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Leadership Arrangements

Mr David Tait, Headteacher of Shincliffe CE Primary School, is supporting our school in the role of Acting Headteacher for 2 days per week. Miss Richardson will continue in her role of Acting Deputy Headteacher. These arrangements will be in place until half term and we will keep you fully informed of any changes.

SATs Information Evening for Parents

Parents of children in Year 2 and Year 6 are invited to a SATs Information Evening on Thursday 6th February.

Mrs Newton will be delivering information about KS1 (Y2) SATs from 5:00pm – 5:30pm.

Miss Richardson will be delivering information about KS2 (Y6) SATs from 5:30pm to 6:00pm.

Valentines Disco

This year, our FOMS Valentines Disco will be held on Thursday 13th February. KS1 disco will be 5:30pm – 6:30pm and the KS2 disco will be from 6:45pm – 7:45pm. Early tickets are on sale now for £1.50. Parents can send in money in an envelope with their child's name on or they can visit the School Office to buy them. Tickets on the door will be £2.00 per child. The price includes a hot dog and a drink and parents are welcome to stay if they wish. Thank you once again to FOMS for organising the disco.

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 either of the following dates: Friday 14th February or Monday 24th February.

School Games Sports Events

Selected children will be heading to Bishop Auckland College to take part in Cross Country running on Friday 28th February. If your child is selected for the Cross Country event, please remember to send a spare change of clothes (school uniform) and spare shoes as they usually get very muddy! There is also a practice Cross Country event at Green Lane School for the same children on Friday 14th February.

Staindrop Partnership Sports Events

We have a busy sporting week ahead! Year 5 children will be attending Trampoline lessons at Staindrop Academy on Tuesday 11th February and they will be competing in Netball competitions at Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Wednesday 12th February. Our Year 1 children have a multi-skills festival at Staindrop Academy on Thursday 13th February. Please ensure children have their Montalbo PE kits in school for those dates as well as their normal PE lessons, thank you.

Inter School Netball and Football with Barnard Castle Prep School

On Monday 24th 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.

Year 1 Class – Good Work Assembly

We have swapped the dates for the Year 1 and Year 2 Good Work Assemblies. Please note that this half term, it will be Year 1's Assembly on Friday 7th February. All parents and relatives of Year 1 pupils are welcome to attend. It is a great opportunity to see the amazing work that Year 1 children have been doing with their class teacher Miss Scott.

Easter Play

Year 3 and Year 4 performance rehearsals are well underway. Children have been busy practicing their songs and learning their lines. Their singing sounds amazing already! There will be two performances, one on Tuesday 31st March and the other on Wednesday 1st April. We will let you know about ticket allocations nearer the time.

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 Fundraising

A massive £2,248 was raised from the Christmas Fair, Christmas Raffle, by selling Christmas Cards the Children designed and from donations for refreshments sold at the Christmas Performances. Every penny of this will be spent buying equipment that will benefit every child in the school. Thank you to everyone who was involved in organising and supporting the events. Money raised by Friends of Montalbo School in the last couple of years has funded -Outdoor waterproof coats for Nursery and Reception children, parts of the Garden Project, 16 iPads, a new performance stage, reading books, glockenspiels, headsets for computer and much more.

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 or leave your details at the School Office for the attention of FOMs.

Attendance for w.b. 20.01.20

Class	Present %
Reception	%
Year 1	%
Year 2	%
Year 3	%
Year 4	%
Year 5	%
Year 6	%

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

hour mins of learning was lost to lateness this week.

School overall attendance is: 98%

Dates for the diary

February 6 th	SATs Information Evening for Year 2 and Year 6 Parents (Y2 5:00-5:30pm / Y6 5:30-6:00pm)
February 7 th	Year 1 Class Assembly
February 11 th	Year 5 – Trampoline lessons at Staindrop Academy
February 12 th	Year 5 – Netball Festival at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre
February 13 th	Year 1 – Multi-skills Festival at Staindrop
February 13 th	Valentines Disco (KS1 – 5:30-6:30pm KS2 – 6:45-7:45pm)
February 14 th	Cross Country at Green Lane School for selected children
February 17 th - 21 st	Half Term
February 24 th	Children back
February 24 th	Year 3 and Year 4 – Netball and Football at Prep School
March 5 th	World Book Day
March 17 th and 18 th	Parents Evening
March 20 th	Mother's Day Afternoon
March 9 th	Space Camp Week

Miss Richardson
Acting Deputy Headteacher