

# Monkton Church of England Primary School

**Compassion      Courage      Justice**

***Jesus said, 'Go and do the same.'***



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, another term has simply flown by.

Despite the changeable weather, the children have been able to spend plenty of time outside. They are embracing the OPAL initiative and really enjoying the varied opportunities it offers for alternative play. The difference in outside play is exciting to see; children are engaged in den building, exploring nature and playing in mud kitchens.. as well as, relaxing in quieter areas. As we progress through the programme, there's so much more to come! Thank you so much for all your generous donations towards the OPAL project.



Our Forest School continues to thrive. We are so grateful for the continued support of our dedicated volunteers, who turn up in rain or shine, mostly rain, to ensure the children have the best experience possible. This term nettle and dandelion cakes were baked and enjoyed by pupils and staff.

Many thanks for your patience this week as the new canopy was constructed in our EYFS outside area. We are so excited to be developing this outside space for our reception children to navigate and explore.



## **iROCK**

iRock is now in full swing every Friday, here at Monkton and the children taking part are relishing the opportunity to be in their very own rock and pop band! There are still spaces available across the bands and Amy, our iRock tutor, is keen to develop them further, by inviting other pupils to join. If you think your child(ren) would like the opportunity to become part of a band and learn a musical instrument, there will be taster sessions during the first week back after half-term.

## **ATTENDANCE**

In addition to promoting academic and future success, good school attendance is proven to have a positive impact on children's emotional well-being and social development. Recently we have seen a surge in the number of term-time holidays being taken. We urge you to take family holidays during the school holiday periods, ensuring your child has the opportunity to take full advantage of the educational opportunities and engaging curriculum available to them at Monkton.



In accordance with The Federation of Minster and Monkton CEP Schools' Attendance Policy, all requests for term-time absence should be made on an absence request form, at least two weeks in advance. The Head of School may authorise absence in "exceptional circumstances". However, the Federation operates in accordance with Government regulations, which state that schools will not authorise holiday requests during term time. These absences may incur a Fixed Penalty Notice.

The term dates and planned staff development dates for the forthcoming Academic Year are now available to view on the school calendar: <https://monkton.kent.sch.uk/calendar>

## **LOST PROPERTY**

We have accumulated a substantial amount of lost property over the term. Please do name all items of clothing, particularly cardigans and jumpers. Any named items found, can be returned immediately. All unnamed items will be put in the lost property box by the School Office. Please do come and take a look if your child is missing anything. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of term.



## BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club bookings can be made up to half an hour before the session is due to start. However, we kindly request that you book as early as possible so we can ensure adequate staffing and resources are in place. Breakfast Club booking for Term 6 is now available on Arbor.

Sessions can be booked on a daily, weekly or termly basis. Please ensure you choose the correct option from the drop down box upon booking. There must be sufficient funds in your Arbor account to cover the cost of the sessions being booked. However, no payment will be taken until your child's attendance at Breakfast Club is registered on the day.

There is further information on how to book on the school website: <https://monkton.kent.sch.uk/>



## SCHOOL CLUBS

The focus of Mr Sewell's Sports Clubs, for Term 6, will be archery and target practice. As usual, Tuesday will be Years 1&2, Wednesday years 3&4 and Thursday Years 5&6. If your child would like to attend please make payment via School Money to register their place.



Mr Marston's Choir will continue on Mondays in Term 6. If your child(ren) already attend Choir then please make payment via School Money. If your child would like to join for Term 6, then please contact the School Office.

Both of these clubs will begin the second week back, week commencing Monday, 10th June 2024, and run for 5 weeks, ending the week commencing Monday, 8th July 2024.



Football Fun Factory will be back for Term 6 and will run every Monday from the first day back on 3rd June 2024 to

CLUB	LEAD	YEAR	DAY	Start Date	Last club date	Pick up time	Cost
Choir	Mr Marston	3, 4, 5, 6	Monday	10/06/2024	08/07/2024	4.15pm	£10 per term
Football Fun Factory	Coach Holly	R & 1-6	Monday	03/06/2024	15/07/2024	4.15pm	£5 per session
Sports Club Years 1&2	Mr Sewell	1, 2	Tuesday	11/06/2024	09/07/2024	4.15pm	£1 per session
Sports Club Years 3&4	Mr Sewell	3, 4	Wednesday	12/06/2024	10/07/2024	4.15pm	£1 per session
Sports Club Years 5&6	Mr Sewell	5, 6	Thursday	13/06/2024	11/07/2024	4.15pm	£1 per session

## KEY DATES FOR TERM 6

- Monday, 3rd - Friday 7th June: **Year 6 Hindleap Residential Trip**
- Tuesday, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th June & 2nd, 9th July: **Year 5 Swimming Lessons**  
Please make payment and give consent via the Arbor App/Portal
- Friday, 7th June: **Years 3&4 Richborough Roman Fort Trip**  
Please register for the trip and make payment via the Arbor App/Portal
- Friday, 21st June: **PTA Summer Disco**
- Thursday, 27th June: **Sports Day**
- Thursday, 4th July: **Year 3&4 Ukelele Performance**
- Thursday, 11th July: **Year 6 Production**
- Wednesday, 17th July: **Leavers' Collective Worship at the Church**



The above dates are not exhaustive and maybe subject to change.

Please refer to the school website for further information of upcoming events.

**Wishing you all the very best and a happy half-term**

*Mrs Ling*