



MONKSMEAD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September News 2019

www.monksmead.herts.sch.uk

Dear Families

Welcome back to the new school year! I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new families.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for your kind words and gifts at the end of last year. These are always greatly appreciated.

We are beginning our term thinking about how to care for our school environment. Following on from the recent School Council meeting, we will be enjoying a special 'Waste Aware' assembly. If you have a chance to walk around the school, you will also spot that many of our displays continue this theme. Please do talk to your children and encourage them to think of ways they can help care for our environment.

I am looking forward to a happy and productive year ahead and look forward to talking with many of you as we move through the year.

Lisa Bub
Headteacher

The Governing Body

For those new to Monksmead, I would like to extend a warm welcome and hope your children have had a great start: For those of you who are returning, an equally warm welcome back after hopefully a fantastic summer break.

I apologise to those who already know, however I felt it would be helpful to start the year with a brief explanation of who the governing board are, our responsibilities and how we deliver these.

Monksmead governing board consists of nine full time governors and one associate member, from a mix of teaching staff, parents and members of the local community. We have nine Full Governing Board (FGB) meetings a year and the Finance Committee, which reports into the FGB has its own schedule of meetings throughout the year. The Monksmead website provides further details on our individual backgrounds and roles.

As a team, we have three key roles:

- Overseeing the financial performance of the school
- Holding the Headteacher to account as head of the school
- Defining the school's vision and strategy

In delivering these, it is necessary to note that the board is purely strategic, in contrast to the operational role of the Headteacher and the senior leadership team. As an example, our finance committee is responsible for reviewing the school budget, making sure that spending is within budget and that money is used effectively. At the same time, it is not the responsibility of the governing board to maintain the budget or manage suppliers - this responsibility sits with the Headteacher and the school.

As a board, we act on democratic agreement and as such, no one individual has greater authority or the ability to make decisions independent of the rest of the board. As such, although we are all available, if you should feel the need to highlight a situation to the governing board, it is advisable to follow the relevant policy (available on our website) or by sending a letter to the board of governors. Alternatively, if you are unsure or need help in terms of what you need to do in a particular situation, please feel free to talk to any of the governors and we would be happy to help.

I wish you all a great academic year and hope your children enjoy both their learning and their playing, enabling them to develop into the responsible future adults we shall be proud of.

Alastair Cox, Chair of Governors

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

This month the following children have received a Head teacher award. Well done to you all!

	6th September		13th September		20th September				27 th September	
Year 1	Rafael	Illiana	Ralph	Sienna	Emmanuel		Bianca		Ralph	Michelle
Year 2	Tianna	Grace	Alexia	Ben	Avni		Maya		Adam	Reece
Year 3	Aiden	Sienna	Joseph	Musa	Tia		Alex		Ella	Jacob
Year 4	Amelia	Kian	Harry	Joe	Ruby		Jake		Daria	Krish
Year 5	Emmanuella	Daniel	Dillon	Chloe	Krish		Rivera		Mikey	Innes
Year 6	Ayman	Zemmey	Leo	James	Lewis	Fabion	Jack	Leo	Brendan	Lea
The park with the most merits this week	Ripon		Ripon		Maxwell				Maxwell	

NURSERY

Evelyn
Oliver
Poppy
Darshie

RECEPTION

Hayden
Mahi
Jack
Isabella

FOUNDATION STAGE HEADTEACHER'S STARS

Applying for a Secondary Place in September 2020

If your child was born between 1st Sept 2008 and 31st Aug 2009 it is now time to apply for a secondary place starting in September 2020.


For further information please visit
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

**On line applications must
be made by
31st October 2019**

The
Elstree Mozart Players
Conducted by Derek Holland
Present a programme of
English Light Classical Music

Featuring:
Knightsbridge March
Shepherd's Hey
Rings Elizabethan Serenade
In a Monastery Garden
Westminster Waltz
Petite Suite De Concert
In a Party Mood
and more !

7.30pm, Sunday 6th October
All Saints' Church, Shenley Road, Borehamwood WD6 1EB
TICKETS £10 (CONCESSIONS £5) AT THE DOOR OR CONTACT
Pat Struck 07790 305428 / Andrew Grady 07802 756628
Email: elstreemozartplayers@outlook.com

 Elstree Mozart Players helping the Children's Society

OCTOBER UPDATE

Parent Consultations

**Tuesday 22nd October at
3:30-6:30pm**

**Thursday 24th October
4:00-7:00pm**

**Appointment sheets are
available outside the office
from Monday 14th October**

Class Assembly Dates

Year 6	Thursday 28th November
Year 3	Thursday 6th February
Year 2	Thursday 12th March
Nursery	Friday 20th March at 11:00am
Year 4	Thursday 21st May
Year 5	Thursday 2nd April
Rec	Thursday 25th June
Year 1	Thursday 2nd July
Rec	Thursday 27th June

Class assemblies will continue to start at 9:05 am

**Y6 Shakespeare Workshop
Thursday 17th October**

Cold Weather

As the weather turns colder, please ensure that your child wears the appropriate clothing (coats, hats and scarves). Please name all belongings so that lost items can be easily returned.

Festive fun

School Panto	Mon 2nd Dec	1:45 –3:00pm
EYFS Nativity	Tues 10th Dec	10:30 am
EYFS Nativity	Wed 1st Dec	6:00 pm
KS1– Carols	Mon 16th Dec	5:00 pm

Meetings

We have an open door policy and actively encourage you to share any concerns or compliments with us. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please feel free to do so. Whilst we will always do our best to speak with you before the school day begins, once the children arrive at 8:45am it can be difficult. Often it is better to catch the teacher after the school day if the conversation is not urgent. If the matter is private, please make an appointment so that the teacher will be able to speak with you in more depth and with privacy.



October Half Term Mon 28th October - Friday 1st November

**BBC1's hit show 'Eat Well For Less?'
is BACK and looking for households to take part!**

Eat Well For Less? is on the hunt for families/ households looking to save money on their food shop! Is the cost of your weekly food shop **spiralling out of control**? Perhaps you're **desperate to save** but under pressure to keep providing the household favourites? Or do your **health requirements** affect your diet? Are you in need of some **new inspiration**? Maybe you need help adjusting to a new **financial situation**? Or are you just **bored of buying and cooking the same foods** every week? Masterchef's **Gregg Wallace** & award winning grocer **Chris Bavin** are on a mission to prove that it is possible for families to save money on their food budget without scrimping on taste and nutrition. They hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, they can help to show where we can source the best and cheapest quality food. We're currently on the hunt for families / households to take part in our new series – so get in touch with the team TODAY!

Email: eatwell@rdftelevision.com or **Call:** 0117 970 7682

SPORTS NEWS

October

- 3 Y5/6 Boys Football match at (HOME)
Monksmead v Saffron Green
K.O 3:20 - 4:15pm approx
- 14 Y5/6 Boys Football match at (HOME)
Monksmead v Shenley
K.O 3:20 - 4:15pm approx
- 15 Girls Football Tournament
At Radlett Preparatory
Kick off 1pm - 3:30-4:00pm approx
- 16 Boys Football Tournament
At Manor Lodge
Kick off 1pm - 3:30-4:00pm approx

Uniform

Uniform Orders will be ready for collection on Tuesday and Friday only, please have the right change or a cheque made



Gentle Reminder

If your child has any medical conditions or any allergies, please let the school office know.



Autumn Term School Lunches

Children in Years 3-6

Please can you ensure that school lunches are paid for in advance. This can be paid via the School Gateway, at £2.50 per day.

1st half term 38 at days = £95.00
2nd half term 35 at days = £87.50
Total Term = £182.50

Don't forget to check if you are eligible for Free School meals

www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals

Tissues



We are in desperate need of tissues. If you could possibly donate tissues to the school this would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Stamps



We are currently collecting used stamps which help go towards the Peace Hospice in Watford. There is a box outside the school office.

Thank you

School Office

When paying for uniform, lunches or trips with cash, please ensure that the correct money is placed in an envelope, with your child's name on and what it is for. We do not keep any change in the School Office.

TALES ON A THURSDAY
storytime
on the boat
Thursday
31st October
11am and 2pm
£4pp

SPOOKY stories
for
HALLOWEEN
2019

ARE YOU
BRAVE
ENOUGH?
check website
more for
details



To book contact: Frogmore Paper Mill, Fourdrinier Way,
Apsley, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire HP3 9RY 01442 234600
www.thepapermill.org.uk education@frogmorepapermill.org.uk



Please remember to check the school website for important dates and information
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