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Dear Parents / Carers,

I trust that you had a restful half term break. Children and staff all seemed eager and enthusiastic to be back on Monday and ready for a long, 8-week half term before we finish on Thursday 21st December.

I would like to say a huge thank you for your efforts in ensuring your child arrives at school on time between 8.30am and 8.40am. It really supports staff in making sure the start of the day is calm and that everyone is ready to learn. Of course we understand occasional late days, but we do want to encourage these lates to be few and far between. The graphic below outlines how much time your child is actually missing from school if they are regularly late.

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

Year 5 Bikeability

Year 5 took to the roads of Monkston before half term to practise their cycling safety skills. Over three days, the children learnt safety skills on the school playground, before going off-site to become more confident on the road.

Year 2 Production

Just before half term, Year 2 wowed us with the first performance of the school year. Their amazing acting and enthusiastic singing made for a brilliant show. Well done Year 2!



New Parent Governor

Following the parent governor election last month, we are pleased to welcome Karoliina Ainge to the governing body of the school. We are looking forward to welcoming Karoliina to her first full governors meeting in December.

After School Club Competition Winners!

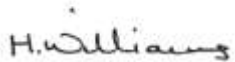
Congratulations to the pupils who entered the after school club art competition run by Perfect Pets. All entries from Monkston have been selected to feature in the Perfect Pets art book. Certificates and letters to all those children involved are being sent home this week. We look forward to seeing the published book early next year.



Farewell to Mr Pritchard

I am sure that most of you will have seen Mr Pritchard, our site supervisor, around the school and opening the gates every day. Mr Pritchard will be leaving Monkston after 14 years of service, with his last day being Friday 10th November. We would like to thank Mr Pritchard for all his hard work over the years and wish him all the best for the future!

Kind regards



Mrs Hannah Williams