



MONTALBO NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL

...Climbing to Success!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after our half term break. The children are full of excitement about their Halloween activities and are looking forward to Bonfire night celebrations.

Reading

Reading is the one thing that will increase a child's chance of academic success. Please do ensure that your child reads regularly, every night if possible. We have a fabulous library of books in school that need to be read!

15 minutes every day will make a huge difference. If we can offer any support or advice, please do not hesitate to ask.

Website

Please do keep looking 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

School Dinners

The latest menus are attached. They will run until Easter on a three weekly cycle. Children are much happier at lunch times and are enjoying the selections made. Dinner money is £9.75 per week. Please pay by cash or cheque made payable to Durham County Council. All payments should be placed in an envelope with the child's name written on the front.

After School Clubs

After School clubs are filling up quickly. To qualify for the 10% discount, payment for the half term must be made in full by Friday 6th November.

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.

Poppy Appeal

We are now selling poppies in school for a small donation. We also have some other fabulous items on sale for The Royal British Legion – rulers, wristbands, bracelets and these are priced from 50p to £1.00. We will be selling these items from tomorrow – Tuesday 3rd November.

Sporting Activities

The children are taking part in a wide variety of tournaments led by The School Sports Partnership. We excelled in the rugby tournament coming a very close second to Green Lane Primary School. We have a football match this week on Thursday at Staindrop School and a gymnastics festival is due to take place on 1st December at Teesdale School. Our Y1 children will be participating. We welcome all of your support.

Open Morning

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



Parents Evening

We are holding Parents Evenings on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November. A form will be put up in the entrance hall from Monday 9th November for you to book your slot.

Book Fair

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

Immunisations

Flu immunisations will be taking place in school for Y1 and 2 pupils on 27th November. Please do fill in the consent form and return to school. Forms will be sent out on Friday.

Christmas Pottery

Crafty ceramics will be coming into school on 30th November from 3.30 – 4.30pm. This will be a nice opportunity for your child to make a handmade Christmas gift. Please complete the booking form.

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 will be performed on 3rd December and a voluntary contribution of £2.50 can be paid at the school office.

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 7th December 1.30pm and Tuesday 8th 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 and parents will be asked to sign them in with a reason.

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.