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12th July, 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Term Dates for 2024-2025

Attached to this email are the term dates for next academic year. They have been on the school website for some time, but I wanted to draw your attention to the slight change in staff training days. I have seen lots of controversy about staff training days in the media, so I also wanted to clarify how the system works across all schools.

Children are expected to be in school for **190 days per academic year** as outlined on the attached dates. Staff training days are then taken from the **remaining school holiday time** [5 days per year]. These are usually attached to the start or end of a term, but as an academy, we can take them at any time outside of the 190 days.

In 2024-2025, 1 of our 5 training days is being split over two days.

Friday 20th December 2024

The school day will finish at 12.00pm. Staff training will take place 1.00pm - 3.30pm.

Friday 4th April 2025

The school day will finish at 12.00pm. Staff training will take place 1.00pm - 3.30pm.

N/B There will be no after school club available on these two days.

The other 4 staff training days will be taken on the following dates which are within the children's school holiday time.

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Wednesday 4th September 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Summer Fair

A huge thank you to the Friends of Monkston committee who organised an amazing summer fair last week! I think it was definitely our biggest event yet and it was wonderful see pupils past and present enjoying themselves. The day was made even more special with the appearance of our special guest, Maisie Summers-Newton. Maisie is a gold medal winning Paralympic swimmer and came in to not only open the fair, but also to present an inspiring assembly for our pupils about her journey to the Paralympics.



Year 6 Production

Yesterday, year 6 performed *Shrek the musical Jr* and did a brilliant job. They sang their hearts out and performed some brilliant comedy lines. Well done year 6!



Monday 15th July – late start

England will be playing in the Euro 2024 final at 8pm on Sunday night. I imagine that many of our pupils will be staying up to watch the match and I am anticipating some very tired children on Monday morning! With that in mind, **I will be keeping the registers open until 10am on Monday 15th July. Gates will open as usual at 8.30am and close at 8.40am.** Any children arriving between 8.40am - 10am should come through the main office door and will not be marked as late. Children arriving after 10am will be marked as late in the register. We hope that this will allow those children who need it a few extra hours of sleep!

End of term

Next Friday is the last day of term. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer break and I look forward to seeing you on the first day of the autumn term, **Thursday 5th September.**

Kind regards

H. Williams
Mrs Hannah Williams

