

MONTALBO PRIMARY SPRING TERM

NEWSLETTER 2013

READ REGULARLY &
TALK ABOUT BOOKS!



Blossom & Grow
Montalbo



For Week ending March 8th

FANTASTIC FOXES week ending March 1st

JOEL F for great role play

IFAN for checking work to improve literacy & numeracy

KIAN for great problem solving and using his initiative

JAKE for writing a balanced argument

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

THE WHOLE SCHOOL IS GOING TO SEE GREASE AT TEESDALE SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 14th MARCH

We will have an early lunch, walk to the school then watch the performance. We will be back at school for buses & the normal school closing time.

FAMILY EXPLORERS –start your scrap books –where will you visit over the Easter break? Remember to read the e newsletters.

Our Y5 & 6s took part in a watercolour workshop at the Bowes Museum on Thursday. They toured the Rokeby exhibition too. All said they enjoyed the session. They are due to go back to do some creative writing in a couple of weeks.

It is not too late to fill in a questionnaire.
YOUR IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENTS ARE IMPORTANT.

PARENTS EVENING scheduled for Tuesday 19th March. **YOU CAN BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT ANYTIME VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE.** Please let us know by 18th March so staff are able to fully prepare. This is your chance to find out whether your child is on track. Find out what we are doing to help your child meet targets. Find out what extra help is available. We will share information about what you can do to help. Use this to ask for details about what children are learning in class. All teachers will be in the hall so as to be easily accessible & to ensure everyone gets a fair time to talk. I'll be in the hall too so please take your chance to share suggestions for improvements, air any worries you may have about school.

Blossom & Grow at Montalbo is our motto & refers to all of us PARENTS, PUPILS & STAFF. We are here to get the best outcomes and really need to work collaboratively.

ALL CHILDREN RECEIVED WORLD BOOK DAY VOUCHERS

Thank you to those mums who were able to come along to our shared booktime on Thursday.

Friends of Montalbo will hold an **EASTER TOMBOLA** on the afternoon of Wednesday 27th March. There will be refreshments, cake stall and tombola from 1:30pm. We will hold our Easter Assembly from 2pm.

We will hold a decorated Easter egg competition with eggs decorated in school. Why not make an Easter bonnet at home as a family. Results announced at the Assembly.

PLEASE DONATE CHOCOLATE ITEMS FOR THE TOMBOLA –chocolate bars, eggs, bunnies etc. –everything gratefully received

ANTHONY, LARA, NATHANIEL & SOPHIE S have been chosen to take part in a Heart of Teesdale project. They will be working on the design for a Nature trail from the Scar Top. They will work with **ROBERT FOTHERGILL & SARAH SMITH.** It's great that our youngsters will be involved in something to impact on improving Barnard Castle.

What's on next week Mon 11th Mar Cartoon drawing- Tues 12th wii tournament - WED TAG RUGBY & MONTY'S chill out - THURS 13th Making PEG people - Fri 14th Cookery SMOOTHIE MAKING

Following weeks

- 18th March cookery –mini cheesecakes
 - 19th March Face Painting
 - 20th March Tag Rugby or Monty's Chill out time
 - 21st March Card games
 - 22nd March Pencil decoupageBreakfast club
 - 25th March Easter crafts
 - 26th Easter Treasure Hunt
 - 27th March Tag Rugby & Monty's Chill Out
- Cowboy Breakfast –went well



EASTER BREAKFAST WEDNESDAY

20th March

Toast & HOT CROSS BUNS

Open from 7:45am

PLEASE COME ALONG

**Design a logo for Monty's Drop In.
Winning design wins a book**

Thank you for booking your Mother's Day lunch – we are now fully booked

TOPICS & AREAS OF LEARNING

Reception are focusing on Spring

Y1 & 2 are looking at bugs and minibeasts

Y3 & 4 continue to learn about WW2. In Science they are finding out about light & shade

Y5 & 6 are continuing work on the Titanic

CALLING ALL **Y3 and 4s**

You MUST! MUST! MUST! learn your tables.

Everyone needs to be able to chant their tables – there is no other way than rote learning –parents you need to help. Who will be the first to learn all tables x2 to x10?

Y1s and 2s need to learn addition and subtraction facts up to 10 then up to 20. RECEPTION LEARN YOUR HIGH FREQUENCY WORDS

Breakfast Club is open to Nursery through to Y6. Julia Kicks & Karen Lockwood are in charge & are constantly trying new ideas to boost numbers.

Parents pay for breakfast club so it is important that it is their children who are cared for in the school yard by Julia & Karen. The Monty's Ladies cannot supervise other children. It is important that as parents you do not leave your child in the yard until I am outside or my representative is present.

If you need a small amount of morning supervision for your child why not pay £2 and drop your child in at the Nursery from 8:30 to 8:45am –then Monty's staff will supervise.

Did you know games sessions for breakfast club are held from 8:45am on Tuesdays and Thursdays –again for £1 your child could join in?

Some parents questioned our club charges. These will remain unchanged at £4 per session. These costs cover staffing & food costs. We are non-profit making and have to pay for our qualified staff. If more children accessed the facilities then costs could be lowered but as a small school offering considerable choice we are unable to reduce charges at present.

IT'S COMIC RELIEF DAY ON FRIDAY 15TH MARCH. LET'S DO SOMETHING FUNNY FOR MONEY!!!!!!

Well done EBONY for winning the Teesdale Mercury Mother's day competition

–dress in RED, there will be a cake sale –donations please. Bring £1 for dressing up & 50p per cake

TEESDALE ATHELETIC CLUB ARE ORGANISING A 10K race at Raby Castle. THERE WILL BE A 3k junior run.

The Annual Big Sing has been called off at the last moment as Staindrop Academy are having their hall re roofed. The Y3/4 children will sing the songs they have learnt at our EASTER ASSEMBLY. The woodwind performers OLIVIA B, EBONY & NICOLE will take part in a woodwind concert at Ingleton Primary School on 18th March from 3:30pm –all parents welcome –no tickets needed. I will take the girls down for the rehearsal & can return them home if parents are unable to go to the concert for any reason.

ASK MRS HAWCROFT FOR DETAILS OR CALL IN THE OFFICE FOR AN APPLICATION FORM