

# MONTALBO PRIMARY SPRING TERM

## NEWSLETTER 2013



Blossom &  
Grow at  
Montalbo



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

For Week ending March 1st

### **FANTASTIC FOXES week ending Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**

**LIAM F** for great description of a science experiment

**MAISIE O D** for great scores in her weekly and half termly maths tests

**AIDAN M** for a mature attitude to work reflecting in all round improvements to his work

**CONNOR** for all round effort

#### **SILVER MEDALLISTS this week**

**CHLOE W, NEEVE, NATHANIEL, JAIDEN H, JASMINE, & MALCOLM**

TEAM POINTS TO DATE

RED 18, GREEN 17, YELLOW 15 and BLUE 10

### **RE Lunchtime Supervisor VACANCY IN SCHOOL FROM APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>**

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINE REACHED**

Due to high volume of applicants and the necessity of receiving references the interview date will now take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>. Shortlisted applicants will receive an invitation for interview next week

### **IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY on March 7<sup>th</sup>**

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.

**BRING A BOOK TO SHARE WITH YOUR CHILD IF YOU WISH.**

Tell us your favourite author/book when you were small, books you enjoy now!

World Book Day vouchers will be distributed.

NB Y3/4 will go swimming as normal so will be back about 3pm.

**COME TO THE HALL**

**QUESTIONNAIRES WERE SENT OUT BEFORE HALF TERM ASKING YOU TO RATE OUR SERVICES AT SCHOOL & NURSERY- .**

Thank you to everyone who has responded so far.

**THE PRIZE DRAW WINNERS** drawn March 1<sup>st</sup> were **KATY P's mum (RECEPTION CLASS) & EWAN BELL's mum (NURSERY)**. They received chocolates.

**It is not too late to fill in a questionnaire.**

**YOUR IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENTS ARE IMPORTANT.**

Questionnaires need to be returned by next Friday please.

Thank you for your positive comments and I will reply to all your suggestions for improvements.

**Some things that have cropped up so far include:-**

**School meals, increasing p.e. delivered in school, additional information relating to what children are learning each week/half term.**

**Some of the meals issues mentioned referred to insufficient quantities of food so children had to have sandwiches.**

This has never occurred –very occasionally a child will not like choice 1 or 2 and rather than go hungry Mrs Slater has volunteered to prepare a sandwich. There are 2 choices everyday cooked on a 60%: 40% ratio, with more of the most popular meal. Unfortunately children at the end of a queue may not always get their first choice. To avoid disappointment we rotate the pupils so that the same people are not always at the end of the queue. However I understand that from a pupil's point of view if you do not get the meal you want it may seem unfair.

School has not stopped using tomato ketchup to save money.

Taylor Shaw balance the meals to Government standards. It was their company which removed the sauce due to its sugary content. Issues relating to meal quality I will take up with Mrs Slater and her line manager.

Notification about what children are about to learn will be posted on classroom exit doors, on the website & I will mention these details on the newsletter.

**PARENTS EVENING** scheduled for **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** will address pupil progress against targets & what support is being offered to those who are either below age related expectation or who need further challenge to move from age related to above. Apologies to anyone who feels their child does not receive praise via the newsletter. If the same people are mentioned for homework tasks set by me it's probably because certain families can be relied on to complete these whilst others don't

**CHANGE TO SPORT OFFERED ON WEDNESDAYS JOHN WALKER HAS OFFERED US TAG RUGBY which we have agreed to as a change from football. Everyone is welcome but there is a charge for everyone of £4. When football is reinstated the team will get free access.**

**What's on next week?**

**MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> CURLING –PE - TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MOTHER'S DAY GIFT MAKING - WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> TAG RUGBY & MONTY'S CHILL OUT - THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MAR COOKERY SOUP MAKING - FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAR CANVAS PRINT PAINTING**

**What's on next week Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Mar Cartoon drawing - Tues 12<sup>th</sup> wii tournament - WED TAG RUGBY & MONTY'S chill out - THURS 13<sup>th</sup> Making PEG people - Fri Cookery SMOOTHIE MAKING**

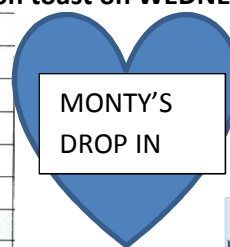
**Breakfast club –Come for a Cowboy Breakfast –sausage & beans on toast on WEDNESDAY**

**WANTED DESIGNS FOR SCHOOL SIGNS TO FIX ON OUR SCHOOL GATES FRONT & REAR TO WELCOME PEOPLE**

**SIGN TO INCORPORATE BLOSSOM & GROW AT MONTALBO MOTTO**

**CONNELLY'S VOUCHERS FOR WINNING DESIGNS**

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



**MUTTON FAMILY CHOICE**

**Design a logo for Monty's Drop In**

**Our Annual Mother's Day Lunch will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March.**

Female family members are welcome to attend. Closing date for bookings is next **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. We will be unable to accept any further bookings after that due to ordering procedures

**ITS PARENTS EVENING ON TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 4pm to 6pm. MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO COME ALONG AND DISCUSS YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS.** Appointments available next week. This is really an important opportunity for you to find out what your children are doing & what their next steps will be.

**IT'S COMIC RELIEF DAY ON FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.** I have asked everyone to think of something we can do to raise funds. Suggestions have included a bake sale, dressing up as people from around the world, bringing a change of clothes & water pistols for a water activity over lunchtime. Can you think of anything else –we will vote next week in assembly time. **LET'S DO SOMETHING FUNNY FOR MONEY!!!!!!**

**REMINDER ABOUT SCHOOL UNIFORM**

We wear red polo shirts & blue sweatshirts with grey trousers, skirts or pinafores. We do this so we all look smart and part of one school community. As your child outgrows uniform & if it is in good condition please donate it to school so it can be recycled. We are hoping to set up a **UNIFORM SWOP SHOP**.

Please ensure school shoes are black and sensible with fastenings your child is able to do up unaided. Trainers are fine for outdoor p.e. but do not look as smart with uniform.

In the Summer girls can wear blue and white checked dresses please with navy blue cardigans/sweatshirts. Sensible school sandals are best.

**I WILL BE REWARDING PUPILS WHO ARE CORRECTLY AND SMARTLY DRESSED.** You can order uniform via the school office or via **TESCO** online.

**Thank you Grace T for your Easter comic strip, to Ella for handwriting poem and pictures,**

**to Maisie O D, Kian, Abigail & Katleho for their beautifully written poems**

**to Kailey for letter and number work.**

**ALL RECEIVED PRIZES**

**Well done to Jake who was so proud of his letter containing balanced arguments and opinions.**

**Great work from Y1/2 who are writing independently.**

**WOW Y5/6 huge gains in reading ages this half term –**

**Well done Y3/4 for your written work about the War**

**Reception Class what a lovely Spring display you have worked on & for discussing you exploration to find signs of Spring**