

# MONKTON INFANTS SCHOOL



## Summer Term Newsletter 2025

### SCHOOL TIMES

School starts at **8.45am**. The school gate will be open for pupils to enter from **8.40am**.

All pupils should be in their class by **8.45am** ready to start the morning activities.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

**Monday to Friday at 8.10am.**

Please **do not** send children into school at 8.10am if they have already eaten breakfast at home.

### WAKE UP, SHAKE UP

**Monday to Friday at 8.30am.**

### 4 O'CLOCK CLUB

**Monday to THURSDAY after school until 4pm.**

### COMMUNICATION

Please continue to check the school website and 'Class Dojo' which are updated regularly with school news and other information. We now also have an online calendar of events and post copies of school letters on our website, under the 'Parents' section.

If you need to speak to school staff, please make an appointment via 'Class Dojo'.

### 'DOJO' MESSAGES

When messaging a teacher, please allow them time to reply; they will usually be busy working with the children.

Teachers check / reply to messages at playtime/ lunchtime when the children are not in the classroom.

## WELCOME BACK!

### OPAL

We are very excited to be starting the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Programme to improve lunchtimes for our children.

Over the coming months, you will see changes happening in the playground and grassed areas, as new things are introduced.

Children will be given the opportunity to problem-solve, socialise, develop resilience and respond to challenge, and will have greater freedom to choose what they want to do outside.

Keep a look out on 'Dojo' to see what is happening as we work with OPAL.

### ABSENCE MESSAGES

If your child is not able to come into school, please phone the school office by **8.30am** or send a message via 'Class Dojo' to Mrs Askwith or the Office.

Please do not send absence messages to classteachers as sometimes they are unable to read these until later in the day.

### ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

**June** will be an 'Attendance Awareness' month in school.

Every day our children will be recording their own attendance and, at the end of the month, there will be a special gift for all children with 100% attendance.

### HEALTH & SAFETY

*Please have Health and Safety in mind at all times while on school grounds.*

Children and adults **must not** ride Bicycles/Scooters on the school grounds.

Children **must not** use the Climbing Wall or Play Equipment before or after school.

**NO DOGS** are allowed on the school site (apart from guide dogs) and dogs **must not** be tied to the school gates. Dogs cannot be carried onto the school site.

The visitor toilet is not in use for Parents/Carers.

### CAR PARKING

Please could we remind you to park with care and consideration for others at the start/end of the school day.

### HAIR AND HYGIENE

All children with long hair must have their **hair tied up** in school. Please keep checking your child's hair to make sure that it is free from head lice.

# **DATES FOR DIARIES**

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## **HOLIDAY DATES**

- **May Bank Holiday** – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May
- **Summer Half-Term** – School closes Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and re-opens Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- **Summer Holidays** – School closes Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July and re-opens Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

## **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

- **Individual only** – No sibling photos unless sibling is in school.

## **SPORTS DAY – Starts at 2.30pm**

- **Reception** – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June
- **Year 1** – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June
- **Year 2** – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June

## **SUMMER TRIPS**

- **Reception** – Hardwick Park – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June
- **Year 2** – South Shields and Beach – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July
- **Year 1** – Gibside – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

## **END OF YEAR REPORTS – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

## **SUMMER SHOWS**

- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 9.15am** – Parents/Carers of pupils in **Year 2**
- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 9.15am** – Parents/Carers of pupils in **Year 1**
- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 10am** – Parents/Carers of pupils in **Reception**

## **TRANSITION**

In the last week of term, children in Reception and Year 1 will spend time in their new classroom with their new classteacher. Year 2 will also be able to spend some time at their Junior school in July – more information to follow.

## **YEAR 2 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – 8.55am**

- All Year 2 Parents/Carers are invited to attend

## **SUMMER BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – 11am**

- Parents/Carers of children celebrating a birthday 14<sup>th</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August are welcome to attend.

*(Further details to follow closer to actual dates)*