Wait for the emergency services while calming and reassuring the casualty

https://www.rlss.org.uk/winter-water-safety.

Winter water safety | Staying safe on our canals | Canal & River Trust (canalrivertrust.org.uk)

Incentives

Early Years - 🍣



The Early Years class with the best attendance each week will be treated to a visit from Monty and his chocolate companions.

Individual Rewards - 100% attendance each term - a token to spend in the prize shop plus a certificate 97%+ attendance each term - a certificate

Improved attendance against the previous term – a token to spend in the prize shop

Class Rewards -



Key Stage One and Two winners of the half termly attendance tournament enjoy a day out at the park 100% attendance for the whole week - a special celebration breakfast in class

Meet the Team

Our Children's Champions are dedicated to promoting attendance throughout the school and ensuring that every child's voice is heard. They play a fantastic role in boosting attendance.



Our staff members are also here to lend a helping hand. Every adult at Monksdown has your child's best interests at heart. We are committed to working together with you to ensure your child attends school regularly. If you have any questions or concerns related to attendance, please don't hesitate to reach out to a member of our team. We are always here to assist and support you in any way we can.





We understand the importance of your child's attendance at school, and we believe it plays a crucial role in their arowth and development.

There is a clear connection between regular attendance and academic progress, and we're committed to supporting your child's educational journey. We are here to collaborate with you to ensure your child can come to school regularly, enjoy learning, and spend quality time with their peers. Together, we can make a positive impact on their education.

Did you know?

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Good Attendance -

100% = 0 weeks learning missed 95% = 1 week 4 days learning missed

Poor Attendance -

90% = 3 weeks 4 days of learning missed
At this level of absence your child will be
classed as a persistent absentee.
At this level of absence, the Education
Welfare Officer (EWO) would be involved.

85% = 5 weeks 3 days of learning missed

If your child is absent from school for I week they would miss about 5 hours of Maths and 5 hours of English!

Our Approach to Attendance and Supportive Measures

According to legal requirements, schools must keep records of absences and the reasons for them. To ensure everything is in order, please reach out to us as soon as possible on the first day of your child's absence and provide a reason. The most convenient way to do this is through our StudyBugs App.

Alternatively, you are welcome to send us an email or give our school office a call.

Contact us at:

Email: manksdown-ao@manksdown.schuk
Phone: OSI 226 1606 (Option I)

Remember, if no reason is given, it will result in an unauthorised absence mark for your child. We're here

 We believe in the importance of regular attendance and typically do not authorise absences without a valid reason

to assist you every step of the way!

- If we haven't received communication from you regarding your child's absence, you can expect a friendly phone call or text message from our team.
- Our attendance monitoring is diligent and if we notice any concerns with your child's attendance, we will reach out to you through a letter.
- In the event that attendance challenges persist, we'll kindly request a meeting with you to discuss how we can work together to support your child's attendance at school.
- If, despite our collective efforts, there is no
 improvement in attendance, we may need to involve the
 Education Welfare Officer (EWO) and this could
 potentially lead to legal action as a last resort. We aim to
 work collaboratively to prevent reaching this stage.

Punctuality

Please make sure your child arrives at school on time each day. Doors open at 8.50am ready for lessons to begin at 8.55 am.

Do you know how much learning children miss out on?

Minutes late per day	Equal days worth of
5 Minutes	3.4 Days
10 Minutes	6.9 Days
15 Minutes	10.3 Days
20 Minutes	13.8 Days
30 Minutes	20.7 Days

How can you help?

- Please make sure your child arrives on time, ready for a great day at school.
- It's a great idea to prepare packed lunches, school bags, and breakfast items the night before to start the day smoothly.
- Consider setting an alarm at a reasonable time to ensure you have enough time to get everyone up and ready in a relaxed and stress-free manner. Your child's mornings will thank you!



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Chair of Governors: Mr M. Reynolds Headteacher: Mrs J Price

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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









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Calendar 2023/2024

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