



June 7th 2024

Welcome Back

I hope that you enjoyed the Whitsuntide half term break. It was great to see so many families in the Procession and in the crowds. I thought our group looked amazing – thank you to all those who joined in with us, made costumes and props. Thank you to Dr Blezard and Mrs Wood, as well as the impromptu participation of Mrs Leonard!

There seems an awful lot to cram into the last few weeks of the academic year but we like a challenge!

FOMS and Brightwood's Sessions

This week our Reception children enjoyed their session with Brightwoods as part of our Outdoor Learning and Wellbeing work. We are **incredibly grateful to FOMS** for funding this event. Thank you to our parent/carer volunteers who helped with Reception's visit. All of the classes will get to spend time at Deepdale before the end of the academic year.

FOMS have also set up a new email account so if you are interested in joining FOMS, helping out at different events or want to find out more, please email friendsofmontalboschool@gmail.com

Father's Day Event

Next Friday we will mark Father's Day by holding some fun activities at school. This is a great chance for Dads, Grandads or any family member (of any gender) to attend. We will be going outside whatever the weather so please come prepared! There will be some refreshments including hotdogs and an ice cream van available so please bring along some change too.

Year 6s at the Hub

Our Year 6 children enjoyed two fantastic days at the Hub yesterday and today. They were taking part in High Ropes, Bushcraft, Canoeing and Archery sessions. I visited them last night and they were having a great time and looking forward to homemade pizzas. I hope that they managed to get some sleep! Thank you very much to Miss Richardson, Mrs Channell and Mrs Miller who accompanied the children and to The Hub staff too.

Sports Days

We need to swap the dates for Nursery Sports Day and the rest of the school Sports Day around due to a number of staff being involved in Special Needs Annual Reviews. These meetings are really difficult to coordinate with a number of staff from different agencies involved. So now Nursery Sports Day is July 2nd at 1.30pm and Reception – Y6 Sports Day is July 3rd at 1.30pm.

Apologies for any inconvenience this change may cause.

Reception New Starters for September

On Wednesday June 19th Miss Lauder and the Reception team will be holding a transition information session for parents/carers of children starting Reception in September. The session will start at 3:30pm and is a great chance for parents/carers to get information about what to expect, meet the team, ask questions and to explore the Reception classroom. Where possible, we suggest that children stay at home, as it is more of an information sharing session. However, if this is not possible, staff will be on hand to sit with the children. We are looking forward to sharing this information with you and hope you can make it.

Letters from Downing Street

Please click [here](#) to view letters from Downing Street regarding the 2041 Antarctica treaty.

Cricket Sessions

After talking to Barnard Castle Cricket Club Secretary over half term, she said that she was delighted with the number of children from Montalbo attending the various cricket sessions for different age groups at the cricket club. This week saw the first of the several weeks of additional cricket coaching for Years 2-5 each Thursday by Alex from Durham Cricket Club.

Attendance

Please find below this week's attendance and the year to date attendance.

Class	Attendance (%)
Reception	87.2
Year 1	97.4
Year 2	90.7
Year 3	95.7
Year 4	86.3
Year 5	88.8
Year 6	94.1
Whole School	91.3%

Dates for the Diary

June 10th - June 14 th	Phonics Screening Check for Y1
June 11 th	Reception Trip to Hall Hill Farm
June 14 th	Father's Day Event (pm)
June 19 th	Reception Transition Meeting for Parents/Carers
June 26 th	Year 2 Trip to Hamsterley Forest
July 2 nd	Nursery Sports Day
July 3 rd	Reception – Y6 Sports Day
July 9 th	Heavy Beat Brass Band visiting school
July 12 th	Move Up Day
July 15 th	Monty Does the Movies rehearsal for Y3-6
July 16 th and 17 th	Monty Does the Movies at the Witham for Y3-6
July 23 rd	Leavers' Assembly 9am and last day of term

Mr. C Minikin
Head Teacher

Please see the QR code for the School Lottery. The more players we have, the more we raise for the school and the bigger the prize fund.

