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Dear Parents / Carers,

September 2024 Classes

As we begin to look ahead to September, we have started to think about classes for the new academic year. Every year, we review the class groups at the end of Reception, end of Year 2 and end of Year 4. If we feel the classes have become unbalanced over time, we may choose to mix them up going into the next phase.

This year we are planning to mix the pupils in the current Reception class moving into year 1 and the current year 2 pupils moving into year 3. We will be consulting with the children in these year groups and asking them to choose three friends that they would like to stay with in class. We will ensure that your child is placed with **at least one** of these friends next year. This consultation will take place following the half term break, so you may wish to discuss your child's choices with them at home prior to our return on Monday 3rd June. September classes will be announced on Friday 21st June in an extra newsletter ahead of our move up morning on Monday 1st July. **Please note that once new classes have been announced, no changes will be made.**

Library book update

Thank you to all the parents who have either returned their child's missing library book or paid the £4 donation for a replacement book, following recent reminders sent home. We understand that books can be lost; however, this time we have around 22 books that have not been returned and it will cost us around £154 to replace these books. This occurs approximately five times a year at a cost of around £770 per academic year. We are so fortunate to receive donated books from parents that really helps to cover this cost; however, to keep our school library as engaging as possible, please can parents encourage children to take care of their books and return them or renew them every two weeks. A good suggestion is to keep the book in the child's book bag while it is not being read or have a safe place where it stays at home.



Years 5 & 6 Football

Monkston girls played another series of entertaining matches in the final week of the season. The team won brilliantly against Languard and Wavendon Gate but succumbed to Middleton and Tickford Park. Debutants Valerie and Evelyn made great contributions in defence alongside Rosie's experienced head. Zara and Latifa made tremendous saves while in goal and worked tirelessly when outfield. Captain Fleur got the goal her previous performances deserved with Deina, Ayla and Charlotte also on the scoresheet. Great work Monkston!



Year 3 Football Tournament

Year 3 put on a series of super performances in the Premier football tournament last week. With wins against Middleton and Orchards followed by a defeat to Broughton, Monkston made it to their group final. They avenged the defeat with a 3-1 win. Ollie and Charlie E were relentless runners while Alfie was excellent between the sticks. Mikey and Charlie F-H got the goals. As Broughton were short a player, Evan was imperious in the first half and Harvey scored a magnificent volley in the second while on loan for our opponents (not even £50m would make those moves permanent)! Captain Jenson was delighted with the win! Well done boys.



Scoters and bikes on the playground

Please do not allow children to ride scooters and bikes on the playground at the start and end of the school day. At such a busy time of day, there is a risk of injury to others. Thank you.



Upcoming Events ...

Whole school	Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st May	Half term
Whole school	Monday 3 rd June	Back to school
KS2	Thursday 6 th June	Peripatetic instruments music concert 2.00pm & 5.00pm <i>Two tickets per performance per child have been sent home today with those children performing in the concert.</i>

I wish you all a restful half term break and look forward to seeing you back for the final half term of this school year!

Kind regards

H. Williams

Mrs Hannah Williams

