



MONTALBO NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL

...Climbing to Success!

October 7th 2016

Issue 5

Welcome

This week has seen the arrival of several new starters from Startforth Morritt Church of England School. We hope that the children are beginning to settle and are getting used to their new surroundings and routines. I have seen some new friendships develop and in classes the children are working hard. Well done!

Friends of Montalbo update

We had a successful meeting on Tuesday evening and it was lovely to see some new faces join the group. The first event FOMs are organising is the Halloween Disco on Thursday 20th October in our school hall. As last year, there will be two discos:-

For Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 the disco runs from 5pm until 6.15pm.
For Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 the disco runs from 6.30pm until 7.45pm

The cost of the disco is £1.50 in advance or £2 on the door. Included in this price, are a hotdog and a drink. Tickets can be bought from the school office.. If you are prepared to help, please contact Vic Lee, Shelley Simpson, Donna Shann or Louise Finlay. The Friends of Montalbo have a Facebook Page which they run independently. Why not follow them to see their latest news or volunteer?

Menus

New school menu choices have been sent home. Pleased return your form to school with your child's choices circled by 14.10.16. Thank you.

After School Care

Please let school know in advance if you would like your child to attend After School Care. You can phone even up until the last minute but we would like to be informed. Thank you.

Class 4 Assembly

On October 21st Class 4 will be performing their class assembly. This is the first of this year and the next one will be after Christmas and all classes will have their chance! Parents and families of Class 4 are invited to the assembly which will start at 9am.

Bikeability

The first session of Cycle Training for Class 4 will take place on 11th October. These sessions are important as they teach children how to cycle safely, thinking about some of the laws and hazards that they need to understand. Further information has been sent to children in this class.

Hinduism Workshop

Class 3 were praised by Amy Bainbridge from the Bowes Museum for their thoughtfulness and participation when learning more about Hindu beliefs. Well done Class 3!

BBC Look North

The children and staff of Class 2 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the BBC studios at Newcastle. I have seen some clips of their weather presenting and I think Paul Mooney better watch out as they were fantastic. The BBC staff praised our fantastic children so well done Class 2!



World War I Project

The children of Class 4 had a memorable day at the Bowes Museum, visiting the archives, listening to stories and handling artefacts in relation to Teesdale’s contribution to World War 1. Next week an artist will visit the school and each child will sculpt a metal poppy, which will be turned in a wreath to be used at the Remembrance Service in town.

Attendance for w.b. 3.10.16

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| Reception | 98.8% |
| Class 1 | 95.2% |
| Class 2 | 93.3% |
| Class 3 | 94.4 |
| Class 4 | 95% |

Overall attendance this week was 95%.

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. too. This week there was 10 minutes lateness recorded.

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

The application process opens on 12th September and closes on 31st October.

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.

E-safety Advice

YouNow is a fairly new app that allows users over the age of 13 to stream live video and receive comments from viewers. Broadcasters (the children using the app) are encouraged to become popular and to create content that will attract more viewers. There is also a system for buying a currency to virtually tip broadcasters. Videos created could be copied and stored. Durham Police have been made aware as a result of an ongoing case that paedophiles may be encouraging children to expose themselves, and are then involved in swapping images generated.

Further advice is available at <http://parentinfo.org/article/a-parents-guide-to-younow>. Parents of primary aged children will want to ensure that their children do not have access to this app and that older children are aware of the possible dangers.

Dates for your Diary

- October 10th Bowes Museum artist working with Class 4
- October 11th Bikeability – Cycle Training for Class 4
- October 17th Class 3 – Outreach from Durham University (Volcanos)
- October 18th Class 4 Rugby Festival at Teesdale School
- October 20th Class 4 Tag Rugby Festival at Staindrop School
- October 21st Class 4 Assembly 9.00a.m.
- October 24th-28th Half term
- October 31st Last day for Secondary School Applications
- November 1st Bikeability – Cycle Training for Class 4
- November 4th Photographer in school – Individuals and siblings
- November 8th Bikeability – Cycle Training for Class 4
- November 10th Safety Carousel for Class 4
- November 15th and 16th – Parents’ Evening

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