

MONKTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Hello and a big warm welcome to you all! The children have been amazing at settling into school and we are really pleased with how well they are all doing. As it's the first term please help your child by having their snack and drink ready so they are able to put it in the trays.

As you can probably see we have had a lot of building work done over the holidays. Please feel free to come and see what we have achieved and if you have any questions about the new setting please feel free to ask.

We have a busy and exciting term ahead. You will find the details of what we will be covering in each aspect of the curriculum over the next two terms in the attached curriculum map.

Our first topic is 'Our School'. We will be finding out all about our school and how it has changed over time.

If any relatives who have previously attended Monkton Park would like to come in to share their experiences of Monkton Park Life, please come and speak to me. We will also be taking part in a whole school '1960s' day at the end of October (more details to follow). Our topic after half term will be 'Colours`.

In science we are going to be learning all about pets and caring for them. We are going to have sessions where pets will be invited into school. If you would like to bring your pet into school and are happy to talk to the children about how you care for them. Please come and speak to me.

We are lucky enough to have lots of different adults in Rabbits, the children will get used to these adults quickly. We have Mrs Harding and Mrs Davies, our teaching assistants who work Monday to Friday. We also have Mrs Buck, Mrs Nelson and Mrs Hulbert who will be helping us throughout the week too!

On Wednesday mornings I will be having my planning time and the children will be taught by Mrs O'Neill. Our PE days will change throughout the year. In term 1 and term 2 PE will be on Tuesday afternoons. Please make sure they have their PE kits available for these days. Please also ensure that every piece of kit is clearly labelled. Initially we will be practising getting changed into our PE kit and leaving clothes in a pile. We would greatly appreciate it if you could support your child by practising independent changing at home.

Your child will soon be bringing home a reading book and a choice book, along with a home contact book. You will have more information about this in our **Curriculum meeting on Thursday 20th September at 9.15am.** Later on in the term the children will be bringing home a sound box on Fridays with sounds and words for them to revise with you. Also can you please support your child at home by practising writing their name and recognising it?

Thank you to those of you who have labelled your child's clothes, snack pots and bottles, if you haven't already please can you do so.

We record the children's learning through an 'eprofile' system, all the children's learning and observations will be done through this. We also have within the classroom individual learning boards, where we will display the children's work, this will be changed on a regular basis to show the children's development.

We have a parents' evening later on in term 2 but if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to come in before then. The best time to catch me is usually after school. We look forward to an enjoyable and busy term ahead with the children.

Yours sincerely,

Miss K Wilson
Class Teacher