

# Monkton Church of England Primary School

**Compassion      Courage      Justice**

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

November 2024 No. 3



Half way through Term 2 already! Time really does fly when you're having fun but this term, and with it the build up to our Christmas celebrations, always seems to have some extra speed!

The buzz around school is fantastic – from the quiet hum of children focusing and sustaining concentration to the louder volume of children working together and supporting one another, the learning taking place this term has been fantastic!

Mrs Guilder, Mr McCarthy and I are conducting lots of parent tours for September 25 EYFS admissions and I have to say that each time we walk through the school and visit each class, the children exude our Christian Foundations of Compassion, Courage and Justice and really demonstrate our PRIDE learning values of being Positive, Resourceful, Innovative, Determined and Engaged. Every time I walk around school, it brings a smile to my face.

Our OPAL Play is also looking fabulous and hopefully the children are really enjoying being out on the field when it's wet and a little muddy. Please do not forget that children must have coats, waterproofs and wellies in school to really get the benefit of such wonderful playtimes. It's also getting a bit colder now as we move into winter so please ensure children have a coat, even if they don't particularly like wearing them, it's always reassuring to know they've got something warm and cosy to put on in order to keep uniform clean, dry and comfortable.

Coming up during this term are some great events. Our family Christingle is always the highlight of my year (work-wise) and to me, symbolises the start of Christmas. It's on 16th December at 6pm and children can sit with families to give it that special festive feel. There are many other events as well for the children to keep busy at including our inaugural PTA Christmas Fair. Thank you in advance to Mel and her team – we really appreciate all that YOU do for us as your hard work enables us to do so many more enrichment activities, enhancing the children's learning through experiences and great memories.

I hope you enjoy reading our 'new look' newsletter.

Mr Marston

## **Khickster Entertainment After-School Care Club**

Kimberley and her team are already part of the family here at Monkton and we're delighted that they are now offering their after-school care all week, Monday to Friday.

They provide 3 options for after-school care, as follows:

- Option 1: 15:15 - 18:00 after-school care including a small dinner/hot snack: £15.00
- Option 2: 15:15 - 16:30 after-school care only: £6.00
- Option 3: 16:15 - 18:00 after-school care (following a school-led club) including a small dinner/hot snack: £10.00



Bookings must be made online at: [www.khicksterentertainment.co.uk/book](http://www.khicksterentertainment.co.uk/book), using the password MONKTON.

Khickster have the ability to offer a wide range of specialist activities ranging from circus skills, musical theatre, film and radio show making, various sports clubs, including gymnastic, basketball, football, and many different arts and crafts.

This term they are offering the following activities between 3.15pm and 4.30pm, at a cost of £6.

**Tuesdays: Arts and Crafts: including clay modelling, painting, weaving and more.**

**Thursdays: Specialised Sports Coaching: featuring kick-boxing, basketball, archery and more.**

These clubs are available to view and book on their website.

Kimberley would love to hear what clubs your children would like to attend, and will endeavour to make their wishes reality.

## TERM 2 SCHOOL CLUBS



**Choir** continues to run every Monday. This club is now full and all those currently attending will be heading to the Young Voices event in January 2025. Please ensure payment is made via Arbor for Term 2, as this money covers the cost of their trip.

Mrs Vesty's Gardening Club is now full. It runs every Thursday, until the 12th December, for Years 2, 3 & 4.



**Football Fun Factory** runs every Monday this term with last session on 9th December. The club is open to all year groups. Booking and payment must be made in advance via the Football Fun Factory website.



The link to make payment is: <https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/2894>

CLUB	LEAD	YEAR GROUPS	DAY	Start Date	End Date	Number of weeks	Pick up time	Cost per session
Young Voices Choir	Mr Marston	3, 4, 5, 6	Monday	04/11/2024	09/12/2024	6	4.15pm	£3
Football Fun Factory	Coach Holly	All	Monday	04/11/2024	09/12/2024	6	4.15pm	£5
Gardening Club	Mrs Vesty	2, 3, 4	Thursday	07/11/2024	12/12/2024	6	4.15pm	£1

### FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School will continue to run every Friday in Term 2, please see the adjacent schedule.

Please ensure children come to school wearing appropriate clothing on their Forest School day - this includes a waterproof coat and trousers. We have a limited number of waterproof trousers and coats in school but cannot guarantee they will fit your child. After Forest School, children will get changed into their school uniform. Please ensure uniform is brought into school in a named bag.

CLASS	WEEK	DATE
Class 4	Week 1	08/11/2024
Class 3	Week 2	15/11/2024
Class 1 & 2	Week 3	22/11/2024
Class 4	Week 4	29/11/2024
Class 3	Week 5	06/12/2024
Class 1 & 2	Week 6	13/12/2024

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday, 22nd November:** PTA Winter Disco

**Tuesday, 26th November:** Years 5 & 6 Kent Life Centre World War II Experience Day

**Thursday, 5th December:** Years R, 1 & 2 Quex Forest School

**Friday, 6th December:** PTA Christmas Fair

**Thursday, 12th December:** Christmas Jumper Day and 2:30pm Parent Book Looks

**Friday, 13th December:** Concert for iRock pupils Canterbury College

**Monday, 16th December:** Christingle at the Church 6.00pm-7.00pm

**Thursday, 19th December:** Last Day of Term 2



It's already looking like a busy term ahead, with exciting trips and events planned. Please do check the school calendar on our website regularly, as further events may be added: <https://monkton.kent.sch.uk/calendar>

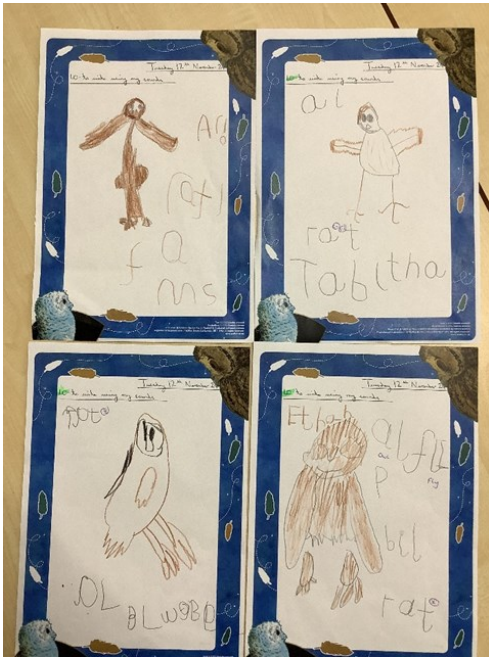
### Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that children need to be booked onto breakfast club in advance. This ensures that we have sufficient staff and resources available each morning. You can find details of how to register and pay for your child on the school website <https://www.monkton.kent.sch.uk/breakfast-club>



# Class News

Class 1 have been having a great time during their 'Starry Night' topic. The children are really enjoying finding out about nocturnal animals and even went on a nocturnal animal hunt around the classroom in darkness. We each had a torch to find those sneaky animals. First up were hedgehogs. We now know so much about them and loved making some of our twigs. Then we found out all about Owls and had lots of fun pretending to be some. Mrs Bax was delighted with our drawings and writing. This week- it's foxes!



This term Class 2 have continued their learning on Movers and Shakers. Last term we learnt about inspirational people and explorers such as Gandhi, Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. This term we have been looking at Activists such as Rosa Parks and Emmaline Pankhurst which has gone hand in hand with our Christian Foundations. We have focused on the courage they had to stand up for justice and their compassion for others. As we move through the term we will be learning more about the world around us and focusing on atlas and map work. I apologise already for our very catchy starters for our Geography sticky knowledge - The Continents and United Kingdom song!

We loved our recent trip to Monkton Nature Reserve which really allowed us to see our Science work in action and where we even got to see a newt! We are now focusing on Humans and how to keep ourselves fit and healthy. At the end of term we will be using all of this knowledge to cook a healthy meal in DT, where we will be peeling, mashing, grating and slicing a range of vegetables.

This has been such an amazing term with such fantastic learning, trips and events. All that and still our Christmas trip, Nativity and Christmas activities to look forward to.





