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Health advice

As a school, we are taking the current news events very seriously. We have had a keen eye on the latest government and public health advice. We have increased the frequency of handwashing, for example and cleaning extra thoroughly. Currently, we would recommend everyone associated with the school follows the last guidance. If your child has a temperature or a new, continuous cough then they are to stay at home for 7 days. If you as a parent, have these symptoms, then please stay away from school. The latest advice can be found here.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We will continue to update you in light of new advice.

Sports Relief

Today we supported Sports Relief and had an afternoon with pilates, dance, yoga, curling, football and running! During the day members of staff kept an exercise bike peddling by working as team in 15-minute shifts. Taking Celebration Assembly for 30 mins whilst biking was a new one, even for me!

At the end of the Celebration Assembly, we were even entertained by our two Olympic-standard synchronised swimmers - Mrs Spence and Mrs Bowron. They produced a beautifully choreographed routine that was greatly appreciated by children and staff alike!

I am sure that everyone had a fun day, keeping fit and supporting the charity. Thank you very much to Miss Scott for organising the day and for everyone for being such good sports!

Group chats/messaging

In school we do a lot of work around internet safety and the appropriateness of online behaviour. We have worked with children following advice from the local authority and the PCSO to try and educate children around the appropriateness of apps, videos and sites they visit. I would urge parents to check what children are doing on their phones regularly and be mindful of age restrictions and content within messages that are shared. Finding out more about what they are doing on their devices will help keep children safe and ensure that can enjoy their screen time appropriately. Thank you.

NSPCC Workshops

This week Year 6 continued their work with the NSPCC around keeping safe. We have put up posters in school and the noticeboard should any child/parent feel the need to contact them. More information on how they can help is on www.nspcc.org.uk

Chess

This week saw our first chess games of the new academic year. We hosted the event and were visited by several local schools with their teams. I am pleased to say that our school has got off to a very promising start! However, we have played more games than other schools so mustn't get too excited. I will update you at the culmination of the event. Well done chess players and thank you to Dr Greenwell for organising this.

SCITT Visit

On Wednesday Mrs Newton and I were visited by 13 students from Bradfords Exceed SCITT who wanted to see how we challenged our pupils. They were very impressed with the relationships in school between the children and staff, the partner work and the standard of work that the children were producing. Observing lessons and visiting classrooms regularly is one the best things about my job, and I know that Mrs Newton was very impressed with the work that takes place in each year group too. I am very proud of our school and this once again highlights what a special place Montalbo is. Well done!

Mother's Day

On the 20th March we will be celebrating Mother's Day in school. Anyone special to your child can attend – Mum, Gran, Dad etc. Mrs Bowron is organising this event and I thank her for that. I'm sure there will be some great activities for you to share with your child. The event will start at 2.00pm.

ParentPay

Please could parents/carers bring balances up to date to help school have an accurate financial picture as we approach the end of the financial year. Thank you.

PE Kits in School

Please help your child to be prepared with the correct PE kit in school. To stay clean and healthy, it is vital that children have a PE kit which consists of a PE t-shirt, shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms, socks and sports trainers or plimsols. Wearing the same t-shirt or the same trainers as those which children wear all day, is not a good option as kit can become wet or unclean. Children should have a red Montalbo shirt and dark coloured shorts or tracksuit bottoms. As the weather is cold, children should bring a warm hoodie, fleece or jumper so that they can stay warm if their PE sessions are outdoors. Children should bring their PE kit to school on a Monday and leave it in school all week in case they need it for additional sports sessions. This will mean that every child can get the full positive benefit of their PE lessons.

Parent's Evening

On Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March 2020, we will be holding our Parent's Evenings. Parents and carers are welcome to make appointments by contacting the school office. Appointments will last for 10 minutes and children's books will be available for parents and carers to view. Miss Richardson will be meeting with Year 6 parents and Mrs Leonard will be meeting with Year 5 parents. All other class teachers will be meeting with the parents and carers of the pupils in their class as normal.

Contacting parents

Please can all parents/carers ensure that we have the most up to date contact details and that their telephones accept calls from us. This week it has been quite tricky for the School Office to contact parents and we must be able to do this. Thank you.

Attendance for w.b. 09.03.20

| Class | Present % |
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| Reception | 90% |
| Year 1 | 84.2% |
| Year 2 | 97.1% |
| Year 3 | 93.7% |
| Year 4 | 96.9% |
| Year 5 | 90.8% |
| Year 6 | 96.3% |

School overall attendance is: 93%

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 and 14 mins of learning was lost to lateness this week.

Dates for the diary

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| March 16 th | Chess Competition 2 for selected players |
| March 17 th and 18 th | Parents' Evening |
| March 20 th | Mother's Day Afternoon 2.00pm |
| March 26 th | Space Camp |
| March 27 th | Year 2 Assembly |
| March 30 th | Orienteering some KS1 pupils @ Staindrop School |
| March 31 st | Year 3 Play 1:30 – 2:30pm |
| April 1 st | Year 3 Play 6:30 – 7:30pm |
| April 3 rd | World Art Day |
| April 6 th – 17 th | End of Term |
| April 20 th | Children back to school |

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