

Montalbo Summer Newsletter 11

week ending July 5th 2013

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Stars of week & medallists will feature on next week's newsletter.

This brief newsletter format is due to time needed to prepare pupils' school reports which will be sent out next week.

Y5/6 pupils have been invited to have a meal at THE CROWN on MONDAY 15th June as part of the Come Dine with Me experience. They will taste Andrew's version of our menu –quiche followed by strawberry pavlova. They will have a tour of the kitchen, cellar and dining areas followed by an ice cream master class. SO SEND ONLY 4 DAYS DINNER MONEY that week & no packed lunches required.

Y6s had a brilliant day in Hamsterley forest (despite the midges) celebrating with other Y6s from across the dale. They took part in camp cooking, orienteering, den building and water based games.

Everyone in Nursery & School enjoyed fantastic PUPPET workshops on Thursday. Every child was able to work with a puppet. Y5/6s made up stories which could be transferred to a writing task. Y3 & 4s worked on Fantasy Stories & will follow these up next week. Y1s and 2s worked on THE PIED PIPER whilst Reception & Nursery Children worked on The Three Little Pigs. The puppeteer, an ex Head Teacher had everyone including the teachers enthralled.

Nursery Sports Day was very well attended by family & friends. The youngsters performed to the best of their ability.

Y3 & 4 had a good time at the HUB on Friday on team & confidence building.

We had an unpleasant incident in school where someone thought it would be fun to hide someone else's hat causing considerable distress and disruption. Thankfully the hat was found. To prevent recurrence of such problems can I urge all parents to prevent children bringing expensive or precious items into school? It would also help if children brought book bags, p.e. bags & lunch boxes only. Then only PE bags need to be hung in the Key Stage 2 cloakroom. THERE IS NO NEED FOR ANYONE TO BRING LARGE RUCKSACKS except when advised to do so e.g. for trips. FROM SEPTEMBER NO RUCKSACKS / BAGS OTHER THAN A BOOK BAG WILL BE ALLOWED. Please order a book bag if you have not already got one or perhaps you could ask one of our 6s to donate their old one.

ALL CHILDREN SHOULD WEAR UNIFORM AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT FOR outward bound activities-e.g. checked shorts for boys, non-uniform sweat tops for boys and girls, are NOT ACCEPTABLE. Children do not need to bring expensive sunhats and sun glasses.

Many Reception pupils do not have adequate labels in PE clothing and sweat shirts – please label all items. My guess is that this will be true for many other classes too. AGAIN HELP US BY LABELLING ALL EQUIPMENT.

NEXT WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY Our Y6s visit Teesdale for their Three Day Induction so only 2 days dinner money for 6s please.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PAY YOUR DINNER MONEY IN ADVANCE EVERY MONDAY PLEASE.

ON WEDNESDAY OF NEXT WEEK EVERYONE IS INVITED TO WEAR PIRATE THEMED CLOTHES.

We will enjoy a performance of TREASURE ISLAND at 9:30am followed by the chance to write pirate, desert island stores, design treasure maps, paint and take part in some pirate antics. It will be great fun. You can download a copy of Treasure Island on KINDLE or KOBO –why not read excerpts to your child so they are prepared.

Y5/6s took part in a Cricket tournament and worked hard against other competing schools.

The banners we designed were put up and then taken down due to adverse conditions. Annalisa Ward is going to let us display them in school until a solution is found to re-erect them around the town.

Olivia B received a reply to her letter inviting Blue Peter presenters to school. Unfortunately their filming schedule prevents their attendance.

Shortlisting for the teaching post in Y3/4 class will take place next week. I have arranged to see potential candidates teach in their current schools. I can assure all parents that we will appoint a strong teacher to replace Mr Howell.

We will send out pupil progress information during the last week of term so you know what level your child has achieved and what their targets will be between now and the end of the next academic year. Pupil reports detailing subject progress are ready to be printed off & you will receive them by the end of next week. Should you wish to discuss anything in the report please contact school to make an appointment.

We were able to support M & Co's charity fashion show in aid of DIABETES UK by loaning our chairs.

We have been invited to take part in Barney's version Incredible Edible. Mrs Barmby will talk to the children on Friday followed by Amelia's dad, Thom & his team preparing some veg beds around school for people to help themselves to home grown veg.