



Thank you to those children who have brought in their flower for our display.



BLOSSOM & GROW AT MONTALBO
Is our motto

I need a blossom and grow tree / flower / plant from every child in school.

So paint, make a collage or 3d plant this weekend please

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM MRS RIDLEY...

RECEPTION CLASS NEED ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO IMPROVE THE OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT e.g. DOLLS TRUCKS and OUTDOOR TOYS—if you want to donate items you have no need for we would be very grateful.

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FRIENDS OF MONTALBO SCHOOL (FOMS)

Every parent is a Friend of Montalbo and as such we need you to support school. Friends organise fun events such as discos, provide refreshments at school events and fundraise for additional resources to improve the educational experience of our youngsters.

THE NEXT MEETING IS ON 20TH SEPTEMBER AT THE RED WELL at 8pm.

PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND

At the end of September we will find out which class has the longest line of coins in our METRES OF MONEY EVENT

It's not too late to collect small change and bring this in for the event.

We are appealing for toys, books and household items in good condition which may be sold at table top and car boot sales to raise money. So please send in any items you may have.

When bringing your child to school each day can I please ask you all to drop them off at the blue metal gates at each end of the playground. You do not need to wait with your child but if you must then wait **BEHIND** the gates please to make pupil supervision easier.

Thank you!

AS YOU LEAVE CAN YOU CLOSE ALL GATES FOR PUPIL SAFETY REASONS

Last week I asked you to pay your dinner money (£1-50 per day -£7-50 per week) every **MONDAY** –your response is much appreciated. It makes accounting and banking easier and more efficiently dealt with. **CHEQUES MUST HAVE YOUR NAME & ADDRESS & WHAT THE CHEQUE IS FOR CLEARLY WRITTEN ON THE BACK.**

It really is important that if you feel you qualify for FREE SCHOOL MEALS you make a claim (even if your child has a packed lunch). This is very important as free School Meals entitlement increases the amount of money the Government adds to our school budget. This allows us to use the money to create smaller teaching groups and to target help to the children- **YOUR CHILDREN.** Mrs Honess will deliver programmes to help pupils improve their outcomes every Wednesday. We will be able to increase the support offered if we can improve the number of pupils receiving Free meals. There is no stigma attached to this –claim what is rightfully yours

We also have specific programmes such as **LEXIA, SPEAR, MOTOR SKILLS** as well as additional reading opportunity groups. These are intended to ensure everyone is on track to meet their targets. These programmes are designed to accelerate progress.

The PHONIC activity session 9:15 to 9:30 daily is working well. Children are grouped by the phase of their phonic understanding rather than by age. They spend the 15 minutes on fun activities to tackle letter and sound patterns.

Maths weekly skills mentoring sessions began this week for children in Years 1 to 6. (Reception children remain in their class with Mrs Ridley). Children are grouped by ability rather than age for 30 minutes when direct teaching of skills appropriate to their level takes place.

All these children need to practise speedy recall of + and – facts, as well as x and division so help with this at home. Reception children practise lots of counting! REMEMBER TO ASK IF THERE IS ANYTHING ON NEWSLETTERS YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT

For parents new to school:

Here's a who's who –

Mrs Bainbridge –Head Teacher
Mrs Pannett –Deputy Head & teacher of Y5 & Y6
Mrs Hauxwell –School clerk in the office
Mrs Taylor –Nursery teacher
Mrs Ridley –Reception Class Teacher
Mrs Donaldson –Y1 and Y2 teacher
Mr Howell –Y3 and Y4 teacher

Mrs Wood –supports mainly in Y1/ 2 as well as running activity clubs
Mrs McIntyre supports pupils mainly in Y5/6 as well as delivering motor skill programmes and other specific Intervention packages
Mrs Rudge –supports mainly in Y3/4
Mrs Eilbeck supports in Nursery and in Reception
Miss Mitchell supports in Nursery

Breakfast Club is supervised by Ms Lockwood
Nursery Lunchtime is supervised by Mrs Kicks
School lunchtimes are supervised by Ms Lockwood and Miss Harding

After School care is supervised by Mrs Kicks & Ms Lockwood

School caretaker is Mrs Gibson
Nursery cleaner Ms Lockwood

Health issues contact SARAH GEE
School nurse –based at The Hub.
From October she will offer monthly drop in sessions

FOR ALL SCHOOL ENQUIRIES

Ring 01833 637718 or email

montalbo@durhamlearning.net or via website www.montalbo.durham.sch.uk

TEAM CAPTAINS ELECTED THIS YEAR ARE:-

REDS: Ethan R & Emily D
BLUES: Grace T & Nicole T
GREENS: Clarice B & Kerys J
YELLOWWS: Niamh W & Ebony G-K

All pupils in school belong to a colour team and work towards the school community collecting tokens for good deeds which are turned in points. The winning team each term receives small prizes.

8 pupils from Key Stage 2 (Mr. Howell & Mrs. Pannett's classes) will be chosen to represent our school at an athletics event organized by Teesdale School for feeder primary schools on September 27th.

WANTED SIGNS OF AUTUMN – pine cones, Autumn pictures, leaf rubbings in Autumn colours, Autumn poems –REWARDS AVAILABLE!

Primary & Secondary School Admission Information

All applications for Reception place 2013 or Secondary place 2013 can be made online. Go to Durham County's website for brochures and application forms.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS IS AVAILABLE NOW!

You are welcome to look around a range of schools to help you make the right choice.

Please tell your friends to make an appointment to look around our school for a Reception place in 2013. Applications must be made to County Hall by JANUARY. Your endorsement of our school will help other choose wisely

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN NIGHTS

Oct 4th Staindrop School

Oct 11th Teesdale school both 6pm to 8pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS DIRECTLY

SWIMMING STARTS FOR Y3 and Y4 on THURSDAY 20th. So please ensure your child has suitable kit.

Teesdale Junior Football league begins in a couple of weeks. Pupils tried out for the team on Thursday lunchtime. Mr Howell chose pupils who were able to work cooperatively and who demonstrated good sportsmanship.

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS ELECTED THIS TERM ARE:

Kailey from Y1
Georgia from Y2
Jeni from Y3
Hannah from Y4
Nicole from Y5
Emily from Y6

Their job is to meet fortnightly to discuss ways to make school life better and share the views of their classmates. Their first discussion related to how we can use the outside area of school better.

This week was designated ANIMATION WEEK for Y5/6s. This annual event involves pupils working together to plan, write a story and script, prepare backgrounds, characters etc then produce an animated film complete with voiceovers. The class began their work but unfortunately Pete who leads this event became ill and was unable to complete the week. It has been decided he will return in November to complete the task with the children.

All Reception pupils have settled quickly into school routines and are coping well