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# Montalbo Nursery Newsletter

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

We aim to keep you as updated as possible with what is happening in nursery and future events; however if you ever have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to talk to us.

#### Who's who?

## Mrs Bainbridge -

Head Teacher and Manager of Montalbo Extra Childcare Facility

Mrs Taylor - Foundation Stage Coordinator and Nursery Teacher

#### Mrs Ridley -

**Reception Teacher** 

<u>Miss Mitchell – Deputy Manager</u> of Montalbo Extra Care, Nursery Nurse

Mrs Eilbeck – Nursery Nurse
Julia Kicks – Childcare
Assistant at Monty's Breakfast
& After-school Club

#### Karen Lockwood -

Assistant at Monty's Breakfast Club

<u>Lisa Wood – Childcare</u> Assistant at Monty's Afterschool Club/ Lunchtime Supervisor



## Certificates

Nursery



Certificates
were awarded
this week
to.....
Maddie for
settling
confidently
into her new
Nursery.
Carley for retelling the
Owl Babies
Story using
puppets.



## Monty's....

Is the new name for our reinvented After School club/care run by Montalbo Extra. See the flyer sent out last week for all activities taking place. You can dip in & out to take advantage of our fun activities. See a member of staff & Book Now!

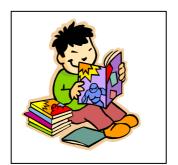
### **Investigation Area**

This week we are learning about Chinese New Year the year of the snake. If you have items that relate to this topic 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. Last week we watched birds from our bird hide outside as well as from the Nursery window; read and reenacted the Owl Baby Story with stick owl puppets we made.

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**Book clubs:** We have visiting book and gift clubs in Nursery check the boxes in the entrance to find a reasonable priced book or gift.



**Nursery Improvements** You may have noticed our wonderful new equipment in Nursery. We have recently purchased a frame that we have created into a dark tent, to enable the children to try out their new rechargeable torches. Outside the children have had great fun on a two man transporter and a tractor and trailer.

We are continuing to develop our outside learning area and have more plans for partially enclosing the veranda so that it is more useful in poor weather. There will be a role play area and mark making equipment as well as an area to enjoy books or use constructions materials.



#### Sounds & Letters

We are continuing to introduce letter sounds in a fun and informal way. Last week we introduced the sound 'c' for Rabbits and 'm' for Owls. This week it will be 'd' and 'e'. Remember that we learn the sound of the letter at this stage rather than the alphabet name.

## **Diary Dates**

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – Feb 25<sup>th</sup> - Spring Half Term Holidays March 14<sup>th</sup> – Nursery Parents Evening – Pupil Progress (please note change of date)

March 27<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup> Easter Holidays

**May 6**<sup>th</sup> – May Day

May 24<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Summer Half Term Holidays

July 19<sup>th</sup> - Break up for Summer Holidays.

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

## Montalbo Extra

If you access Montalbo Extra Care, please can you ensure invoices are paid in full each week, money placed into envelopes provided and marked clearly with the date, child's name and payment. Although it is not always possible please could you try to pay the exact amount of money stated on your invoice. If change is required, the extra amount will be carried over to credit the following week. (Please let us know if you are not happy with this arrangement). If your invoice is not paid in full, the debt will be carried over to the next and subsequent weeks. Please note, everyone accessing Montalbo Extra has signed an agreement with Nursery, and care can be refused if debts become outstanding for a long period of time.