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Dear parents / carers,

I can't believe that we are coming to the end of week four already and that October is almost upon us. With a change in weather likely to be just around the corner, could I please remind parents to send their child into school with a named waterproof coat, as we will aim to stay outside even in light rain.



Medical Tracker Update

I am sure you are all aware that we use an electronic medical tracker in school to record when a child visits the medical room. You may have noticed an increased number of alerts since the middle of last year – please don't be alarmed! We have made the decision to send home an alert every time a child is sent to the medical room, even if there is no injury, which is a change to our previous policy. This is to enable parents to track their child's well-being and be aware of anything that has happened during the school day.

Commando Joe's

We are excited to introduce a new element to our personal development curriculum in the form of Commando Joe's. The programme is based on the key values of RESPECT.



R	Resilience
E	Empathy
S	Self-Awareness
P	Passion
E	Excellence
C	Communication
T	Teamwork

Each week, children will take part in a wide range of practical activities led by our Commando, Aaron. These activities will enable pupils to develop their Resilience, Empathy, Self-Awareness, Passion, Excellence, Communication and Teamwork. This term, Commando Aaron will be working with Year 2 and Year 6 and will have worked with every year group by the end of the summer term.



For more information, visit the Commando Joe's website.

**Building character, self-worth and confidence in young people.
For happier, healthier living.**

Our Monkston Values

For those of you who have been at Monkston for a long time, I am sure you will know about our Monkston Values. Our Monkston Values form a large part of our personal development curriculum and is a focus for our whole school assemblies. In addition to the values, we also explore and learn about the Learning Characteristics of *Resilience, Reflectiveness, Co-operation, Creativeness, Inquisitiveness and Resourcefulness*.

In order to create a more cohesive personal development curriculum, we have now combined the original Monkston Values and Learning Characteristics. Our new Monkston Values are being explored with children in assemblies this half term and following half-term, class teachers will begin to send home stickers and certificates when pupils demonstrate our new Monkston Values.

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Harvest

A huge thank you for the Harvest contributions made to the MK Food Bank this week. The Food Bank have already emailed to pass on their thanks to everyone who has helped support their cause.

Kind regards

H. Williams

Mrs Hannah Williams

