

# Monkton Church of England Primary School

**Compassion      Courage      Justice**

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

20th October 2023 No. 4

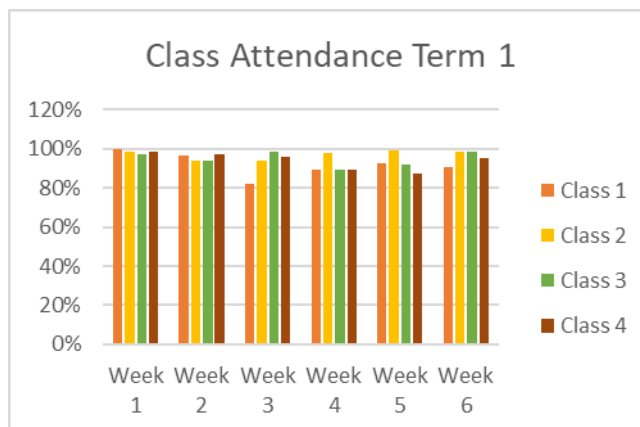


Dear Parents/Carers,

At Monkton CEP we promote a positive, whole school approach to attendance. Pupils are expected to attend school every day, on time. Good attendance correlates with high achievement, positive well-being and wider development.

Attendance will be discussed and celebrated in our weekly Collective Worship where the children will be able to see the percentage of attendance their class has achieved each week.

The table on the right shows the attendance for each class during Term 1, weeks 1 to 6.



Understandably, with the change in weather, comes the onset of winter colds and viruses. For more information regarding illnesses, with the latest NHS advice, on determining if your child is well enough to attend school, please take a look at the school website: <https://monkton.kent.sch.uk/parents/illness-etc>

**Please remember that all absences should be reported daily to the School Office either via email, to [office@monkton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@monkton.kent.sch.uk) or by phone, on 01843 821394.**

Should you need to request term-time absence for your child, please ensure you complete the 'Request for Absence Letter', at least two weeks prior to the planned absence. However, we would like to remind you that holidays should not be taken during term-time and if unauthorised, will be liable to a fixed penalty notice, in accordance with our attendance policy. For further information please refer to our attendance policy, which is available on our school website: <https://monkton.kent.sch.uk/our-school/key-information/policies>

## ***Mindful Monkton***

We have a new section on our school website called Mindful Monkton, which is dedicated to mental health and well-being. Whilst in its infancy, it is being updated continually. Please take a look, there are some charities featured on the Parent and Family Support page, which you and your children may find useful:

<https://monkton.kent.sch.uk/school-life/mindful-monkton/parent-and-family-support>



We would like to welcome Miss Pughe the school kitchen. She will be assisting Miss Kidd, every Wednesday and Friday lunchtime.

You can view Caterlink's new menu, which starts after the October half-term, on the school website: <https://monkton.kent.sch.uk/parents/Lunch>



## SCHOOL CLUBS

Clubs start back the week commencing 30th October. They run for 6 weeks, with the exception of Sewing Club, which is 5 weeks. If your child attended one of these clubs in Term 1 you will already have been invited to make payment via School Money, for Term 2.

Mr Sewell's Sports Clubs will focus on dodgeball in term 2. If your child would like to join please make payment via School Money. There are limited spaces remaining on Football Fun Factory and Sewing Club—if your child would like to join either of those please contact the School Office. Lego Club is currently full.

CLUB	LEAD	YEAR GROUPS	DAY	No. of Weeks
Choir	Mr Marston	3, 4, 5 & 6	Monday	6
Football Fun Factory	FFF Coach	3, 4, 5 & 6	Monday	6
Sewing Club	Mrs Guilder & Miss Jenks	3, 4, 5 & 6	Tuesday	5
Sports Club Yrs 1&2	Mr Sewell	1 & 2	Tuesday	6
Sports Club Yrs 3&4	Mr Sewell	3 & 4	Wednesday	6
Sports Club Yrs 5&6	Mr Sewell	5 & 6	Thursday	6
Lego Club	Miss Debling	EYFS, 1, 2 & 3	Thursday	6

### KEY DATES IN TERM 2



- **Week Commencing 30th October—Black History Week**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> November- Black History Week Museum**  
Come and visit the Museum from 2.45pm in the hall
- **6<sup>th</sup> November - Children's Remembrance Service at the Church**
- **9<sup>th</sup> November - School Open Day for September 2024 intake**
- **10<sup>th</sup> November - Captain Wonderweb and the Esteem Machine Show**
- **Week Commencing 13th November — Friendship Week**
- **17<sup>th</sup> November - Class 4 Royal Observatory Trip**  
Please make payment and confirm External Trip Consent via Arbor
- **22<sup>nd</sup> November - You Say, We Do Parent Meeting**  
An invite to all parents/cares to join us at 2.30pm in the hall for tea and chat. Share your views on how to make Monkton CEP even better
- **11<sup>th</sup> December - Christingle Service at the Church**  
Join us with your children at 6pm for the Christingle Church Service
- **13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch Day**  
The Caterlink Christmas Lunch Menu is available on our website
- **14<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of Term 2**

We are closed to pupils for staff training on Friday 15th December 2023

For further information and important dates please refer to the calendar on the school website: <https://monkton.kent.sch.uk/calendar>

Have a wonderful half-term. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday, 30th October 2023. Best wishes, Mrs Ling