



October 5th 2018 Issue 5

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

With your superb support, we managed to raise just over £600 for MacMillan! It will be nice next year to host the event in our enlarged hall and we will look at ways of speeding up the initial rush! All of the classes made fabulous cakes and treats for us to enjoy. Nursery was the overall winner of the class bake off, just pipping Year 6, much to the satisfaction of Mrs Patterson! Well done to all who took part and thank you once again for your help.

FOMS

One project FOMS have set up is 'Your School Lottery'

Total funds rose for Montalbo School since we joined the scheme in April 2018 is £472.40. The projected annual fund if this continues is an amazing £1,268.80. The school currently has 41 supporters with 61 tickets being played weekly. Friends of Montalbo School met on Thursday night and it was agreed that iPads would be purchased for the school with money raised this year. We will be able to purchase 4 with current projected income. Your support is greatly appreciated. If you would like to join the scheme please visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

The next event FOMS are organising are the Halloween Discos on November 1st.

For children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and Year 2, the disco is from **5.30pm-6.30pm** and for children in Years 3 - 6's the disco is from **6.45pm-7.45pm**.

Tickets can be purchased from the School Office and cost £1.50. Children will be offered a drink and hot dog as part of this. If they would like to bring additional spending money, a sweet stall, glitter tattoos and glow sticks can be purchased.

Butterfly World – Thursday October 11th

Next week Miss Blackburn's class will visit Butterfly World. This is part of their work in class looking at butterflies. Over the weekend their butterflies emerged from their chrysalis and they set them free into the school grounds. Because the butterflies were so young Miss Blackburn was able to hold them on her hand and show all the children. At Butterfly World the children will also have the opportunity to visit the Meerkat enclosure and Sunny (their class mascot Meerkat) will be able to meet some of his distant relatives.

Reception Screening

Next week as part of the NHS's screening programme, Reception children will have their hearing tested. Please could parents/carers return any completed forms by Wednesday 10th October. Thank you.

School Photographer

The School Photographers are in school Wednesday 10th October and they will be taking individual photographs and siblings. If you would like to bring a younger sibling who does not attend school in to be photographed, these pictures will be taken first from approximately 9.30 a.m.

Nursery children who do not usually attend school on Wednesday morning should come at that time too if they would like to be photographed.

PCSO Darren Miles

It is good for us to have a good relationship with the police and for children to get to know some of our locals PCSOs. This week PCSO Darren Miles visited us to remind children of Stranger Danger and give the children some important advice. He will visit us each half term to give other important messages as we try to keep our children as safe as possible.

Extension Update

The work on the school field is almost complete and I am confident it will be like Wembley when the seeded grass comes through! Some excess soil has been taken away with some left as a play feature which will be seeded too.

The scaffolding is starting to go up towards the front of school in preparation for the installation of the timber frame. Work has continued on the heating and lighting in the existing building. The hall extension is progressing well and plasterboard has been fitted this week.

Flu Immunisation

The parents and carers of children in Foundation Stage and Years 1 to 5 should have received either an email or a letter regarding this year's flu vaccination. Please remember that you need to give consent by visiting: www.hdft.nhs.uk/nasalfu-consent . Our school code is 46697. If you do not have internet access please contact the Immunisation team on 0300 0030 013

Data Forms

Please could parents/carers who have not returned data collection forms do so. It is important that we have the latest information. Thank you.

Attendance

School attendance has been very positive this year so far. I have highlighted before the link between attendance, progress and attainment many times and these excellent attendance figures will certainly help our children. Well done to the whole school!

Attendance for w.b. 1.10.18

Class	Present
Reception	98.9%
Year 1	98.4%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	100%

School overall attendance 97.4%

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons.

2 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

Dates for the diary

October 10 th	Photographer in school (individuals and siblings)
October 17 th	Tag Rugby Competition Y4 (selected children)
October 18 th	Multi Skills Festival Y6 (whole class) am
October 18 th	Official Garden opening 2pm
October 21 st	October half term
October 28 th	School 2 nd half term begins
October 31 st	Flu Immunisation for Y1-5
October 31 st	School Nurse Drop In 3-4pm
November 1 st	Halloween Disco
November 6 th	Diwali workshop for Year 6 in school
November 19 th	Book Fair in school all week
November 20 th + 21 st	Parents' Evenings

Mr Minikin, Head Teacher