

MONTALBO PRIMARY SPRING TERM



Blossom & Grow
Montalbo



NEWSLETTER 2013

PRACTISE YOUR TABLES
& Learn number facts

For Week ending March 15th

FANTASTIC FOXES

Week ending March 8th

TILLY for great literacy work

SAMMIE S for great attitude to maths & improving results

NAT for a mature attitude in school

OLIVIA for great presentation, high levels of achievement and solo singing performance

SILVER MEDALLISTS this week

ROSIE Wr, LUKE, MAISY, JENI & MAY

TEAM POINTS TO DATE

RED 22, GREEN 18, YELLOW 18 and BLUE

Some of our children took part in the SMAD event at St Mary's Church last week. Reverend Harding said all youngsters enjoyed the activity session.

On Fri 22nd the Methodist Church is holding another of their Messy Church Activity sessions. Children must be accompanied by an adult who can enjoy refreshments whilst the activities take place.

The Bowes Museum have some lovely crafty activities planned over the Easter holidays – Why not go along.

Fancy something sporty then investigate Teesdale Leisure Centre!

Grace T & Ebony entered the design for welcoming signs to school. So their designs will be made up over the holidays into metal signage to be displayed on our gates. There is still time for children to enter designs for other Blossom & Grow & welcome signs for School & Nurserv

TEESDALE ATHLETIC CLUB ARE ORGANISING A 10K run at Raby Castle. THERE WILL BE A 3k junior run too. ASK MRS HAWCROFT FOR DETAILS OR CALL IN THE OFFICE FOR AN APPLICATION FORM

PARENTS EVENING Tuesday 19th March.

Have you booked your appointment?

Please let us know by **18th March** so teachers 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 time 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.

GETTING READY FOR EASTER

Friends of Montalbo will hold **EASTER TOMBOLA** on the afternoon of **Wednesday 27th March.** There will be **refreshments, and tombola from 1:30pm.** We will hold our Easter Assembly from 2pm. **PLEASE DONATE AN EGG OR BAR/BOX OF CHOCOLATES** for the **Chocolate tombola.** There will be a raffle with the chance to win a decorated cake

We will hold a decorated Easter egg competition with eggs decorated in school.

BRING A BOILED EGG FOR DECORATING WEEK BEGINNING MARCH 25th. All items for decorating will be sourced in school.

Why not make an Easter bonnet at home as a family –Prize for the best bonnet. Results announced at the Assembly.

Thank you all for supporting COMIC RELIEF. Final total raised will be on next week's newsletter.

THE WHOLE SCHOOL WENT TO SEE GREASE AT TEESDALE SCHOOL this week

It was a great experience for everyone. It was good to see ex Montalbo Nursery & Primary School pupils in the cast (some with significant roles).

Our Y5 & 6s took part in a creative writing workshop at the Bowes Museum on Thursday. Their work will feature as an epic poem and will be displayed in the Museum.

What's on next week
 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



EASTER BREAKFAST will now be held on TUESDAY 26th March TOASTED HOT CROSS BUNS, CEREAL or TOAST –please give it a go! Open from 7:45am

Last week of term
 25th March Easter crafts
 26th Easter Treasure Hunt
 27th March Tag Rugby & Monty's Chill Out time

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

Special thanks to Mia & her grandma for the beautiful Montalbo Blossom & Grow plaque. We are choosing a special high profile place to fix it.

Words, words, words, sounds, sounds, sounds.....

Want to know which High Frequency words children ought to be able to read & spell by which age.

Curious about which phonetic sounds your child ought to know & which Phase of Letters & Sounds they are working on -**SEE MRS BAINBRIDGE at PARENTS EVENING FOR HANDOUTS.**

There are some Easter activity sheets in school e.g. –write an acrostic poem using

EASTER, BUNNY, DAFFODIL

Write an account of the Easter story, find the eggs, solve riddles.

Collect these from the corridor.

Complete & return for prizes

CHALLENGE THIS WEEKEND

Design & make an Easter basket to fit a Crème egg. I'll supply an egg for each well made & decorated basket.

In the News Challenge

A new Pope has been chosen from Argentina. He will be known as Pope Francis 1.

Find out 3 facts about Argentina.

Find 3 facts about the new Pope

Find out who Francis of Assisi was & why he was famous.

NO TOYS IN SCHOOL

Children do not need to bring soft toys or other items to play with from home. They are not allowed to play with them in school time so please make sure that all toys stay at home. Show and Tell sessions do not need to feature toys – in fact details of a family visit, a beautiful item found on a walk are much more interesting.

Being Kind To Feet!

The slippers worn by several of our Reception & Year 1 and 2 children are now beginning to look quite tired!!! I am concerned that as slippers stretch children are not walking properly in them, kind of shuffling along. This is not good for the development of young bones or for developing good posture and co-ordination so can I therefore suggest that after Easter children have a pair of sensible school shoes and/ or sandals with a pair of PE shoes they can change into if their footwear is muddy. It is fine to have a pair of wellies in school.

BE SMART FOR SUMMER TERM

Summer Uniform for girls is a blue check dress with a navy blue cardigan or red polo shirt with grey shorts & navy blue top, for boys red polo shirt & grey shorts or trousers please.

If you are buying summer footwear make sure it is suitable for school wear-fashion items can be quite slippery on the playground so save for home please.

REMINDER ROBINWOOD ADVENTURE takes place Mon April 29th to Wednesday May 1st. I will accompany the Y5 children.

We will be holding a weekend camp on our school field in June for anyone in Key Stage 2. There will be a meeting after Easter to discuss the cost & what this entails. Contour Education are providing the instructors. I will be on site and children will access the school toilets and hall. Last year we had great fun & those taking part loved every minute

In April Y1 & 2 will experience a team building day with Contour when all lessons will occur outdoors developing simple bush craft & team challenges. Outdoor learning is really important

MOTHERS DAY LUNCH IS ON THURSDAY 22nd MARCH from 12pm. We have 50 mums/female relatives booked in so we will begin serving as soon as guests arrive. We will try our best to serve you all quickly but urge you to be patient. Families will be seated in the hall and pupils will eat in classrooms. The response has been absolutely superb.

WOODWIND PLAYERS OLIVIA, EBONY & NICOLE will take part in a concert at Ingleton Primary on Monday 18th - all are welcome to go along –no tickets required