



LAST DAY FOR MORRISON VOUCHERS MON  
19<sup>th</sup> NOV—order processed on Tuesday

Next FOMs meeting Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Nov at Victoria  
Lee's 41 Harmire at 7pm all welcome



Healthy School

2011-2014

TEACHING AWARDS



**BLOSSOM &  
GROW  
AT  
MONTALBO**  
*Is our motto*

## Autumn Term 2012 Newsletter no10

**CAUTION**

### IMPORTANT PARKING NEWS



**PLEASE TRY TO AVOID PARKING ALONG THE SLIP ROAD TO SCHOOL.**

There was a near miss this week when a parent performed a '3' point turn, mounted the pavement and nearly knocked into a child. The person driving & the child's mum were totally unaware of what had almost happened.

Thank you to the mum who made us aware.

*Whilst walking along the path to school please make sure YOU know where your child is* –many parents do not supervise the road crossing outside our gate.

I have requested that the highways department come to clear the accumulation of slippery leaves along the Fairfield slip road too.

Remember

PLEASE



**WRITE YOUR  
NAME &  
ADDRESS ON  
THE BACK OF  
ALL  
CHEQUES-this  
a Durham  
County  
requirement**

**HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE & FRIENDS OF MONTALBO too!**

**GNAA**



**FOMs**



**FILL THE BAG YOU WERE GIVEN WITH CLOTHING BLANKETS & TOWELS & RETURN TO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Funds are raised on the weight of the bags collected with proceeds shared between FOMs & GNAAS. This is a perfect time to declutter!!!

**WE HAVE MORE BAGS IN SCHOOL IF YOU NEED MORE... get FRIENDS & FAMILY TO FILL BAGS TOO!!!!**

### Who was a Fantastic Fox for week ending November 9<sup>th</sup> 2012?

**TAYLOR** for blending sounds into words and reading short sentences

**KATIE K** for neatly writing 2 sentences herself

**JOSHUA** for writing sentences carefully by himself

**JESSICA** for starting to believe in herself which has allowed her to improve & produce her best piece of writing this term

**CARA** for making massive improvements in maths

#### TEAM POINTS to Oct 26th

**RED 21 points**

**YELLOW 21 points**

**GREEN 13 points**

**BLUE 8 POINTS**

**COME ON BLUES YOU NEED TO TRY A BIT HARDER TO BOOST YOUR POINT SCORE**

Metres of  
Money total  
£89.68

More amazing BRONZE MEDALLISTS this term.



Robin, Katie K, Billy, Alex & Abigail.  
**WE ARE PROUD OF YOUR HARD WORK  
& ACHIEVEMENTS**

**WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>. If your child normally has packed lunch but you would like to order a dinner on that day instead then .....**

***Place your orders by NOV 30<sup>th</sup>***

***Late request cannot be accommodated***

Homework: The answer is 30 WHAT IS THE QUESTION?  
Think of as many questions with that answer.  
Work as family.

**(Choccy prizes for the longest lists/ most creative answers)**

**HOMEWORK: HOW MANY WORDS CAN YOUR FAMILY MAKE FROM PNEUMONIA & how many words can you think of with a eu pattern in them. (Choccy prizes for the longest lists)**

### GRANT BID

Based on things raised at parents' evening I feel there is a need for a dedicated counsellor to help both pupils and parents. I have completed a grant application through Northern Housing to fund such a counsellor. If the bid is successful a male counsellor will work in our school half a day per week from January until the Summer. I believe a male offering emotional wellbeing, counselling, and support to parents or families and to act as a positive role model will help many of our youngsters and indeed yourselves.

### **FIRE SAFETY**

We were able to use our new fire alarm for our half termly fire evacuation drill this week. All children heard the alarm –a big plus over our previous archaic system & responded effectively. The tests are held at different times through the school day so children are prepared for a range of occasions when evacuation may be necessary. They are taught to leave personal belongings behind and go out immediately. On this occasion children went out wearing indoor shoes due to the timing of the drill. Children were then told on their return to change into p.e. shoes if their shoes were wet. We encourage children to change their footwear to keep carpet and floor areas clean so that in Reception & Key Stage 1 classes children can take part in floor based activities e.g. building & model making. An old pair of slippers, trainers or p.e. shoes is fine for indoors.

To coincide with the fire drill Nursery & Reception pupils (i.e. EALY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE) were able to explore the Fire Engine and ask questions of the Fire & Rescue personnel who visited school on Thursday. The youngsters enjoyed operating the hoses and finding out how to be safe.

HAVE YOU GOT WORKING SMOKE ALARMS & HAVE YOU A FIRE EVACUATION PLAN AT HOME? It is worthwhile discussing as a family what you would do in the event of a fire.

**Y5 & 6 have been disappointed that Pete, scheduled to complete the animation this week, has once again been ill. He suffered a severe reaction to some medical treatment. Whilst unfortunate this cannot be helped. He has booked to return on January 7<sup>th</sup> – his next available date. So fingers crossed & third time lucky.**

Mrs Ridley worked on a dance routine with the majority of the Y5/6 class who then performed their routine which incorporated ballet, street and gangnam style at the Teesdale School Dance Festival for Primary Schools.

**The parents & families of woodwind and recorder playing children are invited to attend a short musical CONCERT on TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER at 10:45am.**

We have produced a piece of art work on a Nativity theme for the United Reform Church which will go on display in December.

### DIARY –.

**TUES 20<sup>th</sup> NOV GREEN RIDING HOOD –water saving assembly**

**TUES 27<sup>th</sup> WOODWIND & RECORDER concert for parents at 10:45am**

**RED CROSS workshops for KEY STAGE 2 PUPILS –theme refugees**

**FRI 30<sup>th</sup> NOV BRING YOUR AIR AMBULANCE BAGS to SCHOOL**

**TUES 4<sup>th</sup> DEC RECEPTION, Y1 & Y2 take part in Christmas Crafts trail at Bowes MUSEUM (packed lunch needed)**

**THURS 6<sup>th</sup> DEC CRAFTY CERAMICS 3:30 to 4:30pm**

**FRI 7<sup>th</sup> DEC METHODIST CHURCH perform a NATIVITY play**

**MON 10<sup>th</sup> DEC Y5/6 takes part in Christmas Crafts trail at Bowes MUSEUM (packed lunch needed)**

**TUES 11<sup>th</sup> DEC Y3/4 takes part in Christmas Crafts trail at Bowes MUSEUM (packed lunch needed)**

**WED 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner for pupils**

**THURS 13<sup>th</sup> DEC PANTOMINE VISIT for WHOLE SCHOOL**

**FRI 14<sup>th</sup> DEC NURSERY XMAS PERFORMANCE 10am**

**TUES 18<sup>th</sup> DEC SCHOOL XMAS PERFORMANCES 1:30pm & 6:30pm**

**WED 19<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS at TEESDALE SCHOOL**

**THURS 20<sup>th</sup> PARTIES FRI 21<sup>st</sup> CAROL SERVICE for parents, grandparents & pupils at 2pm. (WE WILL GO TO ROKEBY TO TAKE PART IN THEIR SERVICE AT 6:00pm)**

We held a REMEMBRANCE DAY service last FRIDAY. COME INTO SCHOOL TO SEE THE WORK PRODUCED AROUND THIS THEME.