

Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Friday 15th March 2024

Dear Families of Monksdown,

What a wonderful turnout we had for our PETRUS sleepover fundraising event supporting homelessness within our area. The children and staff spent the evening empathising with those who do not have shelter or a roof over their heads. We tried to make the sleepover as authentic as possible but did have lots of fun along the way. My thanks to all the staff for giving up their Friday evening, Cobalt housing for supporting the event and most importantly to our children and families for taking part.









It was the turn of Year 5 classes this week to showcase their learning to parents and carers. The children love sharing their knowledge and understanding with you and these are always such lovely occasions.







I look forward to seeing you all at our Parent/Carer evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. If you can't attend for any reason please see your child's class teacher and request an alternative date and time.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone

Kindest Regards, Mrs Price





Showcase

Wednesday 24th April	2.1 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Thursday 25th April	2.2 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Friday 26th April	2.3 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Tuesday 21st May	1.3 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Wednesday 22nd May	1.1 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Thursday 23rd May	1.2 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Wednesday 19th June	3.1 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Thursday 20th June	3.2 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Friday 21st June	3.3 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm

Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs



Our Stars!

Maha Tariq

R.1: Melanie Williams

R.2: Heidi Hale

R.3: Daisy Chen

1.1: Christina Dillon-Lloyd

.2: Esmae Morris

1.3: Theklia Gerolemou

2.1: Scarlett Coan

2.2: Miguel Lawal

2.3: Oscar Zhao

3.1: Dennis Nutu

3.2: Carter McNamara

3.3: Spencer Standaloft

4.1: Alfie Mawdsley

4.2: Penelope Dutton

4.3: Greg Bakare

5.1: Amelia Maines

5.2: Riley-Edris Nicholls

5.3 Patrick Wheatley

6.1: Jessica Davis

6.2: James Geraghty

6.3: Connor Pinto

The Week Ahead

Monday 18th March

School Council Visit—Liverpool Town Hall

Class 4.1 Parent/Carer Evening 3:15pm - 6:00pm

> **Tuesday 19th March** Wednesday 20th March

Parents/Carers Evening 3.15 pm -6.00pm

Thursday 21st March

Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day — No Costume Needed.

Children will be creating in class.

9:15am Full Governors' Meeting

Subject Leadership Showcase for Governors and Head Teachers 3:00pm

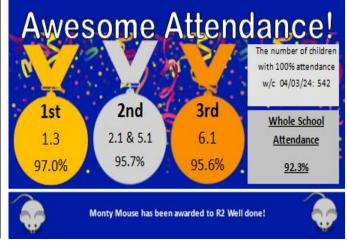
Spring Term Attendance Tournament



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



Author Visit

We have local author Phill Hughes visiting us next week and she will be selling her books over the two days of parent's evening. Her books will be available to buy at £8 each and she will signing each one sold.

Easter Competition

We would like to invite you and your child to take part in our egg-citing competition. We are asking you to decorate an egg. Be bold, be imaginative, be creative. All entries should be brought to school by **Wednesday 27th March.** There will be a first, second and third prize awarded per year group. Our Art and our Design Technology pupil leads

will be judging the competition.

Good Luck!

Thank you





Health and Safety Notice

If you enter the school grounds during the school day, for any reason, whilst the children are outdoors on the playgrounds please do not speak to any children including your own child.

Thank you for your cooperation



Parents/Carer Evenings Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March 2024

Please make sure you have returned your reply slip stating the most convenient day and time to meet your child's teacher and support staff.

Thank you

Dates for your Diary

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Monday 25th March

Year 3 Walk to Church

Tuesday 26th March

School Council Trip

Reception Easter Bonnets

Wednesday 27th March 3:30pm Talent Show Years 3-6 Parent and Carers invited

Thursday 28th March KS2 Easter Bingo

2pm School closes for the Easter Holidays

Monday 15th April 8.55 am School reopens

Tuesday 16th April Jacobs' Join Eid Celebration 3:00pm—4:30pm

Wednesday 17th April Yoga in School

Friday 19th April Sign language lessons year 6

Monday 29th April Citizen's Advice Coffee Morning for parents/carers 9:15am

Thursday 2nd May Polling Day School Closed to Pupils

Monday 6th May Bank Holiday School Closed

Tuesday 7th May—Friday 10th May Year 6 SATs

Thursday 16th May 9:15pm Parent/Carer Internet Safety Training

Friday 17th May 9:30am Maths Family Learning Course

Tuesday 21st May 2:15pm Parent/Carer Internet Safety Training

Friday 24th May 2:00pm Break Up for Half Term

Monday 10th June School Reopens

Year 6 Residential

Thursday 13th June 9:15am Full Governors' Meeting
Monday 17th June 5:00pm Full Governors' Meeting

Thursday 20th June Year 4 Catalyst Science Museum Sleepover
Thursday 27th June Year 4 Catalyst Science Museum Sleepover
Wednesday 3rd July Liverpool Secondary School Transition Day
Thursday 4th July 9:15am ASD Training Workshop for Parents

Tuesday 16th July 7pm School Performances of Beauty
Wednesday 17th July 7pm School Performances of Beauty
Thursday 18th July 7pm School Performances of Beauty

Wednesday 24th July 2pm Finish for Summer Holidays



Things to include in your poster

- Don't give out your address
- Don't give out your phone number
- Don't send pictures of yourself or your family
- Don't give out your grownups bank details
- Don't click on any links
- Don't sign up to anything









Competition rules

- No copying
- Be creative and colourful
- Competition ends on Friday 22nd
- ► Give to Mr Heeley (class 5.1)



We look forward to seeing your posters



MEET AT 11:30 AM MONKSDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

FINISH AT MONKSDOWN AT 12:30 PM



Don't forget to bring your bin bag, gloves or litter picker!

Let's do what we can to keep Norris Green clean of litter!







10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

DEVELOPING HEALTHY

Quality sleep is parameunt for wellbeing as it impacts our cognitive function, emotional balance and overall health. A World Health Organisation study highlighted that 44% of young people reported difficulty sleeping – potentially affecting their mood, concentration and immune system.

Our guide offers expert tips for helping children to sleep more healthly.

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EFFECTIVE SLEEP



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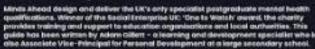
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Meet Our Expert







The National College

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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.

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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!



Monksdown Primary School

Where children come first

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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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