



MONTALBO PRIMARY SUMMER TERM Newsletter for Week ending May 24th

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT IF YOU USE BREAKFAST CLUB OR MONTY'S DROP IN YOU PAY YOUR INVOICES PROMPTLY. THERE ARE SEVERAL OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS WHICH MUST BE PAID IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ADDITIONAL CARE CAN BE OFFERED. Non-payment impacts on our ability to pay our staff

**We need everyone to send dinner money at the start of every week or pay a month in advance
PUT ALL MONEY IN A NAMED ENVELOPE PLEASE**

FANTASTIC FOXES week ending May 17th



Children nominated receive Star of Week Shields



Taylor for investigating doubling numbers

Year 1 and 2 for excellent sports participation at Teesdale School

Neeve R for producing an excellent Science report & for additional homework

Year 6 for surviving one of the hardest week of the year

Silver Medallist: Bradley

Gold Medallist: Joel & Katie J

Team Points

GREEN 19 RED 18 BLUE 14 YELLOW 13

BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY HELD ON WEDNESDAY

WELL DONE TO KIERAN & SARAH who were the first Montalbo Boy & Girl to complete the Cross Country Course at Barnard Castle School. They received shields to celebrate this. Overall they finished 18 and 19th - a fantastic result. Their team mates did us proud also. Several children demonstrated their ability for long distance running. Some surprised themselves -KATIE N for example did really well.

The Ofsted report is now available on our school website www.montalbo.durham.sch.uk and on the Ofsted site. Governors sent out a letter to all Nursery & School Parents explaining how we will continue to improve pupil outcomes and teaching. A comprehensive action plan has been drawn up by School Staff & the Governing Body. We plan to keep you updated on how these actions are progressing in the coming weeks.

Governors will send you a newsletter at regular intervals and will hold SURGERIES so parents can approach Governors directly.

Can I remind everyone that you are always welcome to see me about any matter concerning your child whether that is about progress or wellbeing.

REMINDER IT IS HALF TERM NEXT WEEK. SCHOOL REOPENS JUNE 3rd

ON FRIDAY JUNE 7th RECEPTION PUPILS VISIT HIGH CRANE LODGE FARM. They need a packed lunch (no fizzy drinks please) wellingtons & warm clothes. They leave at 9:15 and will return by the end of the school day.

All classes have worked with 2D on anti-bullying. These workshops have been funded through Councillor Barbara Harrison's local communities' funding. Now representatives across school will work on an assembly presentation on June 5th to bring this work to a climax. It is very important that our youngsters feel safe and know who to talk to if they are worried.

WE ARE A TELLING SCHOOL SO NO CHILD MUST EVER FEEL THEY CANNOT TALK TO AN ADULT ABOUT ANY ISSUES. ALL CONCERNS BIG OR SMALL ARE TAKEN SERIOUSLY & INVESTIGATED. Following my recent refresher SAFEGUARDING & DESIGNATED CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING Can I urge parents to visit the CEOP website to help youngsters further understand how posting pictures over the internet, facetime & social media can make youngsters vulnerable to cyber-bullying and grooming. Help us to teach them how to be safe online especially through Xbox live, Wii, mobile devices, tablets and pcs. Make sure that when playing interactive games, chatting online etc. your child is in a room where their play can be monitored. Devices in bedrooms can be used for unsavoury practices. The school curriculum prepares children to be safe online but we need you to be vigilant too.

There is still time to enter the Northern Echo Competition to design a congratulations card for the new royal addition. Send your entries to the Echo.

A huge pat on the back & congratulations to all the parents involved with the Fashion Show. We all had a great night. FOMs raised a magnificent £298 -15. Thank you to Mr Brunskill & Mr Lawton for collecting, delivering & returning school chairs. It was good to see such a team effort & some new faces helping out when it came to ticket selling, raffle prize collecting, serving refreshments & modelling. James D was the brave male model strutting his stuff. He was ably assisted by Louisa B, Julie M, Amanda B, Rachel T and pupils Roan, Oliver, Billy, Maisy, Kieran, Kate, Amelia, Niamh W & Nicole. They were confident & resplendent in their chosen outfits. Special thanks to Miss Metcalfe for operating the sound system & to her mum for the brilliant M & Co commentary and to all the staff at the shop who helped us all purchase some bargains

Good luck to all Nursery & School pupils & their parents taking part in the MEET parade –we hope the weather is kind to you.

REMEMBER THE RABY CASTLE 10K & 5K RUN this weekend.

Over this half term why not pretend to be a newspaper reporter & write a news report about the fair, the Meet parade. Reception pupils write a sentence.



Teesdale School Staff congratulated our Y1 & 2s for their commitment, enthusiasm and behaviour at the Sports event last week. They took part in trampolining, gymnastics and even some cricket skills.

On Thursday our Year 3 and 4s braved the elements to take part in some stream dipping. They found lots of fresh water shrimps and larvae in their nets before the hail storm drove them back to school for the creative part of the session. Many thanks to those mums who helped out – I hope you had fun too.

As mentioned on a previous newsletter the camping on the school field event has been postponed. It is highly likely that it will be rescheduled for the last week in September if possible. We need 20 children to make the event viable. So if you think you would like your child to be involved Peter from Contour is going to come along to publicise this. As it will be in the new academic year I am looking for pupils who are currently in Y2,3,4 & 5 to take part –cost £69

Y1s and 2s need to practice reading this half term. Play with letters to build words –real & nonsense. Can they recognise **beach brown pour spoil fine plane right treasure tension** using phonic knowledge? What about **strom plunt dight knife** now try polysyllabic words **garage frogspawn doorknob what about bonwig pudight grunkle**. Remember this will help them in their National Phonic test held week beginning June 17th

KEEP PRACTISING HIGH FREQUENCY WORD SPELLINGS –using look write, look write, cover write, check method

This half term Miss Mitchell gets married and will become Mrs Patterson. On behalf of all staff and pupils we wish the happy couple health, wealth and happiness.

At the end of this term Mr Howell will be leaving us to further new ventures. We wish him well. An advert for his replacement will go to press shortly.