



MONTALBO NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL

...Climbing to Success!

Newsletter - April 2016

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed a well-deserved Easter break. School is back in full swing as our Y2 and Y6 children are busy preparing for SAT's. Both year groups are involved in testing and this is the first year the children have completed tests on the new curriculum so lots of hard work ahead.

Calendar

Please do see attached calendar for all school events leading up to Half term. There are quite a few trips and events planned for this half term so do watch out for letters in bags. We do try our best to chase up unreturned forms but it helps us if you do check. Please do pin the calendar somewhere safe as it will keep you up to date with all events we have planned this term.

SAT's

Y6 – week beginning 9th May is testing week

Y2 – week beginning 16th May is testing week

Book Fair

We have a discounted price book fair visiting us the week beginning 9th May. I believe there will be some fabulous bargains there so a great opportunity to top up those home libraries.

Payments

Please do help us by keeping up to date with payments and do ensure all payments are placed in an envelope with your child's name and class written on the front. Any monies not received do have to come out of the school budget and this means fewer resources in school.

School Uniform

Please do ensure your child wears school uniform at all times. Shoes should be black. Black trainers are allowed but without any extra markings. School PE kit should also be worn, we do not allow children to wear football shirts. PE kit consists of black shorts and a red t-shirt.

We still have some uniform left to sell at a reduced price. Please do call into the office and ask Mrs Hauxwell for details.

Punctuality

Being in school on time is absolutely vital. Please do ensure your child is on the playground at 8.50am in preparation for the whistle at 8.55am. All children should come in through the doors on the playground. Those who wish to participate in Wake Up Shake Up may come in with Mr Lee-Shield at 8.50am.

Please help us to keep your child safe by ensuring that no adult comes into school from the playground. If you wish to see a teacher, please come to see Mrs Hauxwell at the front office. Thank you for your help and co-operation with this.



Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school, please do let the office know by telephone before 10am. We follow up with a call if no message is received. On return to school, please send a written note to inform us of the reason for absence.

Foundation Stage Base

We have been working furiously over Easter to prepare a new teaching space in the old Nursery building. This is our new base for our youngest children in school. It is looking fabulous and the Nursery and Reception children are benefitting enormously from the learning opportunities we have been able to create there. Please do call in and take a look.

FOM's

FOM's continue to go from strength to strength. Please do support as much as you can. We are raising money this year for new Gymnastics equipment and playground markings. FOM's are holding A BINGO night on 12th May for both parents and children. A pie and pea supper is included in the ticket price. Do watch out for more information soon.

Summer Fair

FOM's are also in the process of planning a summer fair to be held on Saturday 2nd July. If you wish to contribute or participate in any way please see one of the members of FOM's for more information. Mrs Ridley and Miss Blackburn are teacher representatives and Shelley Simpson is chairperson.

Nursery

We do have some places available in Nursery; if you know anyone with a child who will soon be 3 please do tell them to pop along and see us. Children can start Montalbo Nursery as soon as they are 3.

PD Day – 27th May

School will be closed on Friday 27th May for teacher training. We will return to school on Monday 6th June

Mrs Eilbeck

Mrs Eilbeck is enjoying her retirement but missing school incredibly. She would like to thank you all for the lovely send off at the end of term. She is very grateful for the lovely cards, gifts and messages she received and has left Montalbo with some superb memories.