



MONTALBO NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter – September 2015

Dear Parents,

A huge welcome back to all of our pupils. They look thoroughly refreshed and ready to start a new year. We are very excited about the coming year and have lots of exciting activities planned already. Over the summer, lots of building work has been taking place and school is looking very smart indeed. We have a lot of staff changes this year, please keep the 24th September free as we have our Meet the Teacher evening from 4 – 6pm. This will give you the opportunity to take a look around school and meet your child's new class teacher.

School Uniform

It is great to see all of the children in full school uniform. They really do look smart and are a credit to the school. Please could I just remind you that we ask children to wear sensible plain black shoes as part of their uniform.

For Health and Safety reasons, we ask that children do not wear jewellery for school. If ears have been recently pierced they must be covered by a plaster for PE.

School Dinners

We are starting our new choice menu next week. If you have not completed your child's menu do ask the office for one to complete.

School Dinner Money

All children in Reception and KS1 receive a free school dinner funded by The Government. For those paying for lunch the cost is £9.75 per week and cheques should be made payable to Durham County Council.

Money in School

Please do ensure that any money brought into school is clearly labelled with the child's name, class and what the payment is for.

Punctuality

Please do ensure that your child is at school on time ready to start the day.

The whistle is blown at 8.55am. Your child is on the playground for 8.50am so they can walk into school with their class.

Holidays in Term Time

New, even tighter restrictions have just been published over holidays taken in term time. Please do keep in mind that I will only be able to authorise holidays in exceptional circumstances. This means your child will be recorded as having an unauthorised absence if you chose to take holidays in term time.

Montalbo Extra

Please do book your place as soon as possible as places are filling quickly. Don't forget that payment in advance for the full half term offers a 10% discount. Do ask if you need a booking form. We will be able to take last minute bookings in case of emergency but it should only be in an emergency. We need pupil numbers to provide adequate staffing at all times. Cheques for Montalbo Extra should be made out to Montalbo School Fund.

Fruit In School

All children aged 5 and under will receive a free piece of fruit as a snack at morning break. If you wish to send a snack in for older pupils please keep do. It helps to get them through to lunch time. Please ensure fruit only.



FOM's

We are very keen to recruit new parents to Friends of Montalbo. This is a fantastic way to get more involved in school life and help raise money for school funds. We will be holding a meeting on September 16th at 3.30pm so please do come along and find out more. We are very keen for FOM's and school to work together.

Reading Volunteers

Reading is one of the most important things a child will ever learn to do. I am looking for a team of volunteers to receive some training and commit to one afternoon per week to support our children's reading development. If you know of any Grans or Granddad's, mums or dads who would be willing to help do let me know.

Medical Information

If you child has any medical needs please do ensure that school is informed. Asthma Care Plans need to be completed for those children diagnosed with Asthma and Inhalers should be replenished so that they are In date. Please contact the office for a form to complete.

Data Sheet

Please do complete and return the attached data sheets as soon as possible. It is vital that we have up to date contact details in case of emergency.

Diary Dates

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| 7 th September | Healthy Lifestyle week |
| 11 th September | Voting Day – School Council |
| 16 th September | FOM's meeting – 3.30pm |
| 18 th September | Jeans for Genes Day Reading Workshop – Reception Parents (2.30pm) |
| 21 st September | Family Learning – Reception Class (Outdoor Explorers) |
| 24 th September | Meet the Teacher 4-6pm |
| 25 th September | Mc Millan Coffee afternoon |

If you have any queries at all, please just ask.

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