



Spring Term no 4
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Montalbo Nursery Newsletter

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for all your queries.

Payments

Could you please ensure that care and lunch payments are paid promptly in a clearly labelled envelope with your child's name, date and amount enclosed.

Please put all payments in the red deposit box in the nursery entrance.

In nursery we encourage the children to develop their independent skills, for example, pouring their own snack, tidying up resources, putting on and taking off their own coats, shoes, wellies, gloves, toileting, washing hands etc... To help your child it can be useful to send them to nursery in clothing that is easy to undo and fasten, e.g. velcro and simple buckles are much easier than laces. Also buttons and belts can be tricky when children need to get to the toilet quickly.

Certificates



**Nursery Certificates were awarded this week to....
Olivia for settling happily into her new Nursery.
Henry for his fantastic recall of facts and information**

Did anyone video the Nursery Nativity Play? If you did please could you talk to Nursery Staff – we've had requests for copies from some Nursery parents who couldn't attend.

Please can you ensure that we have an up to date list of contacts and people who may be picking up or dropping off your child at Nursery.

Tip of the week.....

Games, toys and jigsaws that require manipulative skills are really useful at helping with pre-writing skills.

For example:
construction toys that involve fixing and joining;
threading boards or threading beads and pasta; jigsaws or jigsaw boards; sorting small objects into pots.

Castle Visit

Unfortunately we did not make it to the Castle last week due to weather conditions. We thought it would be dangerous walking children along icy pavements. There will be a visit to the Castle as soon as the weather picks up - we will let you know when the dates are decided.

In the meantime please can you ensure you have completed and returned your EV4 form.

Investigation Area

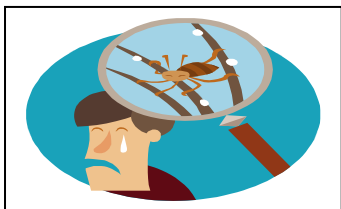
This week we will investigate and talk about hibernating animals. If you have any interesting items /objects, books, photos etc... that relate to this you are welcome to bring them in to add to the trolley.

Stickers will be given to children who bring something in to add to the investigation table.

Snow played a large part in the activities we carried out last week. We brought snow inside to build mini snowmen, sledged and made coloured snow outside. There were some tricky tasks matching patterns and building from plans.

Free treatment.....

Marsden's are offering free treatment - you just need to call in, fill in a simple form.



Diary Dates

Feb 15th – Feb 25th - Spring Half Term Holidays

March 14th – Nursery Parents Evening – Pupil Progress (please note change of date)

March 27th to April 15th - Easter Holidays

May 6th – May Day

May 24th to June 3rd – Summer Half Term Holidays

July 19th – Break up for Summer Holidays.

Please check the diary dates section weekly so that you do not miss out!

Notice Board

- Carrier bags - we would be grateful for any spare carrier bags
- If your child comes to Nursery in wellies please remember to bring shoes/slippers to change into.
- Voluntary contribution £1 snack money per week.
- Tell your friends and families there are still funded places available
- Extra sessions can be booked on a daily basis through Montalbo Extra.
- Feel free to borrow library books.