



May 13th 2022

Key Stage 2 SATS

Well done to the Year 6 children for completing their end of key stage statutory assessments. All of the children have worked incredibly hard during their time at Montalbo and despite the turbulence of the past three academic years with Covid, can be very proud of themselves. We have some nice activities planned to compliment our broad and stimulating curriculum which we hope they will really enjoy.

Holiday Gymnastics Day - Monday May 30th

Michael Connelly is running a Gymnastics Day during the Whit Holidays, as he did over Easter. Further details are available on Weduc or by contacting Michael on 07707320473.

Barnard Castle Cricket Club

Friday Fun Nights are softball cricket for ages 4 to 11/12 and these start on Friday 6th May and run through until the end of August, from 6.30 to 7.30, £3 per session attended.

All Stars is an 8 week programme of fun softball cricket for years 1 to 3 (give or take a bit), and these sessions start on Monday 9th May, from 5.30 to 6.30. Places can be booked via the ECB All Stars website which can be found [here](#).

Religious Education Visits/Visitors

As part of the Durham Agreed Syllabus, Durham schools teach about many religions. Next week, Year 3 children will visit St Mary's Church in Barnard Castle to learn about different features of the church. Year 6 children will welcome visitors from the Islamic Diversity Centre to build on their knowledge of Islam.

Teesdale School Uniform Event

We have been made aware that there was an error in the web link sent by Teesdale to parents of Year 6 children who will transfer to Teesdale in September. The correct link for the event is [here](#).

SEND Green Paper

This sets out the government's vision for a single, national SEND and alternative provision system that will introduce new standards in the quality of support given to children across education, health and care. You are invited to attend a local question and answer event and to complete a Durham survey to help us to develop a Durham response to the green paper. Alternatively, you can respond to the government's consultation directly. To book a place at a Durham County Council event or take part, go to [Special Educational Needs and Disabilities \(SEND\) Review: Right support, right place, right time](#)

Ukraine Sunflowers

Thank you to everyone who purchased sunflowers to support the Ukraine Appeal. We raised £189 – well done Gardening Club. We would love to see a photograph when they are fully grown!

Uniform Ordering Reminder

Order before 19th June - for delivery to school or home before school closes for the holidays.

Order before 24th July – for delivery to home before school returns in September

A link and information are available on the school website.

Nursery Visit

This week nursery class have been enjoying the funny story of the 'Naughty Bus'. Mrs Patterson arranged for a real bus to come to school, and the children got to ask lots of questions to find out more information about real buses and the role of a bus driver. They got to sit in it and went on an imaginative journey to the beach. The radio wasn't working very well so instead the nursery children all sang a song to the bus driver. We would like to thank Sophie's Dad (Mr Maude) for very kindly bringing his bus to school and answering all the interesting questions. I wonder what mode of transport nursery class will be finding out about next week?

Barnard Castle Meet Request

Mr Martyn Maughan, chairman of the Meet Committee, contacted us with the following request:- 'Help Needed for Barney Meet 2022'.

Will you, a friend or family member volunteer for one or more of the following?

Road Closure Stewards – 11.15am-1.15pm Friday June 3rd

Bartenders – seeking 2 hour slots between 12-8pm both Friday June 3rd and Saturday June 4th

Raffle ticket stall – as above – 2 hour slots

If you can help, please contact Martyn on 07827814759 or martynmaughan@yahoo.co.uk

FOMS and our Platinum Jubilee Event

On Thursday 26th May, between 1.15-3.30pm, we will be holding a Platinum Jubilee Garden Party. FOMS and school staff will have a number of activities to entertain families alongside some special guests who will entertain us too! FOMS intend to have a stall to sell second hand uniform and wondered if you had any uniform that you would be willing to donate. If so, please bring this to the school foyer. FOMS will be running a tombola for children and adults, alongside our Summer Raffle. If you are able to donate any tombola or raffle prizes, please bring these to the School Office.

Parts of the event will celebrate some British traditions including a baking competition, similar to those at Agricultural shows. A baking competition entry form is available in the Forms section of Weduc for completion asap. FOMS and Mrs Bowron have done a lot of work on this with me and I am very grateful for all of their efforts. I hope that as many parents, grandparents and families can join us and that the sun shines! Although there will be chairs and benches around the school site, you may want to bring camping chairs or a rug. In British tradition, the Jubilee Celebrations will go ahead outside whatever the weather, so be prepared!

Store House: food bank and community project:

Store House are asking for help and support from the local community for food donations due to increasing demand. The Witham has a donation point outside their building, Tuesday – Saturday between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm in the compound accessed from the Galgate car park near Morrisons. Store House would welcome any donations including the following: UHT Milk, Tinned Meats, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meals, Noodles, Rice, Cereal and Tinned Fish.

Dates for the Diary

May 18 th	Year 3 children visit to St Mary's Church
May 25 th	Year 4 Sports Festival at Staindrop
May 26 th	Jubilee Event at School 1.15pm-3.30pm
May 30 th -June 3 rd	Whit Holidays including Barnard Castle Meet
June 6 th	Teacher Training Day
June 7 th	Children return to school
June 8 th	Class Photographs
June 10 th	Year 6 to Kingsway

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