



Autumn Term no. 11
26th November 2012



Montalbo Nursery Newsletter

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch in School and Nursery is on Wednesday December 12th. If your child does not normally attend Nursery on this day, you may book them in for lunch care and lunch at a cost of £5.95. If your child normally has a packed lunch you may also book a school dinner.

Please fill in the reply slip on your letter and return with payment no later than 30th November.



Nursery Nativity

The Nursery nativity play will take place in the school hall on Friday 14th Dec at 10am

Even if your child does not usually attend on a Friday morning we would love them to be involved in the performance; please speak to nursery staff to arrange this.

This year we will be selling tickets for the Nativity to raise funds for school and nursery. These will cost:

£2 and go on sale in December

If any local businesses would like to donate a prize for the raffle at the nativity, it would be much appreciated!

Bring your purses and wallets along; there will be a raffle.

School tel: 01833 637718
or email montalbo@durhamlearning.net
for all your queries.

Montalbo Extra Payments

Invoices for Montalbo Extra Care are given out on a Monday for the previous week. Your child should have an invoice in their take home box – if you don't receive one please check their box. **Please can you ensure that payments are made on a weekly basis.** If payments become overdue you may risk having Montalbo Extra care withdrawn.

Great North Air Ambulance Service

You will have received a clothing collection bag for the North Air Ambulance. Please fill them with any unwanted clothing, bedding (no duvets), towels etc. You can also donate unwanted mobile phones and ink cartridges (kept separately). **Please give generously as the school and Air Ambulance benefit directly.**

The collection day for the sacks is Friday 30th November.

Little Monsters Daycare Charity Event (Jodie, Stacey and Anna) are currently organising a charity event for Joshua Denton and need some help!!!!

If you have any children's toys or books that need a new home (any age) they would love them and re-home them for you (with the help of Santa Clause)! So please have a look in your homes and if there is anything your child no longer uses, that they would be happy to part with, please donate it to them! Thank you.

Bring your donations along to nursery to be collected!

Tickets are available from Little Monsters Day Care for the Charity Christmas Party on Sat 15th Dec, 2-4pm, £5 per child, siblings £2.50 each. Raffle tickets are on sale in nursery.

Investigation Area

As Dinosaurs are so popular, we are going to continue investigating Dinosaurs and Fossils this week.

Stickers will be given to children who bring something in to add to the investigation table. Thanks to all the amazing dinosaurs that have been brought in so far.

Last week after we had learnt some facts about dinosaurs, we had great fun making paper mache dinosaur eggs, dinosaur skeleton pictures and dinosaur maps.

There was slime in the water tray and dinosaurs cutters with the playdough. This week we are hoping to make bones, count dinosaurs and dig for bones in sand.

Tip of the week.....

This week Rabbits are learning the sound 'i' and Owls are learning the sound 'e'.

Name objects that begin with these letters.

Ask your child to show you the action for the letters.

We're also focussing on number recognition and accurate counting skills. Don't forget being able to count isn't the same as counting by rote.

Crafty Ceramics

Crafty Ceramics will visit school on **Thursday 6th December 3.30 – 5.30** - when your child will have the opportunity to paint a pot. You should have received a letter giving the prices and choice of pots available. If you are interested please return the letter with your child's name, choice of pot and payment by November 26th

Please note this will be held in the School hall and all Nursery children must be accompanied by an adult for the whole session.

Diary Dates

Friday 30th Nov - collection of Air Ambulance sacks.

Thursday 6th Dec - Crafty Ceramics

Wednesday 12th Dec - Xmas dinner.

Friday 14th Dec - Nursery Xmas Play

Thursday 20th Dec - Nursery Xmas Party.

Friday 21st Dec - School closes Xmas

Barnard Castle Son et Lumiere

Dickens in Teesdale and Barnard Castle Town Council are holding a spectacular **FREE Firework and Light Show on December 1st at 6.00pm on the Scar Top.**

This is to celebrate Charles Dickens' bicentenary and to launch Barnard Castle Christmas Festival. Arrival of Santa & Lighting the Christmas Tree 4.15pm – FREE Santa's Grotto from 4.30pm.

Certificate Awards



Montalbo Nursery certificates were awarded to:
Ethan T for settling in happily and confidently trying out new activities in nursery.



Ella F learning, recognising and remembering initial letters and sounds

Please try to be on time when collecting your child; usual session collection times are 11.45am and 3.30pm, (if you are going to be late please call to inform nursery staff).