



Healthy School



Reception children looked at different Spring bulbs & planted them in our planters

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BLOSSOM & GROW AT MONTALBO
Is our motto

NOW RECEPTION CHILDREN ARE WELL SETTLED THEY WILL ENTER SCHOOL VIA THE REAR DOOR RATHER THAN BY MRS RIDLEY'S DOOR. CAN WE ASK PARENTS TO LEAVE THEM AT THIS POINT? THEY CAN MANAGE IN THE CLASSROOM THEMSELVES -SO A QUICK WAVE AS YOU PASS BY WILL SUFFICE- thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 10th Oct Play –'Tom's Midnight garden' for whole school

Fri 12th Oct METRES OF MONEY set out –you are welcome to come along

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

HALLOWEN DISCO will be held in last week of half term –date to be confirmed

Fri 26th Oct HALF TERM BEGINS.



We return on Monday Nov 5th

Tues NOV 6th PARENTS MEETINGS RE YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS 4pm to 6pm

Ring to make an appointment –booking is now open

Everyone gets a chance to see targets set; progress made and talk over strengths and weaknesses with your child's teacher, so make sure to make an appointment

Who was a Fantastic Fox for week ending Sept 28th?



JOEL for beginning to tidy up and take care of his belongings

LIAM T for writing independent sentences about the Great Fire of London

JAYDEN Ha for learning his tables at home

NIAMH W for working hard in all subjects and having always answering questions

Team Points

BLUE 5 points GREEN 7 points

RED 10 & YELLOW 11 points



PLEASE MAKE SURE MONTALBO EXTRA PAYMENTS ARE UP TO DATE

We rely on your payments for staff wages as we are not for profit organisation. **Outstanding bills from last term MUST BE CLEARED BY OCTOBER HALF TERM AT THE LATEST**-this applies particularly to parents in Reception class who accessed additional sessions in Nursery last summer term

A theatre company will perform TOM'S MIDNIGHT GARDEN for everyone in school on 10th OCTOBER. Try to read the story to your child so there is a better understanding when the actors perform

Mr. Howell took 10 children to a BOCCIA event as part of Paralympic events at Evenwood Primary. Pupils enjoyed the event.

Let us know in advance if your child has a pre booked medical appointment or ring on the morning your child is ill-thanks!

FOR ALL SCHOOL ENQUIRIES

Ring 01833 637718 or email

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

Thank you for being on time at the start and end of the school day as this punctuality is very important.



I have contacted transport section regarding the persistent late arrival of the Stainton Grove bus following the change of operator. They will contact the operator to rectify this. To all parents who travel on that bus please monitor this and if necessary contact the transport department yourselves. –thanks!

There will be a charge made for looking after children in after school care if you are late without giving a valid reason.

15 pupils will be randomly chosen from Y5/6 to take part in a wheelchair basketball event at Green Lane on the afternoon of Monday 8th Oct between 1pm and 2pm. BRING PE KIT please.



IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT FORMS SENT TO YOU ARE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY

We need to have a record of who to contact should your child become ill or if there was an emergency. Remember to update mobile numbers if you change number.



ASTHMA CARE PLAN INFORMATION IS VITALLY IMPORTANT so we can relieve your child's asthma symptoms quickly and effectively. It is therefore important that you fill in when inhalers should be given and how many puffs are required. Should your child receive an asthma diagnosis then please ask for a Care Plan form

BEING SAFE

If you want your child to go home with someone other than identified on your contact list please send a note to explain this. In the event of an emergency situation ring school on **01833 637718** and speak to Mrs Bainbridge. To allow your child to walk home by themselves we need a note from you granting this permission. Please stress to your child that they **MUST** go home straight after school and not go off to meet friends, chat or play. Child safety is particularly important and knowing where your child is when playing out is crucial.

Can I suggest all parents have a conversation about **NOT** getting into someone's car without your permission and how it is important to let someone know where they are going when allowed to be out and about without an adult in light of recent events in Wales?

Whilst using computers do you know what your child is accessing? Have you got parental controls set up? Is the computer in a place where you can monitor sites they are visiting? Has your child a mobile –who are they contacting or texting? Has your child received unpleasant calls or texts? Do you know?

Want more information about e-safety visit CEOP or Durham authority's websites for advice and support. It is crucial that you understand the dangers as well as the benefits of online or mobile technology. Protect yourself and your child from social networking pitfalls.

I am pleased to announce that over the last two weeks these are our amazing **BRONZE MEDALLISTS** this term.
Elle Sh, Matilda SH, Amelia R, Matilda O'D, Finley P, Katie J, Jessica H, Kieran B, Aidan M, & Ella L.

To have earned 20 stickers for good work so quickly is great news. WELL DONE



I will choose 4 interested pupils who have demonstrated good attitudes to work to meet Dame Tanni Grey Thompson at Evenwood Primary next Friday at 10am. They will travel with me and have the chance to have their photographs taken with her. There is a competition organized by the Local Authority for children to either enter some art or some literacy based on how The Olympics or the Paralympics have inspired them. There is the chance to enter as a Key Stage 1 or a Key Stage 2 pupil.

Year 1 and 2s are finding out about the Great Fire of London. As part of this work they were lucky to be visited by Adele's dad who is a firefighter and his colleagues who talked about how fires are controlled to day. The children were able to climb aboard the engine and find out about the controls. As water was squirted through the hose they were able to explore some science as they observed a rainbow. The visit was extremely successful and the children remembered so much of the detail of what had been said. So Mr. Dry & Colleagues –many thanks from CLASS 1.

Mrs. Donaldson will invite Year 1 and 2 parents to school to hear all about the children's research towards the end of their

FOMS NEWS (FRIENDS OF MONTALBO SCHOOL)



WE WILL LAY OUT THE COINS-YEAR GROUP BY YEAR GROUP ON FRIDAY 12th OCTOBER
FOMs are organizing this- please come along to help.

There will be a Halloween disco during the last week. This will either be Wednesday or Thursday night – I will let you know details as soon as I have them.

Thank you to everyone who donated books & toys etc. for the Friends to take to a car boot sale. You can still send more items!