



May 17th 2019 Issue 31

Thank you FOMS!

The difference that the Friends of School have made to the life of the school has been huge. The events that they help organise and the funds they raise have made a big difference. In the past year they have bought the school waterproofs for early years, funded visits and visitors, bought 16 Ipads and now they **are buying us a new stage!** This will help make our performances even better!

As our school has grown, our old stage was no longer big enough and in the spring we borrowed some additional pieces of staging from Woodland Primary. This new stage will enable us to use it whenever we want and will benefit all the children and families who enjoy the performances. Staging is very expensive and we are very grateful to everyone who attends events, buys raffle tickets and contributes time and energy to support our school. Thank you!

Friends of Montalbo School are busy planning their next event which will be a Bingo Night on June 13th. Last Summer it was a great event and the children were able to play outside whilst parents/grandparents enjoyed the bingo and refreshments.

SATs

I am delighted that the Key Stage 2 SATs are over for another year and I am sure the Year 6s and Miss Richardson are too. They tell us teachers nothing that we do not already know! I am pleased that OFSTED, in their new framework for inspections which will be used from September, are interested in the curriculum as a whole and not just English and Maths. We believe our curriculum is broad and balanced covering all subjects well, and look forward to developing it further over the next few weeks. Well done to the Year 6s for trying their best. Miss Richardson prepared a pancake breakfast treat in the Goods Wagon before taking them climbing and kayaking. Then the Year 6s can look forward to the residential at Ford Castle next week!

Cycling to school

A concerned parent rang the school this week to mention that two children from our school were trying to cross the road on their bicycles unsupervised and without helmets, on the way to school. Please could all parents check that their children have a helmet and that they are confident that their children have the adequate skills to travel safely to school? I would hate to think that one of our children had a road accident at any time and mentioned this to classes this week.

Teacher Training Day

A reminder that the first day after the Whit Holidays is a Teacher Training Day. The children will return to school on Tuesday June 4th.

Ford Castle

From Wednesday to Friday next week I will be accompanying our Year 6 children to Ford Castle with Miss Richardson and Mrs Daniels. Mrs Bartoli will be available should you need to discuss any matters with us.

Class Photographs

On Tuesday the new school photographers are in school taking class photographs. They intend to take the Nursery children's photographs first so if you have a child in Nursery who does not usually attend on Tuesday morning and would like a photograph with their classmates please bring them to school for 9.15am.

The whole school photograph I mentioned last week is on June 5th and the individual photographs are booked for the Autumn Term.

Forthcoming events

There are many exciting events planned for the week after the Whit holidays such as visits, visitors and sporting events. Please can parents/carers ensure that they have completed the necessary consents? This is particularly relevant to the Hancock Museum trip as we have not had too many confirmations. Thank you.

New Club Lists

New club lists were sent home this week and there are 3 new clubs. Our History Subject Leader, Mrs Leonard, is running a 1940s club. The activities in this club will feed into an event that schools have been invited to on Sunday June 23rd. Children attending this club should commit to attending the event which will last approx. 2 hours on that day.

Careers Fair

The Hub is arranging a Careers Fair on June 28th aimed at the children from Year 5/6. In the past, several parents have visited school to talk about their job I know that the children learn a great deal from this. If you or your company would be interested in attending, please contact me to find out further details. Thank you.

Mrs Bartoli's Class Assembly

The next Class Assembly will be Mrs Bartoli's reception children. This is at 9am on Friday 24th May and families of these children are welcome to attend.

Attendance for w.b. 17.5.19

Class	Present
Reception	98.4%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	97.8%
Year 3	94.3%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	99.6%
Year 6	99.4%
School overall attendance	97.8%

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

1 hour of learning was lost to lateness this week.

Dates for the diary

May 20 th – 24 th	Year 2 SATs
May 21 st	Cross Country (selected children)
May 22 nd -24 th	Year 6 Residential to Ford Castle
May 24 th	Reception Class Assembly
May 27 th -31 st	Whit Holidays – Meet Procession May 27 th
June 3 rd	Teacher Training Day
June 4 th	Children back to school
June 4 th	Year 3 and Year 4 to the Hancock Museum
June 4 th	Year 6 outreach from Centre for Life
June 5 th	Whole School Photograph
June 5 th	Key Stage 2 Football tournament
June 6 th	Cricket Competition (Y6 selected children)
June 11 th	Band Workshop 1-2.30pm at Teesdale School followed by concert for parents 6pm-8pm at Teesdale School.
June 12 th	Year 4 to The Locomotion Museum
June 13 th	FOMs Bingo Night
June 21-23 rd	1940s weekend
June 21 st	Year 4 Class Assembly

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