

Monkton Church of England Primary School

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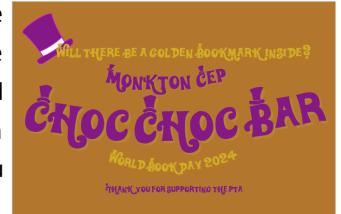
Jesus said, 'Go and do the same.'



Dear Parents/Carers,

22nd February 2024 No.

A huge thank you to Melanie and the PTA team. The recent Choc Choc Bar & Sweetie Bag Sale was a fab way to celebrate World Book Day and complimented the Book Fair nicely. We still have some unclaimed prizes so do check the chocolate bar wrappers and sweetie bags—if your child has a ticket numbered 02, 03, 04, 09, 14, 15 or 16, then pop along to the School Office to claim their prize. The next PTA event is the Easter Disco today, with DJ Marston in attendance—if you haven't booked a ticket for your child yet, you can do so via School Money up to 12pm.



The PTA are a valuable part of the school community and raise vital funds that go towards exciting school trips and fascinating in-school workshops, which enrich and support the curriculum. The PTA are always happy to welcome new volunteers. You can get in touch by email: monktonpta@gmail.com

LATENESS

With the recent roadworks popping up all around Thanet, we do understand how difficult it is to get from A to B and this has recently resulted in an upsurge in lateness. Late arrivals are disruptive and distracting for the whole class, as children enter the classroom and settle themselves. Please consider this when making your journey. The courtyard is open from 8:25am, allowing earlier arrivals to wait safely, with their parent/carer, for the gates to open. Alternatively Breakfast Club is available from 7.45am and offers a social space for children to meet their friends, play games and eat a hearty breakfast, before they start the school day—all for £2.

Hopefully, these opportunities stagger arrival times a little and ease congestion around the school at the beginning of the school day. We realise how difficult it can be to find space to park but urge you to consider parking slightly further away, if you are able to do so, and walk rather than obstructing our neighbours' drives or parking in inappropriate places.

Many thanks you for your consideration.



iROCK

We are so excited to welcome iRock to Monkton in Term 5. They are well established in schools, providing highly experienced coaches and musical instruments, and giving children the opportunity to be in their very own rock and pop band! This enables children to develop skills which impacts positively on their development and self-confidence, providing a solid foundation for later life.

For those of you who took the opportunity to sign your child up to iRock, weekly lessons will be take place in school every Friday from 19th April. 2024.

SAFEGUARDING

To ensure we effectively safeguard our pupils, we kindly request that you do not use mobile phones whilst on the school grounds/premises.

For further information, please refer to the Child Protection, Image Use and Online E-Safety Policies, which are available on the school website: <https://monkton.kent.sch.uk/our-school/key-information/policies>



OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING



OPAL is dedicated to improving the quality of play for children in school. Their imaginative programme promotes inclusion, improves happiness and well-being and supports faster core skill development. We have already seen its benefits at Minster CEP and are keen to provide Monkton pupils with similar engaging, fun, challenging and exciting play opportunities. We are hugely grateful for the donations we have received towards the project so far and for the support of dedicated parent volunteers and our school governors as we progress.

SCHOOL CLUBS

We have some really exciting new clubs planned for Term 5. Please see the list below. Mr Marston's Choir group will continue every Monday. If your child already attends choir, their place will be secured for Term 5, please make payment via School Money. There are still spaces available, so if your child would like to go to choir in Term 5, please email office@monkton.kent.sch.uk.

The focus of Mr Sewell's Sports Clubs will be tennis this term. Mrs Bax is running a fun Science Club every Monday for years 1-4 and Miss Allen's Board Games Club is still open to all year groups, every Thursday.



We are delighted to welcome back Monika from Code Kids. She will be offering a Virtual Reality Coding Club on Tuesday afternoons, which is open to Years 3-6. Mrs Guilder secured funding from KCC to subsidise the cost of this club so there is only £24 to pay for 6 weeks. If your child would like to take part please email office@monkton.kent.sch.uk.

Football Fun Factory will be on every Monday and is open to all year groups. Booking and payment should be made directly with Football Fun Factory, via their website: <https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/2164>



CLUB	LEAD	YEAR	DAY	Start Date	Pick up time	Cost
Choir	Mr Marston	3, 4, 5, 6	Monday	15/04/2024	4.15pm	£10 per term
Football Fun Factory	Coach Holly	R & 1-6	Monday	15/04/2024	4.15pm	£5 per session
Science Club	Mrs Bax	1,2 3, 4,	Monday	15/04/2024	4.15pm	£1 per session
VR Coding Club	Code Kids	3, 4, 5, 6	Tuesday	16/04/2024	4.15pm	£24 per term
Sports Club Years 1&2	Mr Sewell	1, 2	Tuesday	16/04/2024	4.15pm	£1 per session
Sports Club Years 3&4	Mr Sewell	3, 4	Wednesday	17/04/2024	4.15pm	£1 per session
Sports Club Years 5&6	Mr Sewell	5, 6	Thursday	18/04/2024	4.15pm	£1 per session
Board Games & Chess Club	Miss Allen	R & 1-6	Thursday	18/04/2024	4.00 pm	£1 per session

KEY DATES

- Friday, 22nd March: PTA Easter Disco:-** 4.30pm to 5.45pm

Pay via School Money to secure your child's place. Please be advised there will be a temporary tattoo and glitter stall available in the disco—if you do not wish your child to partake in these activities, please ensure you email office@monkton.kent.sch.uk



- Monday, 25th March: last day of clubs:** Football Fun Factory & Choir Clubs finish at 4.15pm
- Tuesday, 26th March: Make the Classroom Disappear, Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 in school workshops**

Voluntary contributions for these workshops can be made via School Money—many thanks

- Wednesday 27th March: Last day of Term 4:** School finishes at the usual time of 3.15pm

Caterlink Easter Lunch—please make payment online to Caterlink

- Thursday, 28th March: Staff Development Day—school is closed to pupils**

- Monday, 15th April: first day of Term 5**

Football Fun Factory with Coach Holly — 3.15pm-4.15pm: book online, see link above

Choir with Mr Marston—3.15pm-4.15pm

Science Club with Mrs Bax—3.15pm-4.15pm

The school website has been given a fresh new look. We are continuously updating information on the website and the upcoming events can also be seen on the calendar, along with other key dates.

Take a look: <https://monkton.kent.sch.uk>

Wishing you all a peaceful and happy Easter break,

Mrs Ling