



**February 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 Issue 20**

**Chair of Governor's Message**

Montalbo Governors and Staff would like to extend their thanks to Mrs Ridley for her long service within the school and we wish her well for the future.

**Teaching Arrangements for the remainder of the Spring Term**

Mrs Leonard will be continuing to teach in Class 6. Mrs Newton will be returning to teach in Year 2. Year 5 will be taught by Mrs Todd who is an experienced teacher from the Durham Supply Partnership. Mrs Todd has already been into school and spent time getting to know staff and children. We look forward to working with Mrs Todd next half term.

**Valentines Disco**

All children who attended the disco last night had a great time. We hope that the snowy weather didn't put too many people off! Thank you once again to FOMS for organising the disco. We look forward to more FOMS events in the future.

**Recycling for Charity**

We are supporting the Fire Fighters Charity in Partnership with Beaumonts Recycling. FOMS have organised for clothing and textile donations to be recycled and collected from Montalbo Nursery and Primary School. Leaflets will go into children's school bags once we have received them so you know which items you can recycle. Simply put your unwanted items in any size and type of bag and drop it off at School on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you to those parents and carers who have already donated.

**Messy Art Club KS1**

Mrs Patterson has asked that all children who are signing up to 'Messy Art Club' bring their own art shirt into school. This can be an oversized t-shirt or an old shirt that parents and carers are happy to donate. Mrs Patterson has some amazing ideas planned and children are in for a real treat!

**Sports Events**

Children have been attending various different events this week. Year 5 enjoyed some excellent trampolining lessons at Staindrop Academy, a Netball Competition at Aycliffe and Year 1 attended a Multi-skills session.

**Inter School Netball and Football with Barnard Castle Prep School**

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, Year 3 and Year 4 children have been invited to take part in Netball and Football games at Barnard Castle Prep School. It will be a great opportunity for our children to take part in fun and competitive sports games. Please help children to be organised with their Montalbo PE kits and waterproof coats for this date.

**Your School Lottery**

FOMS have raised £1961.20 since they launched 'Your School Lottery' at Montalbo School. This is with 48 people buying tickets which are £1 per week. Players have the opportunity to win a weekly prize and the opportunity to win £25,000. More information can be found at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/montalbo-nursery-primary-school>.

**FOMS Support**

If you are able to help Friends of Montalbo School by volunteering at fundraising events in school for example Valentines Disco please email [friendsofmontalboschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmontalboschool@gmail.com) or leave your details at the School Office for the attention of FOMS.

**Attendance for w.b. 10.02.20**

Class	Present %
Reception	97.2%
Year 1	90.4%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	95.8%
Year 4	98.3%
Year 5	97.6%
Year 6	94.1%

School overall attendance is: 95.7%

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

**49 mins** of learning was lost to lateness this week.

## **Dates for the diary**

### **February 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>**

February 24<sup>th</sup>

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March 5<sup>th</sup>

March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

March 20<sup>th</sup>

March 9<sup>th</sup>

### **Half Term**

Children back

Year 3 and Year 4 – Netball and Football at Prep School

World Book Day

Parents Evening

Mother's Day Afternoon

Space Camp Week

Miss Richardson

Acting Deputy Headteacher