

Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Designated Safeguarding Leads:



Mrs Russell and Mrs Stewart Deputy-Mrs Price

Friday 10th May 2024

Dear Families of Monksdown,

It has been lovely to see some warmer weather this week along with blue skies and sunshine and the children have really been enjoying playing outside without their coats. The children are looking so smart in their Summer uniform too!

The staff have been busy this week preparing the allotment area for planting and enhancing the outdoor provision for the children. As you can tell from how lovely the school environment looks, everyone worked extremely hard. Thanks also to Michaela from Apple of My Eye for supporting school with our planting and growing areas.























Year 6 SATs

Please keep our Year 6 children in your thoughts next week as they take their end of Key Stage 2 tests. The children and staff have worked tirelessly to prepare for these and I am sure you will join me in wishing them well. All children are invited to come to school from 8.10am onwards to have breakfast and some social together which should help settle them.



A special mention goes to Hallie in Year 2 who has donated some of her hair to charity. How very thoughtful!

Our Stars!

N: Devansh Verma

R.1: Abigail Gonzalez

R.2: Henry Docherty

R.3: Jacob Hampson

1.1: Libbie McGuinness

1.2: Michael Murphy

1.3: John Clegg

2.1: Mylah Murray-Hill

2.2: Oliver Linay

2.3: Sam Griffin

3.1: Ridoya Adebayo

3.2: Jessica Wilson

3.3: Ashton Ratchford

4.1: Alexa Blakemore

4.2: Jayden Chen

4.3: Daisy Leigh

5.1: Polly Costain

5.2: Anna Boardman

5.3 Yuelin Chen

6.1: Maisie Collett

6.2: Ella Humphries

6.3: Jessica Humphries

Important Information for Year 6

SATs week is Monday 13th May -Thursday 16th May 2024

Please make sure your child is in every day and on time. We would like to invite all Year 6 children to a breakfast each day during this week.

Please arrive from 8.10am and enter school via the usual classroom entrance.



The competition is really hotting up now as we see four classes through to the semi finals next week.

Good Luck to 3.1, 3.2, 4.3 and 6.3 as they battle it out.

Beautiful New Beginnings

This organisation have some free and donation based events coming up that may be beneficial and are fairly local to school.

A SEND parents coffee evening that is on once a month

Weekly water wellbeing sessions for girls ages 10+. Children's meditation classes every other Tuesday. SEND parents coffee evening based in L12.

Children's meditation classes based in L12

Here are the links with full info if you'd like to find out more information

https://www.beautifulnewbeginnings.co.uk/event-details/send-parents-coffee-evening

Girls Only Water Wellbeing and Paddle Board Skills

Session (Ages 10-17) | BNB
(beautifulnewbeginnings.co.uk)
https://www.beautifulnewbeginnings.co.uk/event-details/childrens-meditation-holistic-wellbeing-sessions
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Summer Term Attendance Tournament



Week 3 29th April—3rd May

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6.2	0	3	0	0	0	0

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



Come along to our family event which is all about

How To Keep Your Child Well



Pop down to one of our 10 roadshow health events, play some games and grab a goodie bag and enter our competition to win family days out or supermarket vouchers.



Pop down to one of our 10 roadshow health events...

DATE	TIME	VENUE
Wed 15th May	2pm-6pm	Liverpool Football Club Anfield Road, Liverpool, L4 0TH
Fri 24th May	9am-3pm	Fountains Children's Centre Fountains Road, Kirkdale, Liverpool L4 1QH
Thur 30th May	9am-12pm	The Blue Base Salop St, Liverpool L4 4BZ
Fri 7th June	9am-12pm	ASDA Walton Utting Avenue, Liverpool L4 9XU
Fri 7th June	1pm-4pm	WECC - West Everton Community Council Bute St, Liverpool L5 3LA
Sat 15th June	10am-2pm	ASDA Breck Road, Liverpool L6 5DR
Fri 21st June	9am-3pm	Everton Children's Centre Spencer Street, Liverpool L6 2WF
Fri 28st June	9am-12pm	VNC - Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council Silvester St, L'pool L5 8YD
Wed 3rd July	9am-12pm	NSPCC Hargreaves Centre, 112 Great Homer St, L'pool L5 3LQ
Fri 5th July	2pm-6pm	Liverpool Lighthouse Community Centre Oakfield Road, Liverpool L4 0UF





Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May Year 6 SATs Week

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 after the half term break

Monday 10th June 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

Tuesday 23rd July 10 am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly—Parents and Carers Invited

Wednesday 24th July 2pm Finish for Summer Holidays

Showcase Dates Parents and Carers Invited

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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Within weeks of release, Helldivers 2 had become one of 2024's biggest gaming succe stories. The sequel to a top-down shooter from 2015 has smashed sales expectations, owing to its frantic gameplay and tangue-in-cheek humour. However, the game comes with several risks to younger players, as indicated by its 18+ rating.



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IN-GAME PURCHASES

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VOICE CHAT AND MESSAGING

FRUSTRATION TRIGGER

LACK OF ACCESS

Advice for Parents & Educators

GIVE IT A GO FIRST

materivers 2 is a third-person shooter with intentionally framenus elements, but much of its comedy is reated in active which may go over the heads of some players. Consider playing the game first yourself - while shooting bugs and rebots feels too unesdistic to be

SET EXPECTATIONS

At the time of writing, residifives 2 cors £36.96. It could turn out to be an expensive and wasteful purchase if a player gots initiated and gives up shortly after receiving the game. It a young person tends to become frustrated soully, I'm worth considering whether Helidivers 2 is roully the game for them.

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES

If playing on Xbox — where maletivers 2 len't available consider something like trails: The blooker Chief Callection as an alternative, Once if he game modes: Printight — replicates Helidiners' mechanics to a own degree. Alternatively, younger players may be better suited to the more light—hearted Seep Reck Colotics, which sees them play as fartory dwarves in space, involving for less greesome violence.

KEEP AN EVE ON PAYMENTS

arous still need to manitor your payment information (or use a peopoid card a account), in case your child buys the in-game currency in bulk, on the whole, however, the game's selling methods are for less agregious then most sinvite

MONITOR COMMUNICATION & ADJUST SETTINGS

Thanks to an in-game "Ping" system (allowing players to highlight important details without speaking), communication isn't as integral to Helidivers 2 as it is in other games. You can turn off the char options in-game on PC, or on the PSPs over settings, and hear more secure in the knowledge that your child wan't be speaking to people they don't know.

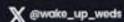
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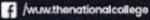
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Summer School Uniform

- 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.

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 wayl

- 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