

Monkton Church of England Primary School

Compassion Courage Justice

Jesus said, 'Go and do the same.'



Dear Parents/Carers,

8th February 2024 No. 9

What a busy term it has been, but a great one too, and there is so much more to come in Term 4. With the onset of Spring, we look forward to getting out doors with class trips for Year R and Years 1 & 2, more Forest School and the introduction of the Opal in the pipeline, as well as plans to rejuvenate the EYFS outdoor area.

The recent PTA Film Night was well attended and the children had fun relaxing in with a movie, pizza and popcorn. A huge thank you to the PTA volunteers who made it happen and the staff who stay after-school to help.

The PTA is a fun way to get to know other parents and work with the school to support your children. Melanie and the PTA team are always happy to welcome new volunteers. You can get in touch by email: monktonpta@gmail.com



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 have any difficulties booking via the Arbor App/Portal please do contact the school office for support.

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

During this term children have been wearing their PE kits into school on PE days. Although this arrangement may not suit everybody, it has been welcomed by the majority, and has increased the time children get to do PE.

Following your valuable feedback, we are changing the days classes do PE in Term 4, to match the days those respective year groups have the opportunity to attend an after-school sports club. The updated PE days can be seen in the table above and have been updated on the school calendar: <https://monkton.kent.sch.uk/calendar>

A reminder that on their PE days, children should be in the school PE kit as detailed below:

- ◆ 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)

We intend on introducing a red Monkton PE Hoodie, for colder weather. There will be no obligation purchase a hoodie and children should wear their usual school jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt over their PE t-shirt.

Please note that the school PE kit does **not** include black hoodies or jackets.



Forest School will continue every Friday in Term 4 as follows:

Week 1 23/02/2024: Years 5&6 (Class 4)

Week 2 01/03/2024: Years 3&4 (Class 3)

Week 3 08/03/2024: Years 1&2 (Class 2)

Week 4 15/03/2024 Year R (Class 1)

Week 5 22/03/2024: Years 5&6 (Class 4)

A massive thank you to the parent volunteers who support our Forest School every week, come rain or shine.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Please see the clubs running in Term 4. If your child attended a club in Term 3, they will still be registered for that club in Term 4. Please make payment via School Money for Term 4, if you haven't already done so. If your child is not already registered and would like to join one of the clubs listed below, please let the School Office know via email: office@monkton.kent.sch.uk.

Miss Allen will be running **Board Games & Chess Club on Thursdays** in Term 4. This club is available to all year groups. However, please note that it has an earlier pick-up time of **4pm**. The focus of Mr Sewell's sports clubs will be Indoor Athletics and this is available on Tuesdays for Years 1 & 2, Wednesdays for Years 3 & 4 and Thursdays for Years 5 & 6.

Clubs will be subject to cancellation in the event that there are not enough sign-ups. Furthermore, Whilst we try to avoid cancelling clubs at short notice, there may be times that this is unavoidable, so please do not rely on clubs for childcare.

CLUB	LEAD	YEAR	DAY	Start Date	Pick up time	Cost
Choir	Mr Marston	3, 4, 5, 6	Monday	19/02/2024	4.15pm	£10 per term
Football Fun Factory	Coach Holly	R & 1-6	Monday	19/02/2024	4.15pm	£30 per term
Crochet	Miss Debling	4, 5, 6	Tuesday	20/02/2024	4.15pm	£5 per term
Indoor Athletics Years 1&2	Mr Sewell	1, 2	Tuesday	20/02/2024	4.15pm	£1 per session
Indoor Athletics Years 3&4	Mr Sewell	3, 4	Wednesday	21/02/2024	4.15pm	£1 per session
Indoor Athletics Years 5&6	Mr Sewell	5, 6	Thursday	22/02/2024	4.15pm	£1 per session
Numbots and TT Rockstars Club	Mrs Vesty	1 - 6	Thursday	22/02/2024	4.15pm	£1 per session
Board Games & Chess Club	Miss Allen	R & 1-6	Thursday	22/02/2024	4.00 pm	£1 per session



Unfortunately, Football Fun Factory did not have enough participants to go ahead in Term 3. However, we are delighted that the club will be available again on Mondays of Term 4 and is now open to all year groups. Booking and payment should be made directly with Football Fun Factory, via their website:

<https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/2164>

KEY DATES IN TERM 4

- **Friday, 9th February 2024: Last day of Term 3:-** 3.15pm finish as usual
- **Monday, 19th February 2024: First day of Term 4:-**
Please register and make payment for breakfast club on Arbor, in advance if required
- **Friday, 23rd February: Year R Wingham Trip:-**Please register and on the Arbor App/Portal
- **Tuesday, 27th February: Years 1&2 Wildwood Trip:-** Please register and on the Arbor App/Portal
- **Friday, 1st March: PTA Pre-loved World Book Day Costume Sale:** -from 2.30pm in the hall
- **Thursday, 7th March: World Book Day: Book Fair & PTA World Book Day Chocolate Sale**
- **11th—15th March: Science Week**
- **Friday, 15th March: Red Nose Day**
- **Thursday, 21st March: Odd Sock Day:-** See Mrs Guilder's letter for more information
- **Thursday, 29th February: You Say We Do:-** 2.15pm in the Hall
- **Friday, 22nd March: PTA Easter Disco:-** 4.30pm to 5.45pm
- **Friday, 29th March: Last day of Term 4**



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