



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

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Designated Safeguarding Leads :



Mrs Russell and
Mrs Stewart
Deputy-Mrs Price

Our Stars!

Dear Families of Monksdown,

We're so pleased to welcome you all back to a brand new school year! We hope you and your families had a restful and fun-filled summer break. It's been lovely to see the children coming through the gates this week with big smiles full of energy and excitement. There's something truly special about the start of a new school year and we can't wait to get going.



This year promises to be full of exciting learning opportunities, new challenges and lots of fun along the way. From hands-on projects and school trips to creative arts, outdoor learning and plenty of reading and writing adventures, there's so much to look forward to. We're confident that every child will find something to spark their curiosity and help them grow in confidence, independence and enthusiasm for learning.

We understand that the transition back to school can sometimes feel a little daunting for both children and parents but please be reassured we're here to support every child every step of the way. Our dedicated staff are committed to creating a nurturing, safe and inspiring environment where all children can thrive. Whether it's in the classroom, on the playground or during extra-curricular activities we want every child to feel happy, included and valued.



We're also really looking forward to working closely with you, our wonderful parent community throughout the year. Your support makes a huge difference and together we can make this year a positive and memorable one for your children. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's teacher or the school office if you have any questions or just want to say hello. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Mrs. Price

Well done to ALL our children at Monksdown Primary this week.

It would be nearly impossible to pick a star after the three amazing days you have had this week.

You are all STARS this week

Important Dates

Wednesday 1st October
Harvest Celebration

Friday 3rd October
Maths Party Day—a letter with more information will follow

Tuesday 21st October and Wednesday 22nd October
Parents evening 3:15pm-6pm

Learning Letters

We're excited to let you know that next week we'll be sending home our *Learning Letter*. These letters are designed to give you a clear picture of what your child will be learning about in school each half term. From topics in history and science to the books they'll be reading in English and the skills they'll be exploring in Maths, we want you to feel informed and involved in your child's learning journey.

The Learning Letter will also include some important practical information such as which days your child has PE and whether they'll need any particular kit. We know how helpful it can be to have everything in one place so you can stay on top of the weekly routine and feel confident that your child is ready for each day.

On the back page of the letter you'll find a selection of *Home Learning Tasks*. These are completely optional but offer some lovely opportunities to extend learning at home in a fun and engaging way. There might be a creative activity linked to the topic, a chance to do a bit of research together or something to make and bring in to share with the class.

We hope you find the Learning Letters useful and enjoyable. They're just one of the ways we want to keep the connection between school and home strong so that together we can support your child to get the most out of their time at school.



A lick of paint

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Asare and the Cleaning Team for all the incredible work he has done around the school over the summer break. Their hard work and dedication have made such a difference to how the school looks and feels. We are so grateful for the time and care Mr Asare has put into making everything look its best. From tidying up our outdoor spaces to giving the sharfed spaces and hallways a fresh look, his efforts have not gone unnoticed!

A particular mention should go to the beautiful transformation of the 'shepherds' huts' dotted around the school grounds. Each hut has been given a lovely new coat of bright blue paint, making them look clean, welcoming and ready to use. These special spaces are now perfect for pupils to enjoy a peaceful moment, relax with a book, or chat with friends during breaktimes.

As the weather begins to turn more autumnal, we know the children will really appreciate having these cosy and colourful huts as quiet retreats during their day. Thank you once again, Mr Asare, for everything you've done to make our school such a warm and inviting place to be.



Monksdown Primary Has A 'Green Thumb'.

We are thrilled to share the exciting news that our school has been awarded an Level Five RHS School Gardening Award! This recognition celebrates the fantastic efforts of our pupils, staff, and wider school community in developing and maintaining our school garden throughout the year. From planting bulbs in the frosty winter months to harvesting vegetables in the summer sunshine, the children have learned so much about nature, sustainability, and the importance of caring for the environment.

A key part of achieving this award has been working together with members of our local community. We've welcomed parents, grandparents, and volunteers into our gardening sessions, creating a lovely sense of teamwork and shared learning. These moments have not only enriched our garden but have also strengthened our links beyond the classroom — something we are incredibly proud of.

Looking ahead, we are very excited about the continued development of our allotment garden. With the foundation we've built so far, we're eager to grow even more fruit, vegetables, and flowers, and to offer even more opportunities for our pupils to get hands-on with nature. Watch this space for updates — and perhaps even some home-grown produce!



House Teams

At our school, we are proud to have four House Teams that help to build a strong sense of community and teamwork among pupils and staff alike. Our houses are named after some of Liverpool's most iconic theatres – **Empire**, **Royal Court**, **Playhouse**, and **Philharmonic** – and each one has its own colour. Every child and adult in school belongs to a house, creating a wonderful mix of ages working together and supporting one another across year groups.

Children can earn house points in a variety of ways, including working hard in class, being a good friend, and making sensible choices around school. Even staff can earn points for their house by taking part in a wide range of (totally non-competitive!) challenges throughout the year. House points are added up each week and announced in our Friday assembly, with a special reward going to the winning house at the end of each half term. It's a fantastic way to celebrate positive behaviour and teamwork — and the friendly rivalry certainly adds to the fun!



Lunch Menu



Lunch Menu Week 2



w/c 8 th Sep	 Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Carrot & Coriander	Broccoli & Cheddar	Chef Choice	Pea	Chinese Sweetcorn
HOT MAINS	Wholemeal Pizza with Homemade wedges & Salad V	Homemade Chicken Korma with wholegrain Rice, Green Beans & Mango Chutney	Sausage & Mash with Gravy & Peas	Beef Lasagne with Salad & Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips & Garden Peas
	Meat Free Burritos V	Vegetable & Lentil Stew V	Tomato & Basil Pasta V	Spanish Omelette with Salad V	Veggie Sausage Roll V
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about todays special!				
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad V	Apple Flapjacks V	Iced Sponge with Custard V	Shortbread Biscuits V	Cheese & Crackers V



Available Daily: Jacket potatoes with tuna, cheese or beans, salad, hummus, fresh fruit and yoghurt

Please speak to a member of staff about dietary requirements. All menus are checked by a nutritionist and adhere to School Food Standards.

V Vegetarian
V Vegan
 Oily fish



Lunch Menu Week 3



w/c 15 th Sep	 Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Chef Choice	Tomato & Basil	Broccoli & Cheddar	Roasted Pepper	Chinese Sweetcorn
HOT MAINS	Quorn Mince Cottage Pie with Peas V	Chinese Chicken Curry with wholegrain Rice & Prawn Crackers	Chef Daniel's Beef & Bean Quesadillas	Chicken pie with Mash & Baby Carrots	Fish Fingers or Tandoori Salmon  with Chips & Garden Peas
	Broccoli & Cream Cheese Pasta Bake V	Falafel pittas with Salad V	Spicy Singapore Noodles V	Macaroni Cheese V	Veggie Sausage Roll V
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about todays special!				
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad V	Ma'amoul Cookie V	Sponge Cake topped with Jan & Whipped Cream V	German Apple Cake V	Cheese & Crackers V