



Monkston Primary School

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Newsletter 1

15th September, 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been fantastic to welcome our pupils back to school this week. Everyone looked so smart in their school uniform and it has been brilliant to see all their smiling faces every morning!

Who's Who

I've put together a who's who to help parents identify the right person to talk to if help or support is needed.

The Senior Team



Mrs H Williams
Headteacher



Mrs A Mills
Deputy Head



Mrs L Hamer
Senior Assistant Head
Years 3 & 4



Miss M Best
Assistant Head
Years 5 & 6



Mrs L Loy
Assistant Head
Years 1 & 2



Miss C Chambers
Inclusion Lead

Our leadership structure is designed to support parents in dealing with any concerns or issues swiftly. Please contact the relevant assistant head via the school email address [office@monkston.org] if you have a concern about your child and they will get back to you as soon as possible (please bear in mind that they might be teaching all day). If you are not satisfied that the issue has been dealt with or if it is an urgent matter, then please contact another member of the senior team via the school email address and either Mrs Mills, Mrs Hamer or myself will respond as soon as possible. I will also be on the playground at the start of every day, so feel free to speak to me then about any issues or concerns you may have.

PE Kit

It has been great to see all pupils return looking smart; however, staff have noticed that a number of children are not arriving in school on their PE day wearing correct PE kit uniform. **Wearing a PE kit to school is not a non-uniform day and I expect to see all pupils wearing the following items:**

- A plain white t-shirt – this should not have any logos or markings on.
- Plain navy or black shorts - they should not have any logos or markings on.
- Trainers should be muted colours such as navy, black, white or grey.
- Socks should be school colours i.e black, grey or white.
- In colder weather, jogging bottoms / jumpers / hoodies **MUST** be plain navy or black - they should not have any logos or markings on.



If your child arrives at school wearing the incorrect PE kit, then teachers will remind pupils [or parents in EYFS / KS1] of the correct kit. If you are struggling financially to provide the correct kit, then please contact the school office and we will try to help. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Attendance Initiative

Following the success of last year's 'In It to Win It' attendance initiative, we plan to continue with the weekly incentive scheme. By rewarding weekly attendance, no child should be disadvantaged due to an illness or the occasional late mark. There is a weekly opportunity for children to be added to the prize draw, which will now take place every half term. Please note that attendance letters will now be signed by me as the new lead for attendance.



Dates for the diary – autumn term 2023

Please see below dates for this term. Further information will be sent home nearer the time for each of the events.

Year groups	Date	Event
Reception and Year 1	Thursday 21 st September	Phonics information evening 5.00pm Childcare for school-aged children will be available
Years 1 - 6	Friday 29 th September	Reading drop-in 8.40am – 9.00am
Whole School	Tuesday 3 rd October	IEP parent meetings for those children on the SEND register
Whole school	Tuesday 10 th October	Parent consultation evenings 3.30 – 6.00pm
Whole school	Wednesday 11 th October	Parent consultation evenings 4.00 – 7.00pm
Year 5	Wednesday 18 th – Friday 20 th October	Year 5 Bikeability
Year 2	Thursday 19 th October	Year 2 Production to parents 2.15pm & 5.00pm
Whole school	Friday 20 th October	FOMs BINGO night

Whole school	Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October	Half Term
Years 1 - 6	Friday 3 rd November	Reading drop-in 8.40am – 9.00am
Whole school	Thursday 9 th November	FOM Autumn Discos
Years 1 - 6	Friday 17 th November	History Day – parents invited to join their children from 2.00pm
Whole school	Friday 1 st December	FOM Christmas Fair
Reception	Tuesday 5 th December	Reception nativity to parents 9.15am & 2.30pm
Years 1 - 6	Friday 8 th December	Reading drop-in 8.30am – 9.00am
Year 1	Tuesday 12 th December	Year 1 Nativity 2.15pm & 5.00pm
Whole school	Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch
Whole school	Thursday 21 st December	Last day of term

In addition to the autumn term dates above, I have also included below some dates for 2024 which I know parents are often keen to add to their diary.

Year groups	Date	Event
Year 3	Thursday 25 th January	Year 3 production 2.15pm & 5.00pm
Year 4	Thursday 8 th February	Year 4 production 2.00pm & 5.30pm
Whole school	Monday 25 th & Tuesday 26 th March	Parents evening
Year 5	Thursday 2 nd May	Year 5 production 1.45pm & 5.30pm
Year 6	Wk beginning 13 th May	Year 6 SATs week
KS2	Thursday 6 th June	Peripatetic instruments music concert 2.00pm & 5.00pm
Reception & KS1	Thursday 27 th June	KS1 Sports event 9.15am – 10.15am
KS2	Friday 28 th June	KS2 sports event 9.15am – 10.15am
Whole school	Monday 1 st July	Move up morning
Year 6	Thursday 11 th July	Year 6 production 1.45pm & 5.30pm

Kind regards

H. Williams

Mrs Hannah Williams