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Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been so lovely to see the sun shining this week and for the children to have their first lunchtime playing on the field. As the weather begins to warm up, please remember to send your child into school with a sun hat and wearing sun cream. I would also like to remind parents that children are not permitted to wear open-toed sandals in school.



Year 5 production

Last week, year 5 pupils dazzled us with their amazing production of 'Olivia'. Their singing and acting was brilliant and there were some excellent stand out performances – well done year 5!



KS2 daily Mile

Pupils in years 3, 4 and 5 should have received a sponsorship form and information about the daily mile this week, which will be taking place on the week beginning 20th May. We are hoping that KS2 will be able to raise funds for new playground equipment for all the children to enjoy.



Attendance update

I am sure many of you have read the increasing number of news articles about school attendance and the rising focus that the government currently has on this area of schooling. At Monkston, we are proactive in our quest to ensure our pupils receive the best quality of education and part of this is regular school attendance. I work alongside Mrs Carr to monitor attendance across the school and where attendance falls below an acceptable level, we have a clear monitoring system for this.



We are proud that our current attendance remains above the national average at 95.7% compared to 94.6% nationally, but we are always striving for this to improve. Did you know that if your child arrives late to school after 9.10am then this will impact their attendance %? Being in school and on time will improve your child's progress and attainment, so working together to improve your child's attendance is a priority for us.

Rewards

As you know, your child is rewarded for every week that they are in school and on time with a raffle ticket. Half termly, we hold a prize draw assembly and at the end of the school year, the prizes get even more special! Our attendance motto is 'be in it to win it'!

Term Time Holidays

I completely understand the frustration of taking holidays during school holiday time due to the increased cost. Whilst the school and governing body have taken the decision not to fine parents for term time holidays, we discourage them due to the disruption this can cause to your child's learning. Government statutory guidelines do not allow me to authorise any term time holiday [see the school's policy for more information] unless there are exceptional circumstances.

With this in mind, please note that the term dates for the academic years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 are already in the parent section of the website to help you plan any future holidays within school holiday time.

Thank you in anticipation for your support with this matter.

Happening Next Week

Year 6	Wk beginning 13 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Whole school	Tuesday 14 th May	IEP parent meetings

Kind regards

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Mrs Hannah Williams

