

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

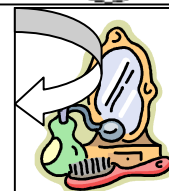


Autumn Term 2012 Newsletter no.14



BLOSSOM & GROW AT MONTALBO
Is our motto

YEAR 5 & 6 NEED MORE TOMBOLA PRIZES PLEASE. So raid your cupboards for suitable gifts –chocolate, sweets, toiletries etc. The children have worked hard making things for sale as well so please support their efforts on Tuesday afternoon & evening!



DIARY –

TUES 18th DEC SCHOOL XMAS PERFORMANCES 1:30pm & 6:30pm

WED 19th CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS at TEESDALE SCHOOL –dance group will perform

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

MRS RIDLEY WILL TAKE Y5/6 dancers to Teesdale School on WEDNESDAY 19th December to perform at Teesdale School's Celebration event which provides entertainment for elderly residents of Barnard Castle. **Packed lunch required please.**



SCHOOL REOPENS JANUARY 7th 2013

ROLL UP ROLL UP TO THE BEST SHOW ON EARTH THIS TUESDAY THE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL ARE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT PERFORMING FOR YOU ON TUESDAY.

The afternoon performance by everyone in school commences at 1:30pm (Doors open no earlier than 1:15pm to allow us to clear the hall of tables and set up seating).

Following performances by each class there will be the chance to purchase refreshments and the chance to buy, from the Y5/6 pupils, items they have made and take part in their tombola. Parents can take home their child/children after the performance/ sale.

The children then need to return to school by 6:15pm to change & get ready to perform again at 6:30pm. Audience admitted from 6;15pm. Friends of Montalbo will sell refreshments after this performance and we ask parents & friends to support the Y5/6 children. We expect the event to end around 8pm. Children can be collected around 7:15pm if you haven't tickets for the evening performance.

Raffle tickets will be sold at both performances and drawn during the evening. There are some great prizes donated by businesses in the town.

We have tried to ensure that all families receive 2 tickets and then allocated remaining tickets according to requests. Children in Year 6 were given first chance as this will be their last year with us. Tickets are limited due to Fire Regulations beyond our control. If you need further clarification please ask!



This term our pupils have made a difference to the lives of the elderly. Ethan P, Jake, Katleho Olivia, Ebony, Niamh & Niamh sang at Abbeyfield Galgate delighting the residents. Olivia and Ebony also played their flutes. Y5/6 performed at the Luncheon Club and again Ebony & Olivia played their flutes. On Wednesday Bradley, Lara, Jessica, Hannah and Neeve visited the rooms of bedridden patients at the Manor House. To witness how their voices calmed, relaxed and charmed the residents was amazing. The children coped admirably with the situation, showed no negative emotions and made me so proud. In the New Year we plan to go back to work with the residents on books and art projects.

Why not take part in Messy Church's Christmas Party event on Fri 21st -see the Methodist church for details.

Crafty Ceramics are at the Sports Centre on Christmas Eve

Our Nativity frieze will be on view this Saturday between 10am and 12pm at the United Reform Church.

Y3, 4, 5, 6 pupils took part in the Christmas Trail at the Bowes Museum this week. They had the opportunity to view the galleries and produce some art work.

Who was a Fantastic Fox for week ending

December 7th 2012?

ROSIE WR for being kind and helpful

LEAH SH for huge improvements in maths

JENI for accurately telling the time

MORGAN for achieving a high standard in her Comprehension test



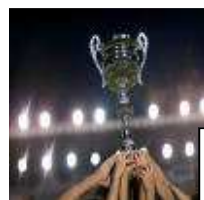
TEAM POINTS to Dec 7th 2012

RED 33 points

YELLOW 30 points

GREEN 25 points

BLUE 15 POINTS



On Wednesday we enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch thanks to Mrs. Slater & Mrs. Dobinson. We hope that some of our photos will be in Taylor Shaw December Newsletter.



SILVER MEDALLISTS this term.

Joshua B

FIRST GOLD MEDALLIST THIS TERM CONNIE

We have never had anyone get a Gold Medal in the First Term of an Academic Year before –so this is a marvellous achievement. We are so proud of Connie!

REMEMBER TO PRACTISE TELLING THE TIME.

Y5s & 6s can you read bus/train timetables?

Look at the TV programme schedules & work out when & for how long your favourite programmes will be screened.

Does your child know how many seconds in a minute? Minutes in an hour? Hours in the day? Days in a week? Weeks in a month? Months in a year?

RECEPTION –Can you name days of the week? Name the day before /after than a given day.

Year 1 & 2 Chant the months in the year. Name the month before / after than a given month.

Year 3 & 4 learn 30 days hath September rhyme –so they know which months have 30, 31, 28 days.

This week the Government has finally produced some sample test papers for **the spelling, punctuation and grammar test** that will be introduced into **Key Stage 2 SATS this year**. Mrs Pannett has been working on grammar & punctuation over the last few weeks in preparation for the May test. Y6 children will need to know about main and subordinate clauses, active and passive verbs, comparative and superlative vocabulary, how punctuation can alter the meaning of a sentence amongst other grammatical features. **Test yourselves –how many of those terms do you recognise?**

PARTIES, PARTIES, PARTIES, PARTIES, PARTIES, PARTIES, PARTIES, PARTIES, PARTIES, PARTIES, PARTIES!
Reception, Year 1 and 2 will party in Key Stage 1 classroom & years 3 to 4 will party in the hall. Could all children bring some party food on Thursday please? A change of clothes should be brought to school so children can change after lunch. Traditional party games & party tea will be held & school ends at USUAL time.

Next Friday we celebrate the Festive season with our Annual **CAROL SERVICE** starting at 2pm. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.** Children will share their favourite carols, play festive tunes on guitar, recorder & flute and we will expect the congregation to join in with some communal singing. There will be readings and pupil poems as well.

FOR ROKEBY CHORISTERS MEET AT SCHOOL AT 6PM. Stephen Maude is very kindly providing free transport. We should return for 7:45pm