



## Summer Performances

The Amazing Adventures of Super Stan certainly lived up to its title! I was incredibly proud of the Key Stage 2 children as they sang, danced, joked and acted with skills beyond their years. To produce a performance like that for 90 minutes with all of the scene changes, transitions and sound effects in our limited space was a fantastic achievement. These performances make wonderful memories for our children that will last a long, long time. It was worth all of the hard work the children and teachers put in and special thanks also to Miss Richardson, Dr Greenwell, Mrs Dupuy, Mrs Bowron and Mr Foster for their help in organising this.

## Sports Day

Although so much as happened in school since then, Friday's Sports Day was a huge success! Keeping children busy and active in a range of challenges is our chosen way of organising this, culminating in sprint races at the end. Congratulations go to all the children for competing well for their team. Fortius (the yellow team) were victorious this time. Thank you to Miss Richardson for organising this and the rest of the staff for their help.

## School Fair 11am – 3pm

Thank you so much to Friends of Montalbo School, parent volunteers, GlaxoSmithKline staff and school staff who were able to attend, for making the School Fair a huge success. So much work goes into the before the event organisation as well as the day itself. Many thanks to everyone involved.

The event raised an unbelievable £3000 and I also thank everyone who donated prizes, bought/ sold raffle tickets or baked goods. I felt the day had a lovely atmosphere, helped by the great weather, in which families and friends socialised and the children played. Events which allow our school community to come together like this, are very important, and is why we will continue to attend the Meet procession, 1940s Day and other events like these.

## Key Stage Results

As mentioned last week, our Key Stage 2 results were very impressive again. Whilst the SATs are certainly not the be all and end all, it shows that our children are in a good position to start their secondary education. Below is a comparison with the national data currently released.

Subject	Montalbo	National
Reading	93%	71%
Writing	93%	75%
Maths	100%	75%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	87%	77%
Reading, Writing, Maths Combined	93%	61%

I will let you know the comparative data from EYFS and KS1 when the national figures are released.

## Leavers' Assembly

The parents and families of Year 6 are invited to attend the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly on Friday 21st July. We look forward to seeing you there.

## End of Year Reports

This week you should have received your child's annual school report. I hope you found them informative. I would be grateful if you could return the report slip from the back of the report and the questionnaire that was also enclosed. A special thank you to Mrs Hauxwell and Mrs Collin for collating the information you received, on top of their usual administrative tasks. Monday was a very busy day!



**Class Structure**

Every year we have to work with legislation around infant class size (max 30) and the number on role (admissions are dealt with by the LA) and adjust our school accordingly, bearing in mind available space. Each cohort or year groups now have different numbers making things tricky. Most schools in our area have mixed age classes and Montalbo has always had mixed aged classes as cohort numbers always vary.

The Base has been a very successful and popular Foundation Stage Unit for over a year which leaves 4 classrooms in the main building. If we had the same class structure as this year, the Year 3/4 class would contain 44 children which is obviously impractical. Next year's Year 4s, being the biggest single year group, will be taught as a year group. Next year's Year 2s (which were the only group to be taught in a single year) need to be split to keep in line with legislation as 17 new Y1s + 23 new Y2s make 40. Every child in every class will still work on National Curriculum expectations for their year and teachers in our area are used to and skilled at mixed age planning. Each class is now quite large, which is why since January, we have employed 4 new Teaching Assistants (TAs) to help keep the children to adult ratio as favourable as possible. Mrs Spence will join our school as an additional TA from September.

**End of the academic year bills**

As we are approaching the end of the academic year, please could you ensure that bills such as dinner money are paid promptly so that the money can be banked. Thank you.

**No clubs next week**

There will be no after school clubs during the final week of term, w.b. 17th July. After school care is still available with Mrs Collin until 5.30pm.

**Super Hero Day**

To tie in with the school play, we would like to have a Super Hero Day on the final Thursday of term, Thursday 20th July. Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite Super Hero (or a made up one) on that day!

**Regular Volunteers**

We have been so fortunate this year to have regular volunteers in school this year. Their time has been greatly appreciated and they have made a difference to the life of the school. They come once a week in various capacities to support the work that is going on in school so a special thank you from us all to:

Mrs Willoughby, Mrs Waddington, Mrs Johnston, Mrs Minikin, Mrs Yeadon, Mrs Steele, Mrs Wood, Mr Blackburn and Mrs Honess have all been a great help. Thank you!

**Attendance for w.b. 10.7.17**

Class	Present
Reception	98.8%
Class 1	94.1%
Class 2	98.7%
Class 3	99.4%
Class 4	98.6%

Overall attendance this week was 98.1%

**Punctuality**

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons. Remember Wake Up, Shake Up usually starts at 8.45a.m. 1 hour 7 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

**Dates for your Diary**

July 20<sup>th</sup> Super Hero Day  
 July 21<sup>st</sup> Leavers' Assembly @ 9.05am for Y6 parents/relatives

September 4<sup>th</sup> Teacher Training Day  
 September 5<sup>th</sup> School opens for Autumn Term

**Mr Minikin**  
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