



International School Award  
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# Autumn Term 2012 Newsletter no 3



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

Great Response Thank You – & prizes awarded  
**Good news Mrs Donaldson is expecting her first baby in the New Year. We wish her a happy and healthy pregnancy**

**It's our HARVEST FESTIVAL on FRI 5th OCT at 2:30pm.** We will provide refreshments before the assembly with all monies raised going to the Macmillan Cancer Research.

We will ask for donations to support this event instead of Harvest produce.  
**Coffee /tea served from 2pm**

**CHANGE OF DAY**  
**GUITAR LESSONS WILL TAKE PLACE EVERY MONDAY LUNCHTIME – commencing MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> instead of Tuesdays.**

**TO SUPPORT OUR FOOTBALL TEAM & PROVIDE EXTRA TRAINING SESSIONS FOR THEM THEY MAY ATTEND WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL CLUB FREE OF CHARGE.** There are still spaces for others to sign up –it's £4 per week

**Y3/4 need swimming or pe kits for Thursday lesson 1pm to 2pm at the Sports Centre** depending on which group they have been allocated. They leave school straight after lunch.

**Y5/6 need pe kits including tracksuit /jogging bottoms and sweatshirt EVERY Thursday for Tag Rugby training with coach from Barnard Castle School 12:50pm to 1:50pm.**

**Reception will soon change for PE** so a kit in school will be much appreciated.

**Y1/2 need their kits for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday** so leaving them on coat pegs is a good idea.

**On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept I will take 8 boys and 8 girls** to take part in an athletics event organized by Teesdale School 1pm to 2:30pm

**On Friday Mr Howell will take 10 Y3/4 pupils interested in taking part in a carousel of Paralympic Events** organized, held and funded by Evenwood School . The purpose is to experience sports enjoyed by Paralympians.

**PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED**

**On 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 15 interested pupils from Y5/6 will experience wheelchair basketball at Green Lane.**

**On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 5 pupils from our school will meet Dame Tanni Grey- Thompson at Evenwood Primary**

Thank you for waiting behind the blue gates each morning! You can leave once there is a member of staff on duty if you wish.

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

**Many thanks!**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- MON 24<sup>th</sup> Sept** Athletics for 16 pupils from KS2  
Football v Startforth @home
- Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Sept** Y3 and Y4 to Hamsterley Forest
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Sept** Paralympic event for 10 Y3/4s  
Parents meeting re Robinwood @3:30pm
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Oct** Harvest coffee afternoon 2pm & assembly 2:30pm
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Oct** Play –'Tom's Midnight garden' for whole school
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Oct** HALF TERM BEGINS

**Tues NOV 6<sup>th</sup> PARENTS MEETINGS RE YOUR CHILD'S Progress 4pm to 6pm**

**MEETING FOR ALL PARENTS OF Y5s at 3:30pm on Fri 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss Robinwood in school hall**

**WHY NOT READ TOM'S MIDNIGHT GARDEN WITH YOUR CHILD** to help them understand the play

**Head Teacher awards have been given to:-**  
**Aaron** for neat letter formation  
**Kyle** for neat number writing & mastering capital B  
**Sophie & Sammie** for great reading of a poem

**We are having an electronic fire alarm fitted in the main school building along with emergency lighting. We expect minor disruption of the course of the next few weeks whilst the installation takes place**

Let us know if your child is ill &  
**FOR ALL SCHOOL ENQUIRIES**



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**REMINDER: Primary & Secondary School  
Admission Information**

All applications for a Reception place 2013 or  
Secondary place 2013 can be made online.  
Go to Durham County's website for brochures and  
application forms:  
[www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

If you need any assistance with this process or the  
use of a school computer to submit an application  
please contact the school office.

**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 others choose wisely.**

**SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN NIGHTS for our Y6 pupils**

Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Staindrop School

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Teesdale school both 6pm to 8:30pm

**Closing date for Secondary Applications is Oct 31st**

We are having a purge on presentation  
We need your help!!!!

**All children from Reception right through to Y6 will be  
set handwriting homework.**

We are finding children are mixing up Upper and lower  
case letters e.g. capitals and lower case and are finding  
sizing their letters accurately.

Work on Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg etc -see homework  
set.

If children produce untidy classwork they will be  
asked to repeat this work again either during  
playtime/lunchtime or at home.

Remember to sign reading record books & write  
in your comments. Talk about authors and poets,  
talk about the stories and characters.

**Stars of the Week has been revamped & we  
are using a FANTASTIC MR FOX logo this year.**  
So is your child amazing like  
**FANTASTIC MR FOX?** (Have you read this good book)

**Who was Fantastic for week ending Sept 14<sup>th</sup>?**

**EVERYONE in RECEPTION CLASS** for settling into  
school routines so quickly

**GRACE F** for great phonic work ( ie matching letters  
and sounds)

**SOPHIE S** for a mature attitude to work and for  
great literacy & numeracy work.

**CLARICE BRUNSKILL** for a great attitude in class  
and for bringing in resources for topics

**Team Points**

**GREEN 4 points; RED & YELLOW 3 points;**

**BLUE 1 point**

**SCHOOL COUNCILLORS discussed our outdoor area.**

The new fences, benches, tables and the removal of  
overgrown shrubbery received their seal of approval.  
The new tractor tyres are proving great fun for all ages-  
let's hope the grass grows around that area before the  
frosts come along.

By next week the outdoor storage areas should be  
sorted allowing the children to access playground  
equipment again which they have requested.  
Reception pupils have a new workbench area for  
outdoor investigation and will plant up their planters with  
bulbs and some evergreen shrubs.

**What else would you like to see in our outdoor  
area?**

Parent noticeboard? seating near fire exits? What are  
your children saying would be useful to add? & how can  
what is there be better used?

**REMEMBER WELLIES SO WE CAN USE THE  
GARDEN DURING LUNCHTIMES.**

**REMEMBER YOUR CHILD NEEDS A COAT  
EVERYDAY AS THE WEATHER TURNS COLDER- we  
go out in most weather conditions**

**EDUCATIONAL VISITS**

I met with the CONTOUR EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE to  
organize some extra curricular activities e.g.  
In 2013 Y1/2 will try out Bushcraft activities during a school  
day.

Y3 to Y6 will be able to camp overnight on the school field (like  
last year)

Y6s will have the chance to stay on Lindisfarne and camp for a  
couple of nights after SATS.

In September 2013 Contour will take us to France for those  
Key Stage 2 pupils who would like to go i.e. currently in Y3,4 or  
5. We will go with other Teesdale/Wearsdale schools.

**WATCH OUT FOR INDIVIDUAL LETTERS NEXT WEEK For France &  
Lindisfarne as the rep needs to see if we have enough interest**