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Remember SCHOOL REOPENS JANUARY 7th 2013

TALENTED PUPILS

It was great to see how versatile and adaptable many of our children are. On Tuesday afternoon and evening despite illness the show went on. Many children had to take on someone else's part as well as their own.

I am sure if you were in the audience you were wowed and amazed by everyone!

Y5 and 6 pulled out all the stops with their business ideas and I was pleased to see that they thought up and made many of the items for sale or devised fundraising games themselves rather than relying on commercial gifts. I can see Sir Alan Sugar being very interested in & perhaps inviting them on the young apprentice. WELL DONE MONTALBO SCHOOL STAFF & PUPILS

Why not take part in Messy Church's Christmas Party event on Fri 21st 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Crafty Ceramics are at the Sports Centre Christmas Party on Christmas Eve 1pm to 4pm

BLOSSOM &
GROW
AT
MONTALBO

HO! HO! HO!



CHECK
HEADS FOR
HEADLICE

Let's
eradicate
them over
Christmas!



WE RAISED £144-90 from your Air Ambulance Donations –so thank you so much. This is a fabulous amount!!!!

E SAFETY – be prepared!!!

Many Children will receive gadgets which connect them to the Internet this Christmas. If you are concerned about e safety and wish to set up parental controls on computers, consoles or mobile phones then visit www.saferinternet.org/adv...

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHILD AWARE THAT THEY SHOULD NEVER SHARE THEIR DETAILS ON LINE OR GIVE OUT PERSONAL NUMBERS. Chat about what they should do if someone sends an inappropriate message via mobile or social networking. Remember children should be 13+ to access social media such as facebook. Can I also remind parents to be careful about what they post as negative comments can cause immense distress? If you would not say what you are writing to someone's face then it is best not written. Think about your privacy settings too –do you really want your personal details flying out there across the world in cyber space. So many people have failed to get jobs because of Facebook postings. **DO NOT GET CAUGHT OUT!**

Let's
celebrate
BRONZE
MEDALLIST
this term.
BRADLEY

SILVER
MEDALLIST
THIS TERM
AMELIA

Nursery Children were magnificent in their version of **TIP TOE NATIVITY.** Parents, family & friends filled the hall to see them perform.

Who was a Fantastic Fox for week ending December

14th 2012?



TILLY for great reading & fantastic extra homework
BILLY for huge improvements in handwriting
NATHANIEL for excellent behaviour at the theatre
LOUIS for improved behaviour during Business Venture activities & thinking before reacting

TEAM POINTS to Dec 14th 2012

RED 34 points
YELLOW 33 points
GREEN 23 points
BLUE 13 Points



**CLOSING DATE
FOR RECEPTION
CLASS 2013
APPLICATIONS
is TUESDAY 15th
JANUARY**

ACTIVITY CLUBS START WHEN WE RETURN IN JANUARY & THERE IS STILL AVAILABILITY.

In this financial climate we are very aware that families have to choose activity clubs for their children very carefully. With this in mind we are consulting staff, pupils and yourselves to see how we could perhaps improve and energise our clubs as part of the 'care package'. Our idea is to have themed care nights when certain activities could take place. We would keep the favourites but want new ideas too. **CAN YOU THINK OF A SNAPPY TITLE?** After all going to Care or asking to put your child into care does not seem the best name for what is on offer.

MONTALBO's MARVELLOUS MIX could be one idea but I'm sure you can improve on that.

PLACE IDEAS FOR HOW YOU WOULD LIKE THE CLUBS & AFTERSCHOOL CARE REVAMPING & IDEAS FOR A ZINGY TITLE IN SUGGESTION BOXES IN THE REAR CORRIDOR PLEASE.

There will be a prize for the adult or child who comes up with the winning title to be chosen by Montalbo Extra Staff in January.

SATS for YEAR 2 and Year 6 take place in MAY so please don't not be tempted to book holidays during that period.

Whilst I know the cost can be vastly inflated in school holiday time can I please urge you to try to take your holidays then. It is very difficult for children to catch up on work missed as work sheets cannot make up for the interaction between teacher and pupil.

We are under Government pressure to improve Primary School standards and need parents on board to help us raise our results. It is vital therefore that you make sure homework is completed, reading monitored, spellings, number bonds & tables learnt to give your child the very best chance of achieving higher levels.

So after the turkey is eaten and family festivities have been enjoyed keep your child's brain ticking over with word puzzles, math's problems, questions about books, spellings etc.

On behalf of Montalbo Staff thank you for all your support & MERRY XMAS

RAFFLE TICKETS WERE SOLD AT ALL THREE PERFORMANCES & PRIZES WERE DRAWN AT THE EVENING PERFORMANCE. Friends had collected a wide range of gifts from local businesses.

ALL THE PRIZES HAVE BEEN CLAIMED & DISTRIBUTED as each ticket contained names & contact numbers. It was good that some nursery parents as well as school parents, grandparents & friends were lucky. **YOUR EFFORTS RAISED £350** for FOMs which will in turn be spent on **YOUR CHILDREN.**

We received a lovely phone call thanking Y5/6 for their beautiful singing at the Luncheon Club. Mrs. Walton is hoping to include a written piece in the Mercury. **TEESDALE SCHOOL ALSO THANKED THE DANCERS FOR PERFORMING AT THE LUNCHEON FOR ELDER RESIDENTS**

Now we are into winter I wish to remind you of inclement weather procedures.

Children will be invited into school before 9 am when it is wet, slippery or snowing. At break times we go out in most weathers unless it is too wet or slippery. So please make sure your child has suitable clothing & footwear.

Our rule regarding snowballing is children wishing to partake in this activity may do so on the grassed area, whilst those not wishing to be involved stay on the tarmac area.

We aim in most circumstances to open and remain open throughout the day for the purpose of educating your children. Decisions to close are not taken lightly and are the result of assessing the risk to pupils, parents and staff.

On snowy mornings tune into **RADIO TEESDALE** as they will be informed if we are not opening. If our school is not mentioned on there then we are open. You can also visit our school website where a rolling banner will let you know if we are closed.

If school is open **BUT** you feel it is unsafe for your child to access the school bus or for you to drive and you are not able to walk to school it is important that you ring to advise us of your child's absence.