

MONTALBO PRIMARY SPRING TERM

NEWSLETTER 2013



Blossom &
Grow at
Montalbo



KEEP CHECKING HAIR
please

Great Maths & Chinese
New Year homework
received. Can you make
some compass patterns?

For Week ending February 15th

FANTASTIC FOXES Feb 1st



ROBIN for knowing about 2d & 3d shapes
& working hard all week

KAYLEY for excellent independent library

JOE for writing with style & thought

JONATHAN for excellent reading &
discussion skills

FANTASTIC FOXES Feb 8th

JASMINE for improved letter formation

MAISIE O D for challenging herself &
producing more work

HANNAH for good leadership skills &
teamwork

NIAMH W for a mature attitude towards
work



Remember to label all school uniform
items please & bring in a water bottle

TAYLOR SHAW our catering supplier has written to reassure
parents that only locally sourced beef (from **MANNERS** at
PONTELAND) is used in their school meals. Visit our website
if you wish to read their letter. www.montalbo.durham.sch.uk

**QUESTIONNAIRES WERE SENT OUT ON THURSDAY
ASKING YOU TO RATE OUR SERVICES AT SCHOOL &
NURSERY-** please take the time to fill them in so we know
areas you are happy with and things you would like us to
improve. Your views really count!!! There will be a prize draw
on Friday 1st Mar from completed questionnaires received by
that date.

Library display

Parents & Pupils take a picture of someone reading –think
of somewhere unusual. The most unusual photo will win a
£5 book token.

Write a short book review of a book you have enjoyed tell us
who wrote it, why you liked it & who might enjoy reading
that book. It can be fact or fiction. (So far only one received)

Adults -Tell us your favourite childhood author or book –
email responses to montalbo@durhamlearning.net

Or

send details via your child/grandchild/niece/nephew

HOLIDAY HOMEWORK:

**FIND & COPY OUT IN YOUR BEST HANDWRITING A POEM BY
YOUR FAVOURITE POET.....** (prizes for neatest in each year
group) Try **EDWARD LEAR, MICHAEL ROSEN, SPIKE MILLIGAN,
ALLAN ALLBERG & many more.**

Find out & write some details about **LENT** and **EASTER** or make a
PowerPoint (send these to g.bainbridge101@durhamlearning.net)
or put on a memory stick, draw a cartoon style version of the
Easter story. The best examples will be used in assemblies and for
displays in the coming weeks.

TEESDALE MERCURY COMPETITION: Write a Mothers' Day Poem &
take your entry to the Mercury by Feb 28th for a chance to win a
PONTINS holiday. Last year Kian won a pampering session for his
mum so it is worth taking part.

BRONZE MEDALLIST 2013 - LARA

SILVER MEDALLISTS 2013

**GRACE T, KATLEHO, ELLA, HANNAH &
ROBIN**

TEAM POINTS

**GREEN 15pts, RED 14pts, YELLOW 12pts
and BLUE 9 pts**

JOB VACANCY IN SCHOOL FROM APRIL 15th

We require a lunchtime supervisory assistant to
care for the children over the lunchtime period
11:45am to 1pm daily term time only.

Application forms and job details are available
from the school office. The closing date for
Applications is **MARCH 1st** with interviews held on
6th March

Design a logo for
Monty's Drop In

MONTY'S DROP IN

Children's prizes for
this name

This name has been chosen from children's suggestions.

Day	Activity
25/02	Recycled Jewellery Making
26/02	Cookery ~ Bread Making
27/02	Football + Monty's Chill Out Club
28/02	Table Tennis Tournament
01/03	Marbling & Bubble Painting
04/03	Curling Skills – P.E.
05/03	Mothers' Day Gift Making
06/03	Football + Monty's Chill Out Club
07/03	Cookery ~ Soup Making
08/03	Canvas Print Painting
11/03	Cartoon Drawing
12/03	Wii Tournament
13/03	Football + Monty's Chill Out Club
14/03	Making Peg People
15/03	Cookery ~ Fruit Smoothies

Opposite you can see the activities which will be on offer on a weekly basis from now until Easter at Monty's Drop In. Your child can come along to those they are interested in as long as you let us know. There is a £4 charge. The activities which run in the Nursery building are from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. You can purchase additional chill out time until 5:30pm if you wish. Chill out time is also available from 3:30pm for children not wishing to participate in an organised activity but need to be looked after.

Guitar club(Mon lunchtime) needs to be pre booked and places are subject to availability.

Football team can access the football club free of charge!

Breakfast club is a still available from 7:45am. On Thursday of this week the children enjoyed a Valentine's day themed breakfast. We will be holding more themed breakfasts in the future –watch out for Cowboy breakfast! Ring the day before to book your breakfastclub place. In an emergency situation you could bring your child along without pre booking if that would help you. School age children are escorted over to school every morning & on Tuesdays and Thursdays enjoy organised team games in the school hall.

WHY NOT GIVE THESE SESSIONS A GO?

Day	Activity
18/03	Cookery ~ Mini Cheesecakes
19/03	Face Painting
20/03	Football + Monty's Chill Out Club
21/03	Card Games
22/03	Pencil Decoupage
25/03	Easter Crafts
26/03	Easter Treasure Hunt
27/03	Football + Monty's Chill Out Club

PARKING PROBLEMS AGAIN!

A concerned parent spoke with me about inconsiderate and often dangerous parking occurring in Fairfield Road & the vicinity of school..

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON BOTH SIDES OF FAIRFIELD ROAD as other vehicles cannot pass safely along the remaining road. It is very inconvenient for people living in the bungalows along the road too.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK WITH YOUR WHEELS ON THE PAVEMENT- parents with buggies or wheelchair users cannot safely use the pavements if you do this.

PLEASE BE VIGILANT as you enter or leave school or nursery with your child. Too many youngsters seem to be allowed to run on ahead or are allowed to dawdle behind. Often these children do not remain on the path but run out onto Fairfield Road thinking it is a minor road and is safe –IT IS NOT!

Our school entrance is a bottle neck for traffic so why not consider walking to school if you are able to ease congestion or leave your vehicle further away along Montalbo Road perhaps and walk a short distance.

Should this dangerous parking continue I shall ask the Community Police support officers to patrol & this may incur parking penalties.

On WORLD BOOK DAY March 7th you are invited to come into school from 2:30pm to read with, write stories and poems with the children in the hall. There will be word searches and other fun activities as well as refreshments. Grandparents can come along too.

I am very pleased with the improvements children are making in literacy. There have been some good grade improvements in written work from Autumn Term results to now. Maths assessments took place this week. Details of these results will be shared with you at the Parents' Evening to take place in March.

The Family explorer session went well and Families present were given Explorer packs. To help families visit some of the Newcastle Venues I am prepared to organise a coach from School to Newcastle one Saturday so families can get to the museums etc. without having to worry about car parking.. Let me know if you would be interested in such an event. This half term why not visit the Bowes Museum or Beamish. You could try a theatre visit. A stage version of James & the Giant Peach will be performed at the Civic Theatre soon.

HAVE SOME FAMILY FUN EXPLORING TEESDALE TOO!