



# Autumn Term 2012 Newsletter no 9



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

**HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE & FRIENDS OF MONTALBO too!**

**FILL THE BAG YOU WERE GIVEN WITH CLOTHING BLANKETS & TOWELS & RETURN TO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Funds are raised on the weight of the bags collected. This is a perfect time to declutter!!!

**WE HAVE MORE BAGS IN SCHOOL IF YOU NEED MORE**



**Who was a Fantastic Fox for week ending October 26th?**



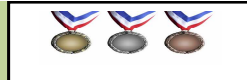
**ARCHIE** for working hard on letter sounds  
**KYLE** for being kind and a big improvement in Maths  
**Maisy M** always works hard, follows instruction, good progress and is kind and helpful  
**May** for moving to Level 4 in Maths

**TEAM POINTS to Oct 26th**

**RED 18 points**  
**YELLOW 17 points**  
**GREEN 11points**  
**BLUE 7 POINTS**

**Pumpkin Winners:**  
 Finley, Mia, Kieran, Katie K, Jared, Louis, Georgia, Adele, Leah and Lucy  
**Well Done**

**More amazing BRONZE MEDALLISTS this term.**



Taylor, Jasmine, Kayleigh, Georgia, Grace F, Sammie, Nicole, Caitlin, Morgan and Connor

**THERE ARE STILL SOME OUTSTANDING Robinwood deposits needed please pay by next week.**

**REMEMBER IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO TO PAY £10 for the PANTO VISIT ON DEC 13<sup>th</sup>. This is for everyone in School. Friends of Montalbo have donated funds to pay for the coaches**

PLEASE SEND DINNER MONEY EVERY MONDAY or PAY IN ADVANCE. USE A NAMED ENVELOPE

**THANK YOU FOR HOLIDAY HOMEWORK**

There were some impressive examples of art work (especially from MIA), some great holiday diaries (especially from BILLY & MAISY) and interesting accounts of holiday activities. LOTS OF CHILDREN CHOSE PRIZES TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR EFFORTS


**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR CRAFTY CERAMICS XMAS ITEMS –pay in advance for the item your child will decorate**

**Did you see the photo of Nursery's Guy in the Mercury? He was a handsome fellow!**

**IT WAS GOOD TO SEE THE MERCURY REPRESENTED OUR SCHOOL AT THE BOWES MUSEUM BULB PLANTING EVENT.**

**IT's CHILDREN IN NEED on FRI 16<sup>th</sup> SO COME TO SCHOOL IN YOUR PYJAMAS/NIGHTWEAR & pay £1. There will be a cake stall too. We will charge 50p per cupcake. Kieran & Lucy will run this.**

**Can you help them buy baking some cupcakes/buns/biscuits please?**



**DIARY** –please keep checking this every week for updates.

Week beginning Nov 12<sup>th</sup> completing animation week for Y5/6

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Nov HEARING TESTS FOR RECEPTION PUPILS

THURS 15<sup>th</sup> DANCE FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE by Y5/6 at TEESDALE

FRI 16<sup>th</sup> CHILDREN IN NEED FUNDRAISING

TUES 20<sup>th</sup> NOV GREEN RIDING HOOD –water saving assembly

TUES 27<sup>th</sup> WOODWIND & RECORDER concert for parents at 10:45am

RED CROSS workshops for KEY STAGE 2 PUPILS –theme refugees

FRI 30<sup>th</sup> NOV BRING YOUR AIR AMBULANCE BAGS to SCHOOL

TUES 4<sup>th</sup> DEC RECEPTION, Y1 & Y2 take part in Christmas Crafts trail at Bowes MUSEUM (packed lunch needed)

THURS 6<sup>th</sup> DEC CRAFTY CERAMICS 3:30 to 4:30pm

FRI 7<sup>th</sup> DEC METHODIST CHURCH perform a NATIVITY play

MON 10<sup>th</sup> DEC Y5/6 takes part in Christmas Crafts trail at Bowes MUSEUM (packed lunch needed)

TUES 11<sup>th</sup> DEC Y3/4 takes part in Christmas Crafts trail at Bowes MUSEUM (packed lunch needed)

WED 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner for pupils

THURS 13<sup>th</sup> DEC PANTOMINE VISIT for WHOLE SCHOOL

FRI 14<sup>th</sup> DEC NURSERY XMAS PERFORMANCE 10am

TUES 18<sup>th</sup> DEC SCHOOL XMAS PERFORMANCES 1:30pm & 6:30pm

WED 19<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS at TEESDALE SCHOOL

THURS 20<sup>th</sup> PARTIES FRI 21<sup>st</sup> CAROL SERVICE for parents, grandparents & pupils at 2pm. (WE WILL GO TO ROKEBY TO TAKE PART IN THEIR SERVICE AT 6:00pm)

**.REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** –there are still spaces. –pay in advance or if that is a problem we will accept weekly payments.

**IT IS A GOOD IDEA THIS TERM TO BOOK BREAKFAST or AFTER SCHOOL CARE TO ALLOW YOU TO GO CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN PEACE,** lets you do overtime or attend appointments.

**BREAKFAST CLUB OPENS at 7:45am & includes food.** Children are escorted to school afterwards and are supervised till 9am.

After school club is from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

**OUR CHARGES ARE REASONABLE** as we are a not for profit organisation. Charges merely pay staff wages.

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU MAKE PAYMENTS AT THE END OF EACH WEEK TO COVER YOUR CHILDCARE COSTS.**

If you are late collecting from school on a regular basis we will take your child to the **AFTER CARE FACILITY & make a charge for this.**

It was great to see so many parents at our recent open evening. The staff felt the evening was a valuable opportunity to share the good work your children have produced and how we can work together to help further improve their learning.

One thing that became clear from the evening was that as parents you are under enormous pressure –from your work /unemployment, from past or current relationships, from trying to be a good parent & do the **RIGHT** thing & financial pressures. With our Parent Support Advisor on maternity leave I wondered whether **IT WOULD IT HELP IF YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK?** If you feel this would be useful then come to a drop in coffee afternoon next Thursday afternoon from 2pm. If you want to speak privately about **ANY** issue you are concerned with then ring me to make a private appointment.

On Monday **MISS METCALFE** began working as a teacher in school. I wish to sincerely welcome her to Montalbo. She will work alongside Mrs. Donaldson in preparation for covering Mrs. Donaldson's maternity leave in January. In the coming weeks she will teach mainly Y1/2 pupils but may also teach other pupils who need short intervention work to accelerate progress.