



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

## Autumn Term 2012 Newsletter no 4

**GUITAR LESSONS MONDAY LUNCHTIME**  
**RECORDER with MRS UNWIN TUES AM FLUTE TUES AM**  
**RECORDER & MUSIC LESSONS with MRS SOLLY FRI PM**

**REMEMBER DINNER MONEY EVERY MONDAY PLEASE.** Cheques with names & addresses on the back please

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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 Ring to make an appointment week beginning Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct please.  
Everyone gets a chance to see targets set, progress made and talk over strengths and weaknesses



**READ FANTASTIC MR FOX by ROALD DAHL** then read more of his books! Write a book review!



Let us know if your child is ill &

**FOR ALL SCHOOL ENQUIRIES**

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website [www.montalbo.durham.sch.uk](http://www.montalbo.durham.sch.uk)

**We will ring you on the first day of absence if you fail to call us. We do this for safety reasons. It is important that we check your child is with you and safe if they are not at school.**

**REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR MOBILE CONTACT NUMBERS IF YOU CHANGE PHONES.**

It is important that you let us know who is allowed to collect your child from school. Should you give permission for your child to go home with another pupil & their parent written permission is requested. Should there be a sudden change to arrangements then ring school and speak to Mrs Bainbridge who will authorise this. We have after school care should you be unavoidably delayed –just ring to arrange this.

**SCHOOL ENDS AT 3:25 pm so please be on time to collect. Unfortunately several parents are continually late which causes children distress.**

**After 3:30pm children will be taken to the care facility whilst we try to contact you. There will be a charge for after school care if you are late.**

### Who was Fantastic for week ending Sept 21st?

**OLIVIA S** for always being happy and helpful in Reception  
**FINLEY** for a positive attitude to all his work this week  
**KATIE J** for good all round effort  
**JAKE** for trying hard in all subjects and having a good attitude to work

#### Team Points

**BLUE 2 points; GREEN 6 points; RED 6 & YELLOW 7 points**

**FABULOUS FOOTBALL RESULT**  
First match of the season  
**MONTALBO 6 COTHERSTONE 3**  
Monday’s home match v Startforth  
**REMEMBER THE TEAM HAS FREE ACCESS TO FOOTBALL CLUB EVERY WEDNESDAY**

### SAFETY IS IMPORTANT!!!

Governors have undertaken Safeguarding & child Protection training. One vital message from that training was to stress the dangers of cyberbullying e.g. via mobile phone, text or email. Facebook can be fun for adults BUT be very dangerous for our youngsters. Children **MUST** be 13 before accessing **FACEBOOK**. We talk about & deliver lessons about being safe online to our pupils. If you need advice on esafety visit Durham County’s website or CEOP



Thank you to all parents who supervise pupil homework. This is a great time for you to see what your child has been asked to do and helps you decide if they understand what they have been asked to do.

5 to 10 minutes daily is better than 30 minutes to an hour once a week.

**Reception Parents** –ask Mrs Ridley for advice on letter and numeral formation. Do lots of counting, talk about one more /less as you count.

**Year 1** parents work on recognizing KEY WORDS & letter blending –ask Mrs Donaldson for advice.

Work on number addition and subtraction facts.

**Year 2** Practise writing simple sentences with capital letter and full stop. Practise spelling patterns e.g. hair, stair, chair.

Practise **quick recall** of addition and subtraction using numbers up to 20.

**Y3 and 4** Practise **quick recall** of multiplication facts. Then turn these round to division eg 24 divided by 6 is ...

Work on adding connectives to sentences e.g. also, however.

**Y5 and 6** brush up on mental recall of multiplication and division. Practise long multiplication and division.

Work on spelling patterns & complex words e.g. daughter, saucer, ought, thought etc

**EVERYONE READ READ READ & TALK TALK TALK about what has been read.**

**EVERYONE PRACTISE HANDWRITING TOO!**

HOMEWORK IS IMPORTANT BUT SHOULD NOT BE A HUGE TASK. If you are finding this talk to your child's teacher.

### EDUCATIONAL VISITS

LET ME KNOW BY Oct 9<sup>th</sup> whether or not you want your Key Stage 2 child to take part in the FRENCH TRIP NEXT SEPTEMBER

Y6 children let me know if you want to take part in a 3day residential visit on Lindisfarne in the Summer Term

As part of our ARTSMARK I have been trained as an ARTS AWARD ADVISOR. Children in key Stage 2 can take part in DISCOVER AND EXPLORE arts activities leading to Arts Award qualifications.

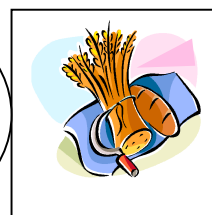
I have met with children who want to take part. This will happen in school time. They will investigate an aspect of the arts e.g. drama & performance, painting, sculpture etc. Part of this will be exploring the work of famous artists, actors or sculptors. I plan to take interested pupils to galleries etc in order for them to complete the work to receive their certification. I will support those interested in their research.

### FRIDAY OCT 5<sup>th</sup> IS HARVEST FESTIVAL ASSEMBLY -please come!!

**We are holding a coffee event at 2pm and will collect money for the BIG Macmillan Cancer Coffee EVENT**

**At 2:30pm we will begin our Harvest Festival. All children in school will play a part so come and support them**

We are collecting cash for cancer



We are not collecting Harvest produce

A theatre company will perform TOM'S MIDNIGHT GARDEN for everyone in school in OCTOBER. Try to read the story to your child so there is a better understanding when the actors perform

Year 3 and 4 had a great time at Hamsterley Forest. They learnt about team building, cooperating with others, negotiating, sharing ideas and logical thought. They engaged in shelter building and took part in mini Olympics. They also tried orienteering.



16 pupils took part in the Athletics Festival organized & led by Teesdale Staff who were assisted by Year 9 students. Due to weather it had to be hastily replanned and moved indoors. Maisy, Mia Ella, Ebony, Connor, Clarice Jake, Ethan R, Ethan P, Aidan M..... gave their all to the events. The girls team were second overall whilst the boys won the male event. They received a trophy which we keep for one year.