

Monkton Church of England Primary School



Compassion Courage Justice

Jesus said, 'Go and do the same.'

1st September 2023 No. 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your children back to Monkton for the start of a new academic year. A special welcome too, to our new reception year, we are delighted you are joining Monkton CEP for your school journey.

We have been busy through out the summer, making positive changes to the school. As you approach the main entrance you will see our new Christian foundations clearly displayed above the windows. Our classrooms have been freshly decorated and we have new smart screens in place to facilitate and aid learning. Our nurture room has been thoughtfully re-decorated to provide a safe, calming environment for therapy sessions . Our new pastoral teaching assistant, Mrs Toland, will be based here.

We are introducing new class teachers, Mrs Vesty, to Class 3, and Mrs Ramsden, to Class 2, and a new teaching assistant, Mrs Watson, will be joining Class 1. Please see the class structure for 2023/2024 below:

Class 1 (EYFS)	
Mrs Jessica Bax	Mrs Susan Allen Mrs Danielle Watson
Class 2 (Years 1 and 2)	
Mrs Jo Guilder (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) Mrs Katie Ramsden (Wednesday)	Miss Sue Jenks Mrs Angela Osgood
Class 3 (Years 3 and 4)	
Mrs Sam Vesty	Mrs Julie Horton
Class 4 (Years 5 and 6)	
Miss Chloe Debling	Mr Stephen Sewell



As you are aware, Mrs Stone retired at the end of the last school year. Mr Paul McCarthy, pictured left, is the new Executive Headteacher for the Federation of Minster and Monkton Church of England Primary School, as well as being a Deputy Safeguarding Lead at Monkton. He will be at Monkton regularly during the week and you'll be able to meet him on the school gate.



TIMES OF THE SCHOOL DAY

As we advised at the end of last term, to comply with statutory government rules, there has been a slight change to the times of the school day. The **gate will open at 8:30am every morning and will be open until 8:45am**. Children must be in school and ready for the register to be taken by 8:45am. **Pick up time will be 3.15pm** from the playground.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club starts on Monday 4th September and runs between 7.45 and 8.45am, in the hall. Payment for breakfast club is £2.00 per session and, whilst it does not need to be booked in advance, we appreciate prompt payment. These funds are vital to the continued availability of a low cost club that provides children with the opportunity to eat a good breakfast, meet their friends and play prior to the start of their school day.

Breakfast Club is run by our dedicated Teaching Assistants and supported by donations from Warburtons. We are grateful for their contributions.





FLU VACCINE

The Kent and Medway School Immunisation Team will be visiting our school on **Tuesday, 3rd October 2023**.



Extra curricular after-school clubs will start the week beginning 18th September 2023 and will run for 10 sessions through terms 1 and 2, with the final sessions taking place during the week commencing 11th December 2023. The exception is Pick 'n' Paint Pottery, which will run for four Fridays in term 1, on 15th, 22nd and 29th September and 5th October. Unfortunately, in order to cover the cost of staffing and resources, we have had to apply a small charge for internally run school clubs this year. If you have any issues or concerns with making payment please contact the school office.

Please see the details below. Further information regarding club registration and payment will be sent out via email soon.

Club	Lead	Day	Year Groups	Cost per session
Choir	Mr Marston	Monday	3,4,5,6	£2 – covers Young Voices costs
Sewing	Mrs Guilder & Miss Jenks	Tuesday	3, 4, 5, 6	£1
Sports Years 1/2	Mr Sewell	Tuesday	1, 2	£1
Sports Year 3/4	Mr Sewell	Wednesday	3, 4	£1
Sports Year 5/6	Mr Sewell	Thursday	5, 6	£1
Football Fun Factory	FFF	Monday	3, 4,5, 6	£5 - company cost, paid direct
Lego Club	Miss Debling	Thursday	EYFS, 1, 2, 3	£1
Pick'n'Paint Pottery	Pick 'n' Paint Pottery	Friday	3, 4, 5, 6	£8 - company cost, paid via school
Messy Church	Church Team	Thursday	All	£1

KEY DATES IN SEPTEMBER

Monday—Wednesday, 4th—6th September , from 1pm

- Class 1—new parent 1:1 meetings

Tuesday, 12th September, 2.30pm

- Class 4 meet the teacher—children can leave with parents after the meeting

Wednesday, 13th September, 2.30pm

- Class 2 meet the Teacher—children can leave with parents after the meeting

Thursday, 14th September, 2.30pm

- Class 3 meet the Teacher—children can leave with parents after the meeting

Friday, 22nd September

- Class 3 trip to Dover Museum, more details to follow
- Class 2 1.30pm-3pm Grandparents Afternoon

Wednesday, 27th September

- 'You Say, We Do' - an invite to all parents/carers to join us in the hall for tea and coffee, with an opportunity to chat and share ideas. We value your feedback.



Any queries, please contact the school office on 01843 821394 or email office@monkton.kent.sch.uk.

Kind regards,

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