



### **Class 3 Assembly**

Well done to Class 3 and Dr Greenwell for their Railway themed class assembly! They took us on a journey to France, Ancient Greece, Barnard Castle and more through singing, acting, play scripts and artwork. They have learnt a lot of facts this half term and are a pleasure to teach. Thank you to the friends and family of Class 3 who were able to join us. Next half term I look forward to seeing Class 2's Assembly.

### **FOMs Valentine's Disco**

Thank you very much to the Friends of Montalbo for organising the Valentine's Disco on Thursday and their help on the night. It is very kind of them to give up their time to put on events like these. Thank you also to the teachers and Mr Foster who stayed behind to help too.

### **Stay and Play**

Miss Smith organised a Valentine's themed Stay and Play Session for parents of Foundation Stage children. I was teaching and couldn't get across but I believe it was very well attended and that parents enjoyed the event. Thank you to those of you who could make it.

### **Helping Out at Home**

Miss Smith would like to invite parents of Reception children into school at 3.30pm on Tuesday 28th February to talk about ways to support their child's learning at home. The session will last about 30 minutes and your child will be looked after in the main school building. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible.

### **World Book Day**

Miss Smith is organising a series of events for World Book Day on March 2nd. She would like us all to dress up as a character from our favourite book so here is some advanced warning!

### **Payments for YMCA and Musikality**

Please make sure that the YMCA Young Scientist Club and the Musikality Choir/Band are paid directly to these organisations on the night as we are not in contact with them until the following week. Thank you.

### **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers**

If you or any friends or family shop at Sainsbury's, please could you ask them to collect the Active Kids Vouchers. This will enable school to exchange them for PE equipment. The collection box is located next to the staff room so your child could drop them off there themselves. Thank you.

### **Lockerbie**

A range of forms were handed out to the children in Class 4 for the residential trip to Lockerbie in May. Please could these be returned to school by February 16th. Thank you.

### **Garden Update**

The gap in the fence has caused quite a lot of intrigue! Over half term some of the trees in the garden will be felled as part of the revamp. The gap is to allow access for the chipper to chop up some of the trees.

### **Attendance Certificates**

Today I had the pleasure of handing out fifty-eight 100% attendance certificates for this half term. These children have done very well to avoid chickenpox, sickness bugs and more in town over this half term!



**Jet and Ben Visit to Class 4**

On Tuesday Class 4 met Jet and Ben, the police dogs. They were in school as part of the Junior Education programme which this week covered Stranger Danger.

**Cross Country Trials and Cross Country Team**

On Friday selected children from Year 3 to 6 took part in trial at Green Lane CE School. They had to combat snow, blizzards and boggy conditions but showed real grit and determination to run around their field. Congratulations to Megan from Class 3 and Adele from Class 4 who won their heats. The children who did especially well have been selected for the school team and will travel to Bishop Auckland College to compete against many schools. A separate letter has been given to those children and a reminder that they need to be in school dressed for cross country for 8.45 am on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

**Swimming after half term**

Year 4s and selected Year5/6 children will continue swimming as they have done each Thursday starting again on the first week back, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

**FOMs Meeting**

The next Friends of Montalbo School meeting will be at school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March. New and established members are very welcome.

**Attendance for w.b. 13.1.17**

Class	Present
Reception	92.9%
Class 1	<b>94.3%</b>
Class 2	99.3%
Class 3	100%
Class 4	97.9%

Overall attendance this week was 95.1%

**Punctuality**

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons. Remember Wake Up, Shake Up usually starts at 8.45a.m.

**15 minutes learning time lost this week**

**Reminder**

Well done to all the children for a super attitude to school life this half term and thank you to parents for your support. Have a lovely, relaxing and happy half term break.

**School starts again on Monday 27th February.**

**Dates for your Diary**

- February 14<sup>th</sup> Stay and Play for Reception 2.45pm
- February 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Half Term
- February 28<sup>th</sup> – Helping out at Home 3.30pm (Reception Parents)
- March 1<sup>st</sup> – Cross Country Event for selected runners (8.45am at school please)
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> World Book Day
- March 6<sup>th</sup> Garden clearance starts
- March 7<sup>th</sup> FOMs Meeting at 5pm
- March 8<sup>th</sup> Class 3 to Hitachi
- March 8<sup>th</sup> Class 4 - Indoor Athletics at Teesdale Leisure Centre
- March 17<sup>th</sup> Science Day in school
- March 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> – Parents’ Evenings
- March 24<sup>th</sup> – Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea

**Mr Minikin**

Head Teacher