

Monkton Church of England Primary School

Compassion Courage Justice

Jesus said, 'Go and do the same.'

23rd January 2023 No. 8



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, here we are entering the fourth week of term 3.

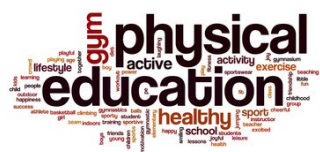
Christmas seems such a long time ago and yet we are still in January!

With the previous wet weather turning colder, we have been experiencing some nasty coughs, colds and viruses. Please do continue to email (office@monkton.kent.sch.uk) or call (01843 821394) daily to advise of any absences due to illness.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr & Mrs Smith, whose Christmas Lights Fundraising Event raised a grand total of £200 for the School PTA. The PTA run events through out the school year at Monkton and the money raised goes towards subsidising school trips to keep costs low, as well as funding Christmas parties and visits from Santa and the Easter Bunny.

The PTA is a fun way to get to know other parents and work with the school to support your children. Please see the January News from Melanie and the PTA team detailing all the exciting events they have planned. You can get in touch by email:

monktonpta@gmail.com



PE DAYS			
Class 1	Year R	Tuesday	
Class 2	Years 1 & 2	Wednesday	Thursday
Class 3	Years 3 & 4	Tuesday	Friday
Class 4	Years 5 & 6	Tuesday	Wednesday

Following a parent survey last term, we are trialling pupils wearing their PE kits into school on their PE days. They will come into school in their PE Kit and will remain in their kit for the duration of the day. This will give them more curriculum time for PE and reduce any embarrassment they may experience when changing at school, as well as minimising the risk of lost property. Children should be in the correct school uniform PE kit on these days, which consists of:

- ◆ PE t-shirt (with or without the school logo)
- ◆ Black shorts or black/dark grey jogging bottoms
- ◆ Trainers
- ◆ Red school jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt (with or without the school logo)

Whilst we have talked about, and are considering the option of a PE Hoodie, no decision has been made as yet, so during the trial period pupils should wear their usual school jumper over their PE t-shirt.

Please see the table above if you unsure of the days your child has PE. These are also noted on the school website calendar for your information: <https://monkton.kent.sch.uk/calendar>



ROAD CROSSING PATROL

We are so blessed to have Tony, our very own Road Crossing Patrol for the school. Please encourage your children to use the Road Crossing Patrol safely — do not cross behind Tony and always wait for him to indicate it is safe to cross before stepping into the road. Thank you.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Please see the clubs running in Term 3. There are still space available on all the clubs so please do contact the School Office via email: office@monkton.kent.sch.uk if your child would like to join one. We require a small payment to cover the cost of resources. This is currently available to be made 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
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
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

In response to feedback at our last You Say, We Do Meeting, we tried to provide a range of extra-curricular activities, across the year groups for Terms 3 & 4. However, due to the cost of staffing and resources, clubs can only go ahead if enough children wish to attend.

Sadly, this term we have had to cancel Indoor Rugby & Games Club for Years 5&6 and Football Fun Factory for Years 1-4, due to extremely low uptake for both clubs. With the prospect of better weather ahead in term 4, we hope to welcome Football Fun Factory back from 19/02/2024.



Please do contact the School Office if your child (Years 1-4 only) would like to attend Football Fun Factory on Mondays after-school in term 4. Football Fun Factory is run by Coach Holly and is a fun club that provides an incredible football experience for boys and girls of all ability levels.

Whilst we endeavour to ensure all clubs go ahead, there may be instances where they are cancelled at short notice and we therefore advise that you do not rely on them for childcare.

BREAKFAST CLUB



Thank you to all those who are booking Breakfast Club in advance. This enables us to ensure we have adequate staff and enough food to provide a hearty breakfast for all those who attend. If you are experiencing any difficulties booking via the Arbor App/Portal please do contact the school office for support.

KEY DATES IN TERM 3

- **Monday, 29th January 2024 - Dodgeball**
The Minster & Monkton Federation Cup: Test 2, Years 3 & 4
- **Friday, 2nd February 2024**
NSPCC Number Day—please see Mrs Guilder's letter for details
PTA Movie Night—please see the PTA flyer for details



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

Kind regards,

Mrs Ling