

MONTALBO PRIMARY SPRING TERM

NEWSLETTER 2013

For Week ending January 18th



BLOSSOM
&
GROW at
MONTALBO



MAKE THIS WEEKEND A NIT BUSTING WEEKEND!!

Several parents have reported they have found head lice this term when checking pupils' hair. I am extremely grateful to those families who regularly check and who let us know when they find 'visitors'.

CAN EVERY FAMILY CHECK HEADS THIS WEEKEND

If we all do this perhaps we can eradicate the little creatures.

YOU NEED TO COMB DAMP HAIR WITH A FINE TOOTH COMB.

Combing does get rid of the lice and you can also use shampoo or lotion to kill live lice. It is important to continue to check after treatment as the eggs can sometimes survive the treatment and hatch out –therefore infesting your child's hair again.

REGULAR COMBING IS REALLY IMPORTANT.

Can I also suggest that girls with long hair wear it tied back to avoid hair to hair contact.

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NO SUCH THING AS BAD WEATHER JUST THE WRONG CLOTHES!!

This week we have been surprised by children arriving at school without hats and gloves and occasionally with inappropriate footwear for winter. Our playground is very exposed and children need to wrap up against the cold. We go outside during breaks unless there is a safety risk e.g. icy tarmac or the weather is stormy.

SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER HAS SUITABLE CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR FOR WINTERY WEATHER CONDITIONS.

There are several odd gloves & unclaimed items in our lost property box. This box is situated in the Key Stage 2 Cloakroom. It would be helpful if all items could be labelled so things could be returned to their owners.

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DESPITE LAST WEEK'S REMINDER THERE ARE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO DO NOT HAVE A WATER BOTTLE IN SCHOOL. It is not very environmentally friendly to continue to give out disposable cups. **EVERYONE NEEDS A WATER BOTTLE IN SCHOOL**

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NOW WE ARE BACK TO ROUTINE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PARENTS READ REGULARLY/ HEAR & TALK ABOUT READING. Key Stage 2 parents you need to do this too. Discussion stimulates better understanding.

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Practise handwriting & using rulers to draw straight lines.

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PRACTISE QUICK RECALL OF ADDITION & SUBTRACTION FACTS

FAMILY EXPLORERS –it’s not too late to sign up –fill in the form & return asap.
Thank you to those families who have already returned their forms.

THERE WILL BE A LAUNCH OF THE PROJECT at school from 3:30pm to 5pm on February 4th. Amy Bainbridge from Bowes Museum will be on hand with lots of fun. There will be a representative of the Theatre Royal too.

You can visit as many or as few of the local attractions and be able to influence them to make them more family friendly. You will be able to keep a scrapbook of your visits. IT IS WELL WORTH SIGNING UP TO THIS PROJECT. Ask if you need any further details.

SILVER MEDALLISTS 2013

ELLIE R, KATYP, ROSIE P, SARAH M, JESSICA &

KIERAN

TEAM POINTS

GREEN 4pts, RED 3pts, YELLOW 2pts and BLUE 1pt

NICOLA COULTHARD, PARENT SUPPORT ADVISOR (PSA), IS BACK FROM MATERNITY LEAVE.

SHE CAN BE CONTACTED VIA THE ONE POINT HUB.

SARA GEE, School Nurse, is also based at the One Point Hub.

The centre number is 03000 261120

This is your one stop shop for help and advice

JACKY TWEEDY IS OUR EMOTIONAL WELL BEING WORKER. We share her services with St Mary’s and Green Lane Schools.

Her role is to support children who may be feeling a bit down, confused or worried. She is trained in offering support to parents worried about pupil behaviour or can help with parenting skills. She is in school on Thursday afternoons. If you want her help let me know and I will put you in touch with her.

ROBERT FOTHERGILL has worked in our school previously as part of 2D. We are lucky to have acquired his services again through grant funding from Northern Housing.

He will be in school every Friday afternoon to half term and then every Friday morning to Easter. He is going to work with several children to develop confidence skills. He plans to get the children to work on a project of their choosing. He will help them gather information, present this & move the project forward. There may be the opportunity to visit the Hub and take part in a wide range of activities to challenge & boost self-esteem.

Ask if you need more information or would like your child involved

FANTASTIC FOXES THIS TERM

OLIVIA SL for ordering numbers to 10

MALCOLM & ALEX for great improvements in reading & phonics

JENI for setting herself a handwriting target and working hard to achieve this.

NIAMH B for noticeable improvements in literacy, numeracy and art



YEARS 3 & 4 NEED A PACKED LUNCH ON MONDAY- do not forget!!

They are going to the Discovery Museum in Newcastle to explore the World War 2 exhibition.

YEARS 5 & 6 are going to a TITANIC workshop at the Darlington Railway Museum on Wednesday.

This term YEARS 1&2 will visit local shops & supermarket as part of their topic.

RECEPTION children will go to the Hancock Museum to see the dinosaur exhibition.

Nursery pupils will go to the castle.