



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Friday 8th December

Designated Safeguarding Leads :



Mrs Russell Mrs Dakin
Deputies-Mrs Price and Mrs Stewart

Special Visitor

A huge thank you to our Metro Mayor, Steve Rotherham, for taking time out of his busy schedule to meet with our School Council. The children were fascinated by the changes being made to our city and enjoyed sharing all of the wonderful things they have achieved.



Power to Change

It was a privilege to show our friends at Citizens UK Liverpool the wonderful visual minutes created by More Than Minutes at a recent listening campaign. Children, families and staff met to discuss our school and the impact our children have.



Christmas Fayre

We would love you to join us this Saturday 9th December from 11am for our Christmas Fayre. Please enter school via Frinstead Road gates. There will be lots of stalls, games, food and fun to keep you entertained. Plus some very special visitors will be arriving to get everyone in the Christmas spirit. This is a cash only event. See you there!

Christmas Fayre



Our Stars!

- ★ N: Milena Krzyzak
- ★ R.1: Yossef Elkady
- ★ R.2: Molly Brannigan
- ★ R.3: Shaden Alqahtani
- ★ 1.1: Peggy Costain
- ★ 1.2: Zakary Faulkner-Brown
- ★ 1.3: Logan Smith
- ★ 2.1: Lily Mogan
- ★ 2.2: Poppy Maher
- ★ 2.3: Oliver Tyzka
- ★ 3.1: Florence Wood
- ★ 3.2: Bobby Smith
- ★ 3.3: Maximus Faulkner-Brown
- ★ 4.1: Royalty Napoleon
- ★ 4.2: Elizabeth Sikipa
- ★ 4.3: Amayah Critchlow
- ★ 5.1: Ignacy Trzcinski
- ★ 5.2: Rebecca Green
- ★ 5.3: Patrick Wheatley
- ★ 6.1: Lily Griffiths
- ★ 6.2: Kyle Henney
- ★ 6.3: Armita Nikhad

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.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 12th December	Y3 10am Y4 2pm Christmas Carols — Parents/Carers Invited Reception, Years 1 & 2 Christmas Dinner — Wear your Christmas Jumper with school uniform
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 Years 3-6 Christmas Dinner — Wear your Christmas Jumper with school uniform
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.



Santa is coming to Norris Green

Monday 11th December
Tuesday 12th December
Wednesday 13th December



Alt Valley
Enterprising Communities

Ellergreen Young
Peoples Project



Liverpool
City Council



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.

Class of
2024

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.



Attendance Tournament



Autumn Term 2 Week 4

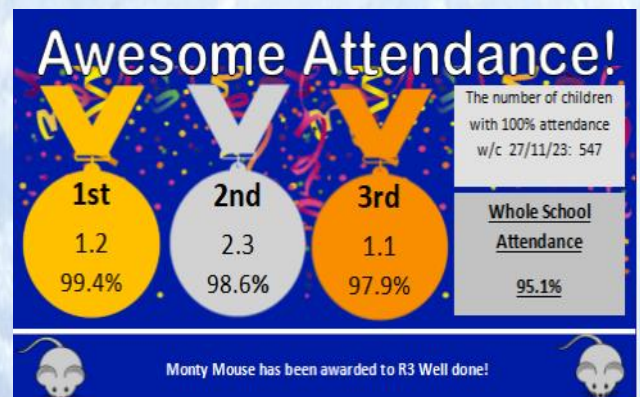
Monksdown Attendance Table

Class	Wins	Losses	Draws	Points	Bonus Points	Total
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4.1	0	0	0	0	4	4
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3.2	1	0	0	3	2	5
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5.1	2	0	0	6	2	8
5.2	2	1	0	6	2	8
6.3	2	1	0	6	2	8
5.3	2	1	0	6	0	6
3.1	3	1	0	9	3	12

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 Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISNEY+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 8+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 8 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 8+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.

TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from UK networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Barron is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented a suite of building online safety policies for schools. She has written various awareness papers and worked on research for the National Government's computer internet use and working behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Electric Scooters

What is the law?

In the UK, whilst you can legally purchase an e-scooter, unless it is one of the orange Voi trial scooters, it remains illegal to ride one on the public highway/footway, or public parks, bridleways and byways. The only place you can legally use an e-scooter is on private land with the landowner's permission.

Why can't I use an e-scooter on the public highway?

The reason is that e-scooters are treated as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs) by the Department of Transport and therefore:

- E-scooters are subject to the same legal requirement as other motor vehicles
- You require an MOT, a driving licence, tax and insurance
- E-scooters would require number plates, signalling ability & visible rear lights

What about the orange Voi hire scooters?

Liverpool is currently taking part in Government trials for e-scooter hire. To use them you must:

- Be over 18 years of age
- Hold a valid driving licence

What happens if I am caught?

The police can issue a warning to riders using an e-scooter illegally. However, depending upon the seriousness of the offence, officers also have the power to seize e-scooters and penalise the rider by issuing a:

- Fixed Penalty Notice for no insurance with a £300 fine and 6 penalty points
- Fixed Penalty Notice for no driving licence, up to a £100 fine and 3 to 6 penalty points

Other offences resulting in penalties include riding on the footpath, using a mobile phone, riding through red lights and drink drive offences.

Electric bikes

What is an Electric Bike (e-bike)?

An e-bike is a motor assisted pedal bike. They often look just like a conventional pedal cycle, but include a rechargeable battery and a motor, alleviating some of the pressure of pedalling. Once it reaches a top speed of 15.5mph, the motor cuts out and leaves the rest to the cyclist. This means that the cyclist can cycle faster than 15.5mph, but not with the help of the motor.

What is the law?

For an e-bike to be legal in the UK, it must:

- Come with a pedal-assist motor and have a max power output of 250 watts
- The electrical assistance must cut off when it reaches 15.5mph
- It cannot be ridden on the public highway by anyone under the age of 14

What if my e-bike exceeds 250 watts and has a motor independent of the pedals?

It is not illegal to own an e-bike exceeding 250 watts and with the motor independent of the pedals, however:

- It is illegal to ride it as a standard bike or e-bike
- It needs to be registered, taxed, and insured as per a moped
- The rider must wear a helmet

Electric bikes and scooter safety

Top tips to keep you safe

- **Do not charge e-bike or e-scooter batteries unsupervised, or whilst asleep**
- **If you do need to charge at home overnight, CLOSE all internal doors**
- **Make sure smoke alarms are fitted, working and tested regularly**
- **Damaged or broken battery packs must be replaced, don't use or charge them**



The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of virtual drop-in advisory sessions via zoom. They are for parent/carers wishing to talk in a private one to one setting or in a group setting about any questions or concerns they may have about their child. You do not require a diagnosis of ASD to book your place.

Date and time for 1:1 session

Thursday 28th December 2023

Friday 29th December 2023

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Thursday 4th January 2023

9.30– 10.15
10.30 – 11.15
11.30 – 12.15
1.00 – 1.45
2.00 – 2.45

Date and time for Group Q & A session

Friday 5th January 2024

Time 9.30am – 11.00am

Friday 5th January 2024

Time 1pm – 2.30pm

To book your place please email your choice of date and time and you will be emailed a zoom link.

asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.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 growth 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?

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS		175 days to spend on family time, visits, hobbies, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.				
365 DAYS IN EACH YEAR	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence	47 days absence	
180 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	179 DAYS OF EDUCATION	180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	172 DAYS OF EDUCATION	165 DAYS OF EDUCATION	
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%	
	GOOD Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start.	WORRYING Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress.			SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child.	

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 1 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: monksdown-ao@monksdown.sch.uk

Phone: 0151 226 1606 (Option 1)

Remember, if no reason is given, it will result in an unauthorised absence mark for your child. We're here to assist you every step of the way!

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



Monksdown Primary School

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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



Calendar 2023/2024



School Open

School Closed

Bank Holiday – school closed



September 2023

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October 2023

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November 2023

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December 2023

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Bank holidays 2024/25 UK

26 August '24	August Bank Holiday	26 December '24	Boxing Day	18 April '25	Good Friday	5 May '25	Early May Bank Holiday
25 December '24	Christmas Day	1 January '25	New Year's Day	21 April '25	Easter Monday	26 May '25	Spring Bank Holiday

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