



SATs Meeting

Thank you to Miss Blackburn, Mrs Ridley and Miss Richardson for presenting information to Year 2 and Year 6 children's parents on end of Key Stage assessments. I hope parents found these useful and informative. For those parents unable to attend, the Powerpoints can be found on our website:

<http://www.montalbo.durham.sch.uk/parents/useful-links/>

Takeover Day

Feedback from the Takeover Day at the Bowes Museum was very positive. The excellent behaviour and attitude of Class 4 was commented on by museum staff and visitors. The children have told me all about being Front of House, in the archives, preparing Santa's Grotto, running social media applications, working in the shop and much more! These community experiences and life skills are very important and something I am keen to promote.

FOMs Bingo Night

Thank you very much to the Friends of Montalbo and teachers who helped to run the Bingo event and to our superb bingo callers Elaine, Pam and Mary. It was a very enjoyable evening which raised around £250. Well done!

Dick Whittington Pantomime

Next Thursday the children will be treated to a pantomime in school. Thank you so much to the Friends of the School whose generous donation paid for the event.

Bikeability Fix

On Tuesday 29th the County's Cycling Instructors are back to show the Y5/6 children how to keep their bike's roadworthy. If you would like your child to participate, please send in the consent form.

Lockerbie Manor Residential for Class 4

On Tuesday 6th December pupils and parents of Class 4 are invited to a presentation about the proposed residential to Lockerbie Manor in May. The presentation will begin at 5pm and Ian Ward, from the centre, will be able to answer any questions that you may have. The presentation lasts around 40 minutes.

Christmas Performances

A letter was sent out this week to Foundation Stage parents explaining the reasons for a change of date to the Foundation Stage's Nativity performance which is now on **Monday 5th December at 2pm.**

As a result, one of the school plays has been rearranged. The times and dates are as follows:

Wednesday 7th December at 2pm; Wednesday 7th December at 6pm and Thursday 8th December at 6pm.

Forms have been sent out today for you to complete and return to enable tickets to be issued.

Save the Children Christmas Baubles

Earlier this year Jim Chalmers talked to Class 4 about GlaxoSmithKline's work with Save the Children. The children wanted to help and have decided to make a wish tree. From Monday, you will be able to write a wish on a bauble – it can be a wish for anything or anyone. They will cost £1 and can be purchased each morning between 8.45am and 9am from the hall.

Immunisation Forms

Childhood Nasal Flu Vaccination authority forms have been sent to pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3. Please return these forms as soon as possible as the immunisation will be taking place on **December 8th.**



Crafty Ceramics

The children’s painting session takes place on Monday 28th November from 3.30-4.30pm. Please complete the form and send a cheque payable to Mrs C Armstrong if you would like your child to make one.

Startforth Morrith Memorial Open Day

Below is a message that Mrs Bain, Acting Head Teacher at Startforth, would like us to share:-

On Wednesday 30th November Startforth Morrith Memorial C.E. Primary School will host an open day from 2pm – 8pm. We would like to invite past staff, pupils, parents and members of the community to come along and share memories they have of the school. There will be photographs, records and newspaper clippings on display, giving people the chance to get together to talk about the past and share their stories about Startforth School. Refreshments will be available throughout the day and we hope that many of you will be able to come along to this informal gathering and share some of your memories with us; you might even be able to identify some of the people on the photographs for us.

Woodwind Concert

The Year 4 children have been learning the recorder with Mrs Unwin this year. She would like to share their new skills with the parents of Year 4 children in a short concert at 1pm on December 2nd. Mrs Unwin’s clarinet group will also be performing and the parents of these children are invited too.

Attendance for w.b. 25.11.16

	Present
Reception	97.5%
Class 1	90%
Class 2	91.3%
Class 3	99.4%
Class 4	98.7%

Overall attendance this week was 95.6%

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.
25 minutes learning time lost this week

Application for a School Place (Primary School) for September 2017

Cards have been handed out to Nursery parents detailing the procedure for applying for a Reception place for their child. All information is available online from www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and the deadline for applications is midnight on 15th January 2017.

Dates for your Diary

- November 28th Crafty Ceramics
- December 1st Pantomime in school!
- December 2nd Woodwind concert Y4 Parents invited and parents of Mrs Unwin’s musicians 1pm
- December 5th Dress Rehearsal for Christmas performance (am)
- December 5th Class 3 to visit Hartlepool Power Station and Wind Farm
- December 5th Christmas Nativity (2pm) for Nursery and Reception
- December 6th Netball Festival for Class 3 at Teesdale Sports Centre
- December 6th Lockerbie Manor Presentation (5pm) to pupils and parents of Class 4
- December 7th Christmas Play (2pm and 6pm) for Years 1-6
- December 8th Christmas Play 6pm for Years 1-6
- December 16th Christmas Jumper Day
- December 16th Carol Service in school from 2pm

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Head Teacher