



Monksdown News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello! I am delighted to have become the new Headteacher of Monksdown Primary School and I am looking forward to getting to know you all. I have been a Headteacher for the last nine years in Burnley my home town so, if your children come home speaking in a Burnley accent all I can do is apologise! Please bear with me it's going to take a while to get to know everybody's name and please come and say hello if you see me on the yard and I will try to match children to their family members!

Your children are a credit to you. They have all come to school this week in full school uniform, with hair tied back and without jewellery - thank you for your support in this.

Mrs Price

Establishing Routines

The start of a new school year enables us to set the standard for learning and behaviour. It is an important time for staff to create classroom routines and set targets and aspirations for the future. Please support us by ensuring children are in school by 8.55am at the latest, wearing the correct school uniform and prepared to learn.

Jewellery is not allowed in school; simple stud earrings and watches are permitted. Girls should not wear nail varnish at all. The children are looking extremely smart.

Breakfast Club

The breakfast club starts at 8.00am. Children should be supervised by a parent/carer before this time and brought to the hall entrance, by Year 3.

Swimming

Swimming will start for Class 5.1 on Thursday 12th September. Children must bring their full swimming kit each session:

- Girls: Swimming costume (no bikinis), hat and a towel
- Boys: Swimming trunks (not too long), hat and a towel

Swimming hats will be available to buy from school for £1. Please send money into school in an envelope.

Reminder – Late Children

Children who are late of a morning must be signed in at the office by an adult. Children who are late being picked up in the afternoon will be in the Nursery entrance (near main Office).

New Starters

I wish an extra special welcome to the new Reception children who began their learning journey at Monksdown this week. Our new Nursery children will be joining us next week.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce some new members of staff:

Miss Jones Class 5-1

Mr Corrigan Class 4-1

& Miss Farley Class 3-3

Miss O'Toole- Teaching Assistant- Class R1

Miss Rigby- Teaching Assistant- Nursery

Mr Spellman- Caretaker

Miss Taylor and Miss Thomas- Supervisory Assistants



Children in KS1 (Infants) receive a free piece of fruit each day.

If your child is in KS2 (Juniors) they may bring a piece of fruit for morning break.

Crisps or bars (including breakfast bars) are not permitted.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 9 th September	Palace Ponies- Class 3.2
Wednesday 11th September	Coniston Parents' Meeting
Thursday 12 th September	Swimming- Class 5
Wednesday 18th September	Cross Country Race at Croxteth Park
Friday 20 th September	School Photographer
Monday 23rd September	Year 6 Residential- Coniston
Thursday 26th September	Cross Country Race at Newsham Park
Friday 27 th September	Digital Safety Workshops KS2
Thursday 3rd October	Cross Country Race at Newsham Park
Tuesday 8 th October	Soccer Academy- Literacy through football
Wednesday 9 th October	Full Governors' Meeting 9:15am
Thursday 10 th October	Bikeright Year 5
Thursday 17 th October	Year 6 Mersey Travel Trip
Friday 18 th October	Harvest Festival
Monday 21st October	Cross Country Race at Clarkes Gardens
Wednesday 23rd October	Parents' Afternoon Year 1-6, 1:30-6:30
Thursday 24 th October	Arts Assemblies Whole School
Friday 25th October	School closes at 2pm
Monday 28th- Friday 1st November	Half Term Holiday

Parents of children in the Juniors (years 3-6) are NOT automatically entitled to Free School Meals (FSM). If you think your child should receive a free meal, please apply via the link below. We urge parents in Reception Year 1 + 2 to also apply as we will receive additional funding for every child that is entitled to FSM.

<http://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/grants-and-funding/free-school-meals/>

Please note: If your child's name isn't on the FSM list they will not be allocated a meal.