

MONTALBO PRIMARY SUMMER TERM

For Week ending May 17th

PLEASE Learn multiplication tables

HOW MANY WORDS CAN YOU FIND CONTAINING igh, ure, tion? (prizes up for grabs)
Think about past tense verbs –children need to practise adding ed as lived, moved, listened etc.

FANTASTIC FOXES last week

Taylor & Katy P for working hard
Maisie O D for extending the quality & quantity of written work

Maisy M for practising at home & mastering vertical subtraction

Ella for using paragraphs effectively & improving the quality of her written work

SILVER MEDALLIST **Maisie O D**

GOLD MEDALLIST **Ellie R**

Outstanding Achievement Award

CONNIE- superb result

TEAM POINTS FOR This Term

Reds 15 Greens 15 Blues 13 Yellows 11

Monty's Drop In Activities to end of term

13/05	Cooking ~ French/Cinnamon Toast
14/05	Construction Set Model Making
15/05	Already enjoyed
16/05	Magnetic Darts Competition
17/05	Puppet Show Performing
20/05	Exploring Clay
21/05	Cooking ~ Pizza
22/05	Sport + Monty's Chill Out Club
23/05	Yard Art with Chalks

THURSDAY 23rd MAY

Mr HOWELL's CLASS OF Y3s and 4s are taking part in some simple map making, stream dipping and sculpture work with SARA COX from the RIVER TRUST next THURSDAY. **They will need wellingtons and warm old clothes.**

Waterproof clothing to cover up would ensure they are warm & dry. They will be out of school all morning –returning for lunch then going back to Percy Beck to make wire sculptures. Next Friday morning they follow up their activities with some CREATIVE PRINT WORK. They need an old tee shirt for this as they will wear these under painting shirts. They WILL be using printing ink which could stain good clothes. This work will complement their classwork this term. The event will only be cancelled if it rains heavily & the stream floods. **SO MAKE SURE THE CHILDREN HAVE PLENTY OF WARM LAYERS OF OLD CLOTHING**

Come to FOMS Fundraising Fashion Show at M & Co at the Barnard Castle Store on

MONDAY 20th MAY at 6pm. ALL WELCOME

TICKETS COST £2-50 to include wine/juice.

These are available from FOMs members, the shop or from school. Tell your friends and family to come along too. It will be a good evening!!!!

The Ofsted Report will be available on the school website soon
www.montalbo.durham.sch.uk.

All parent views are important & will be taken seriously. You can speak to Governors too. See last week's newsletter for their names

Remember -**NO PROBLEM IS EVER TOO SMALL TO SHARE & MOST CAN BE QUICKLY SORTED**

What's happening this week?

CLASS GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON TUESDAY 21st MAY (only Year 6s will have individual photos taken). Individual & family photos will be taken in October so you can use these as family Christmas gifts perhaps.

Anti-bullying workshop for Y5/6 next Wednesday
School Nurse will screen Reception pupils for Height, weight & vision on Wednesday morning.

CROSS COUNTRY at BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL for selected Key Stage 2 pupils from 2pm to 3:15. Mrs Rudge & Mrs McIntyre will accompany the runners. Parents are welcome to watch.

On Friday afternoon 24th May four Y5/6 pupils will go to the Bowes Museum to read aloud from the work of an author as part of a promotion dvd.

MEETING FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN STARTING OUR RECEPTION CLASS TAKES PLACE ON MAY 23rd at 6pm

HALF TERM COMMENCES MAY 24th. We return on JUNE 3rd
WE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT AS FROM SEPTEMBER 2013 SCHOOL MEALS WILL COST £1-80 per day. Thank you to all the families who completed permission slips to see if you qualify for free school meals. Remember if you have been turned down but then personal circumstances change you can re-apply.

A huge WELL DONE to the YEAR SIXES who undertook their SATS this week along with all 10/11 year olds Nationally. We are proud of you all, know you have tried your best and deserve to do well. HAVE A RELAXING WEEKEND – no homework, no stress –just a chance to CHILL (& that goes for Mrs Pannett & Mrs McIntyre too who have worked stoically to ensure the children were well prepared).

Mrs Ridley and her Reception pupils wish to say **THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR WEATHERALL**. On his recent holiday he collected lots of information and resources from NASA.

Thanks also to **Mr Rackham** for downloading information about Space Oddity recorded on the Space station.

Y1/2s learnt a great deal from their visit to High Crane Lodge. They were made aware of Health & Safety, of sustainability & recycling and about growing. They planted Curly Kale, Broccoli and investigated bug hotels. They used I pads to classify the creatures they found. They learnt about the animals on the farm & how these give us our food.

Learning to recognise & spell High Frequency Words improves your child's reading & writing skills significantly. Children from Reception through to Y4 will be bringing home spelling sheets containing age appropriate High Frequency Words (HFW).

Please practise these at home –use the look-copy, look cover & write, look cover write again technique. As soon as they can confidently write all the words on that sheet –send it back & ask for the next word list.

We need to improve the spelling of our youngsters who know **we** is **w e** but then write **wiy** or spell like as **layk**.

The more they practise the better they will spell.

There will be a phonic/reading workshop for parents after half term. So if you want advice on how to help your child then come along.

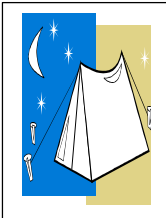
WATCH OUT FOR DETAILS AFTER THE MAY HALF TERM



THE NORTHERN ECHO IS HOLDING A COMPETITION TO DESIGN A CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BIRTH OF PRINCE WILLIAM'S BABY Card. Designs have to be on white A4. There are different age group categories. Closing date is June 4th. If you wish school to send your entry then give them to me by NEXT FRIDAY 23rd MAY

Please collect sweatshirts left in school

Following the deadline for booking the Weekend Camping Event reluctantly I wish to inform you there were insufficient numbers for the event to go ahead. Contour Education have said that we can postpone this & we plan to hold the event in September instead as several children cannot make the 8th June. There will be a publicity drive for this new date after half term.



This week the Year 5s have written some poetry & invented some riddles as part of their Literacy Work. They were taught by Mrs Johnson whilst the 6s sat their tests. They have worked hard.

Y3 & 4s have been investigating symmetry. Can you find examples of reflectional & rotational symmetry in the environment? Why not take some photos to demonstrate this.

We are still waiting to see the final print run of the Nature trail document as devised by LARA, ANTHONY, SOPHIE & NATHANIEL. Anthony is particularly proud of the word search he designed.

Y1s and 2s have been measuring in metres. Can they measure things at home in centimetres? Bring in examples for HT prizes.



Reception children have been working on doubling and halving numbers. Can they practise these facts at home?

1+1 2+2 3+3 4+4 5+5 etc.

Nursery children have set up a Wormery this week.

Halve 20, 14, 12 etc.

Have you seen the new enclosed verandah area in Nursery? It allows the children to find shelter whilst being outside.