

Monksdown Mail Where Children Come First

Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Russell and **Mrs Stewart** Deputy-Mrs Price

Friday 19th April 2024



Dear Families of Monksdown,

Welcome back to everyone for the new term. I hope you all had a good break and for those families celebrating Easter and Eid, lovely celebrations with family and friends. I'm sure you all made the most of the few days of warm sunshine last week and hopefully the summer weather will arrive very soon! Children may now come to school wearing our Summer uniform. Please see full details in this newsletter.

Fête des Français

Today children in KS2 experienced a day celebrating all things French as part of our Modern Foreign Language provision. Food tasting, researching and practising language skills all made for a very cultured, enjoyable day.









Monksdown's Got Talent

We ended last term with an evening showcasing the abundance of talent we have at our school. Pianists, majorettes, vocalists, dancers and comedians were just some of the many performers who wowed the audience.















Children's Leadership Team

I was so very proud today of all the children who spoke so eloquently and passionately about their role as leaders in our school to Head Teachers, Deputy Head Teachers, Curriculum Leads and groups of children from ten primary schools in Liverpool.



















Respect for the 97

A group of children paid their respects for the 35th anniversary of Hillsborough.



Carabao Cup

A wonderful experience for a group of children to go and see the Carabao Cup that was won by Liverpool in February. The children

had a group photo and an individual photo with the trophy. Thank you LFC foundation for the opportunity.





Every Day Counts

We consider attendance and punctuality as a high priority at Monksdown Primary School.

On Monday 22nd April children who have met the school target of 97% or above for Spring Term will be rewarded on with a film and snacks afternoon.

Classes 1.2 and 2.1 topped our leader board winning the attendance tournament for last half term. Both classes will be treated to a trip to the park. Well done children.

Holidays during term time are not permitted or authorised. Should you take your child out of school for a holiday you will incur a fine of £60 per child per parent from Liverpool City Council.

Do you have any Recyclable Bottles?

Please can you send any empty, recyclable bottles into school on Monday 22nd April for a project the children are completing with LFC foundry.



Bikes + Scooters

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



Do you have any unwanted preloved bridesmaid, party or fancy children's dresses that you would be willing to donate to school?

Please send these into class with your child.

Thank you





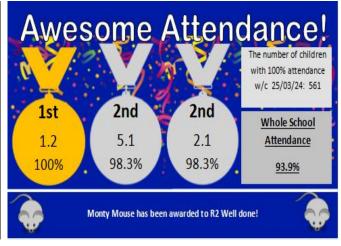
Spring Term Attendance Tournament



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



Dates for your Diary

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

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

Summer School Uniform

- Navy blue cardigan/jumper with grey stripe at the neck with school logo
- Navy Polo Shirt with school logo
- Grey skirt / Grey trousers
- Navy and white checked dress
- Grey, Navy or White socks
- Black sensible school shoes (suitable for polishing)
- No trainers









PE Kits— Children may wear their kit to school on PE day (other sports kits and tracksuits are not allowed)

- Navy Blue PE Shorts
- White T-Shirt with school logo
- Navy/Black joggers, leggings or tracksuit bottoms (no large logos)





All items with school logo can be purchased from F&J Uniform or Brienda's Muirhead Avenue.

Other items may be purchased from local supermarkets.

Please remember children are not permitted to wear jewellery, nail varnish or false nails to school.

Thank you.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ENERGY DR

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? Energy drinks are highly coffeinated beverages often consumed for a quick energy boost. However, excessive intake can lead to health risks like increased heart rate and eleep disturbances. Statistics underline these products' popularity among young people – many of whom consume them regularly. Here's our expert's advice on addressing the concerns surrounding energy drink consumption in adolescents.

HIGH CAFFEINE CONTENT

INCREASED RISK OF **HEART PROBLEMS**

IMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH

DISRUPTED SLEEP **PATTERNS**

POTENTIAL FOR DEPENDENCY

Advice for Parents & Educators

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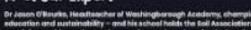
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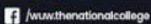




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Incentives

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.

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!



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









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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