

Monkton Church of England Primary School

Compassion Courage Justice

Jesus said, 'Go and do the same.'

1st January 2023 No. 7



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

Whilst it feels like the Christmas holidays have whizzed by, we are very much looking forward to welcoming you back to school tomorrow for a new term.

We sincerely hope that with the start of the new term and the prospect of longer days and warmer, drier weather (hopefully) coming soon, we will see a decrease in the nasty coughs, colds and viruses that we ended term 2 with.

However, if your child does need time-off, due to sickness, please report this to the School Office, either via email, to office@monkton.kent.sch.uk or by phone, on 01843 821394.

We do hope that you have had a happy and restful break. However, we are mindful that the Christmas holidays can be a difficult time for some, with the loss of loved ones being more poignant and financial constraints squeezing a little tighter. With this in mind, we are continuing to update the Mindful Monkton section of our school website.

The Parent and Family support page gives details and links to charities, such as 'Mind' and 'Family Lives', who can offer support during times of stress and crisis:

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

The more recently added page, Financial Support, gives information that may be of help when budgets are tight:

<https://monkton.kent.sch.uk/school-life/mindful-monkton/financial-support>

A reminder that we will be continuing to collect for Frankie's Food Bank on the gate at drop-off and pick-up times.

SCHOOL LUNCHES



Caterlink would like to remind you that there will be an alternative menu in place from 2nd - 5th January 2024, to assist with deliveries during the early New Year period. You can view this menu on the school website: <https://monkton.kent.sch.uk/parents/Lunch>

Please ensure lunches are paid for online, in advance, via the Caterlink portal.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club, sponsored by Warburtons, will be open from 7.45am on Tuesday, 2nd January and will run every school day, at a cost of £2.00 per session. We kindly request that you register and make payment in advance via the Arbor app/portal so we can ensure adequate staffing levels and resources are available each day.



iROCK



On Friday, this week, iRock will be visiting Monkton CEP to give an assembly to the children.

iRock are well established in schools, giving weekly lessons across the UK to thousands of children. They provide highly experienced band coaches, as well as all of the instruments, and give children the opportunity to be in their very own rock and pop band!

They help children develop their musical skills which impacts positively on their development of life skills and confidence, providing a solid foundation for later life.

iRocks programme is totally inclusive, regardless of your child's experience and weekly band lessons would take place during the school day.

SCHOOL CLUBS

The extra-curricular clubs for terms 3 and 4 are listed below and can also be found on the school website for further information: <https://monkton.kent.sch.uk/parents/extra-curricular-clubs>

Please be aware that the Film Club is running in term 3 only, and has an earlier pick-up time of 4.00pm. All the clubs will begin in week 2 of term 3, the week commencing 8th January. They are also listed on the School Calendar on the school website: <https://monkton.kent.sch.uk/calendar>

Please email the school office if your child would like to join one of the clubs for terms 3 and/or 4. They are all available for payment via School Money.

CLUB	LEAD	YEAR GROUPS	DAY	Start Date	Pick up time	Cost
Choir	Mr Marston	3, 4, 5, 6	Monday	08/01/2023	4.15pm	£10 per term
Football Fun Factory	FFF Coach	1, 2, 3	Monday	08/01/2023	4.15pm	£5 per session
Crochet	Miss Debling	4, 5, 6	Tuesday	09/01/2023	4.15pm	£5 per term
Indoor Rugby & Games Years 1&2	Mr Sewell	1, 2	Tuesday	09/01/2023	4.15pm	£1 per session
Indoor Rugby & Games 3&4	Mr Sewell	3, 4	Wednesday	10/01/2023	4.15pm	£1 per session
Indoor Rugby & Games 5&6	Mr Sewell	5, 6	Thursday	11/01/2023	4.15pm	£1 per session
Numbots and TT Rockstars Club	Mrs Vesty	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Thursday	11/01/2023	4.15pm	£1 per session
Film Club TERM 3 ONLY	Miss Allen	3, 4, 5, 6	Tuesday	09/11/2023	4.00 pm	£1 per session

As well as the clubs run by school staff, we are looking forward to welcoming the Football Fun Factory back. Their coach, Holly, will be running the club for years 1, 2 and 3 during terms 3 and 4. It's a fun club that provides an incredible football experience for boys and girls of all ability levels. If your child would like to try it but you would rather not commit to a full term, then please do contact the school office and we can book them in for a trial session.



KEY DATES IN JANUARY 2024

- **Tuesday, 2nd January 2024 - first day of Term 3**
Breakfast Club is open from 7.45am, please book and make payment via Arbor if your child will be attending
- **Friday, 5th January 2024 - iRock Assembly**
- **W/C 8th January 2024 - Extra-Curricular after-school clubs start**
Please email the office and make payment via School Money if your child would like to join a club for term 3 and/or 4
- **Monday, 29th January 2024 - Dodgeball**
The Minster & Monkton Federation Cup: Test 2, Years 3 & 4



Other upcoming events and news will continue be added to the school website, so please check the events page and the school calendar regularly for further information: <https://monkton.kent.sch.uk>

Kind regards,

Mrs Ling