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Dear Parents / Carers,

Attendance Matters

We would like to thank all our families for their continued efforts in supporting excellent attendance. We fully understand that pupils do become unwell—especially at this time of year—but we ask that you continue to aim for attendance **above 96%**, as this has a significant impact on learning and progress. Our current whole-school average is **96.3%** [up by 0.3% this time last year], which is fantastic—well done, everyone! A reminder that our *In It to Win It* scheme is still running: pupils receive a raffle ticket each week they attend school for all **five days, on time**. Medical appointments are not counted as absences for this scheme. Thank you for helping us keep attendance high and learning strong!



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Retirement News

It is with a heavy heart that we announce Mr Lear's retirement from Monkston at Christmas. Mr Lear has been with us for two years and in that time, he has transformed the ongoing maintenance and cleanliness of the school all with a smile on his face. We will miss Mr Lear dearly but wish him a wonderful and relaxing retirement!



Mr Lear's replacement will start with in January, and I am sure you will join me in extending a warm welcome when he starts with us.

Reception Nativity

The first of our Christmas events took place this week. Reception performed 'A Wiggly Nativity' and were superstars! They sang with enthusiasm and knew all their cues and lines – well done on your first performance reception!



Football Updates – a report from Mr Craggs

Year 3 and 4 boys played out an exhilarating friendly against St Bernadette's with goals galore and performances to be proud of. Goalkeepers Arlo Mc and Joseph were excellent. Ajabu and Nicholas were full of energy in both midfield and defence. Eden and captain Arlo Mag were both on the scoresheet after super performances. Muaadh was unfortunate not to score too, his thunderous strike saved brilliantly by their keeper. A special mention has to go to Hunter, who stepped in to replace an ill teammate and scored a goal on debut! Well done everyone.



The latest round of Development Football matches took place with most players competing in their first ever competitive matches! Alfie A and Barry were fearless in the tackle with Jacob G marshalling the defence. Harry and Xander resolute in goal and in defence too. Ethan was everywhere and provided a superb assist in one of the games. Captain Alfie C can be proud of the teams performances and scored some lovely goals himself. The final special mention has to go Mason who stepped in at the last minute to replace an ill teammate. It was all so fast paced, we didn't manage to get a team picture!

Don't forget that our Friends of Monkston Christmas event is taking place today in the hall 3.00 – 4.30. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Kind regards

H. Williams

Mrs Hannah Williams

