



9 January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the spring term at Monks Orchard Primary School. I hope you managed to have the holiday you were hoping for and I have already seen that your children have come back keen and ready to learn.

Newsletters

You should have received your child's year group newsletter at the end of last week. If you have not seen this yet, it is available on the school's website (monksorchard.co.uk, in the "For parents," section, under "Class information,") or you can get a hard copy from the office. Do please talk to your child's class teacher if you want more information about what they will be learning this half term.

Parent and Carer Meetings

Parent and carer meetings are this week. If you have not yet made your appointment, talk to your child's teacher and they will do their best to fit you in.

Academisation Update

We have nearly completed the pre-application paperwork for our proposed conversion to academy status, as part of FACT. During the next couple of weeks, the governing body will be looking at all the information we have and making a final decision about whether or not to go ahead with the conversion. We will let you know the outcome as soon as possible. Remember, the consultation@monksorchard.co.uk e-mail address is still open for your thoughts, questions and comments about this issue.

Dates for your Diary

- 16 January – Quantum Theatre in school, performing "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King," for Years 1 to 6
- 30 January – Choir performing in Young Voices concert at the O2
- 1 February – PTA Annual General Meeting - 18:30 at the school
- 2 February – Vocal Concert; songs from Young Voices - 14:15 in the hall
- 9 February – last day of first half term
- Week beginning, 12 February – school closed for half term
- 19 February – first day of second half term

School Charities for the Year

Just before the holiday the School Council chose WaterAid and Great Ormond Street Hospital as our two charities of the year. All monies collected through our fundraising activities this year (not including PTA) will be split between the two charities. You have already managed to raise a fantastic £225 for each through our mufti days and the collection at the Year 5 and 6 concert last term.

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Staff Deployment

Just before the holiday, I wrote to let you know that we were expecting some new staff to join us this term. We have also moved some staff around so I have included an updated table showing who is now working in each year group. I hope you find this useful.

Year Group	Teachers	Support staff	Additional Staff
Nursery	Mrs Rees	Miss C. Bennett Mrs Bushell Ms Emmanuel <i>+ 1 agency EYE</i>	Mrs Burcombe (Music) Mr Llorens (PE) Ms Warren (Art) Mrs Barnes Mrs Shortall <i>(Deployed to support and cover where and when needed)</i>
Reception	Mrs Day Mr Sonar	Mrs Alder Ms Busuttil Mrs Cully	
Year 1	Miss Green Mr Hart Miss Hart	Ms Aherne Mrs Button Mrs Denman Mrs Kennedy	
Year 2	Ms Louw Miss Morgan Miss Pulyk	Ms Beinomugisha Mrs Foster Mrs Grimwood Mrs Visrolia	
Year 3	Ms Dhillon Ms LaTouche Miss Morrison	Mrs Latil Mrs Walker	
Year 4	Mrs Fekete Mrs Irvine Mrs McCoy	Mrs Bromley Mrs Griffin Miss Wardell	
Year 5	Miss A. Bennett Miss Martin Mrs Murphy	Mrs L. Bennett * Mrs Gallacher	
Year 6	Mrs Deveci Miss Green	Mrs Turner Mrs Wood Mrs Woodhouse <i>+ 1 part time agency TA</i>	

**Mrs L. Bennett is working in the office until half term, a supply TA is in Y5 until then*

Watch out for further updates and information as we go through the term.

Thank you for your continuing support,



Guy Fairbairn
Headteacher