



...Climbing to Success!

### **Photographs**

The school photographer will be in on 20<sup>th</sup> October. If you have any children who are not in school yet and would like their photograph taken with an older brother or sister, please bring them in at 9am.

### **Pantomime**

This year instead of the usual trip to Darlington Civic Theatre for the pantomime, we are planning on a Theatre company to visit us in school. Jack and the Beanstalk on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

### **Christmas Concerts**

I know some of you may wish to book time off work so to help plan ahead our concerts are planned for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 6pm.

KS1 will be performing a version of The Nativity Story with KS2 singing carols. KS2 will hold a performance in the summer.

### **Punctuality**

All children should be on the playground for 8.55 when the whistle is blown. Children coming through the front door after the whistle has been blown will be marked down as late. Persistent latecomers may receive a visit from the Educational Welfare Officer.

### **School Payments**

Just a quick reminder that all school payments need to be kept up to date including dinner money. Once monies owed become greater than £50.00 we are obliged to pass the information to County Hall where the recovery team become involved. If you are not sure if you owe anything, please do ask at the office. We may be able to help.

### **Money**

Please ensure all money sent into school is in a clearly labelled envelope stating child's name, class and what the money is for. We have a large amount of money coming into the office on a daily basis and would not like to miss any.

### **Holiday Care**

We would appreciate your views on school running a holiday club for working parents. We are aware that many of you struggle to find adequate childcare in the school holidays and are keen to explore the possibility of providing care at school. Please complete the attached questionnaire.

Dear Parents,  
Our first month of the new school year has passed in a flurry and I am pleased to report that I am very impressed with the children in school at the minute. Behaviour is good around school and attitudes to learning are superb. It is a pleasure to visit classrooms and see the children fully engaged with their work. Long may it last!

#### Website

Please do take a look on our school website; we are trying our hardest to update it regularly with latest school news and happenings. If there is anything you would find useful to be added please do let us know.  
[www.montalbo.durham.sch.uk](http://www.montalbo.durham.sch.uk)

#### School Dinners

The latest menus have been sent out for dinners after the school holidays. After a few early hiccups, the new system is running very smoothly. There is much less waste as the children are provided with a meal of their choice. The dining hall is a much happier place to be at lunch time.

#### After School Clubs

A new list of after school clubs will be sent out soon. Please do book your child's activities for next term. We are delighted with the increased participation in after school activities. Confidence is growing in so many of the children; it is a pleasure to see the clubs in action.

#### Open Morning

We are holding an open morning on 18<sup>th</sup> November for all prospective parents of children due to start school in September. 9.30am – 11.30am. Please do let family and friends know.

#### Uniform

I am delighted to see all children wearing full school uniform. It makes such a difference to our identity as a school and helps set the right tone for work. Thank you to all for ensuring children are in full uniform every day.

#### Book Fair

We have booked a Scholastic book fair to coincide with Parents Night – week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> November.

#### Halloween Disco

FOMs have planned a disco for Halloween on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.  
5.15 – 6.15 for KS1  
6.30 – 7.30 FOR KS2

