

Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

11 September 2020

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of the first full week, I would like to thank you for your support with the new health and safety protocols, which have been working well. It is a real pleasure to have the children fully back in school and to see them settling into a routine.

We are currently carrying out detailed assessments to find out exactly where the gaps in learning are for each child, so that we can carefully plan how to make up for the months out of school. We are grateful to those parents who worked hard on the Home Learning and the Summer Essential booklet, as this has been beneficial in keeping up the children's basic skills. Your child will be receiving homework and reading books and we would appreciate your support in completing these to the best of their abilities.

The children are complying really well with the coronavirus regulations; there is just one reminder: rucksacks and bags are not permitted in school. If your child has a packed lunch, they can bring a hard, plastic lunch box; the only other items required are a named water bottle and a small, tie string PE bag with essential kit only. We will provide a plastic wallet for reading books and records.

I hope your child has enjoyed their return to school; we have a number of different provisions available should there be any issues. We understand that the past six months have been highly disruptive and stressful for many families and are here to help with that. Please email me on head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk if you feel your child needs some extra support.

Take care and stay safe,

Michelle A. Wright

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Headteacher



What's on next week....

Lunch Menu Week 1

Monday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

Tuesday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

Wednesday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

Thursday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

Friday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

Start and End of day Times

Year 3 8:30am — 2:55pm

Year 4 8:40am — 3:05pm

Year 5 8:50am — 3:15pm

Year 6 9:00am — 3:25pm

Please **RETURN HOME**
if you or anyone in your
household has any of
these symptoms:



New and
continuous cough



High temperature



Loss or change in
sense of taste or smell

Parents Evenings - Date For Your Diary

It is vital for the progress of the children that there is a good, working partnership between home and school. Our teachers are happy to phone you to discuss any issues that cannot be dealt with at the school gates. Please send in a note with your child or leave a message at Reception if you wish to discuss any matters with them.

The first formal feedback will take place at our Parents Evenings on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th November from 3:30-6:00pm. These will take place via Zoom, which can be downloaded onto your phone or tablet. Each appointment will be 10 minutes. If you do not have access to the internet, please let us know nearer the time so we can make alternative arrangements. We will send out details in the week before half term.

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Important Notice from Public Health – Essex

Below is a message to parents from Mike Gogarty, Director of Public Health, sent out to all schools this week to share with parents:

"Education settings have been able to return to full-time opening for all students this term, due in large to a reduction in COVID-19 cases in the community. This reduction is thanks to the sacrifices every member of the community made earlier this year, by staying at home, not seeing friends and relatives in person, and maintaining social distancing measures. However, as restrictions have been eased and schools and colleges are now returning full time, we must all remain alert.

Schools and colleges have measures in place for pupils attending in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19. They are asking pupils to wash their hands more regularly, restricting time spent in communal areas and, importantly, keeping pupils in class or year group-sized bubbles. This limits the number of people each pupil and staff member comes into contact with in their setting.

When travelling to and from settings, we know groups of pupils and parents must arrive at the same time. Schools have put measures in place to aid the safe entry and exit of pupils. These may include queueing systems, one way systems, or monitors to oversee arrivals and departures. It is crucial that pupils and parents maintain a two metre distance from others at the school gate. The whole school population, whether on school grounds or off it, must remain vigilant and observe social distancing measures. It is vital we all play our part if we're to avoid a spike in the community and the reintroduction of lockdown measures.

I thank you for your support.

Dr Mike Gogarty, Director of Wellbeing, Public Health and Communities, Essex County Council."

School Meals

We are really pleased to offer delicious, nutritious and healthy meals on our school menu. All our meals are home cooked and we try to use local suppliers for our fruit, vegetables and meat wherever possible. We encourage parents to pay for school meals online via **SIMS Pay**. We have sent you your log in details this week. Please check your emails, and junk folder. If you have not received log in details please email us at admin@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk from the email you wish to use for your SIMS pay account. Please do use this facility as it offers a safe and convenient payment method. If you have a child already in the Junior School you do not need a new account. You can add more children to your existing SIMS pay account. Please remember to pay for school meals in advance.

Packed Lunches

We encourage healthy eating at our school. Can we remind you that sweets and fizzy drinks are not healthy snacks and therefore should not be included in your child's lunch box.

Medical Conditions and Dietary Requirements

If you haven't already, it is important you let us know if your child has any medical conditions or dietary requirements so we can take the necessary steps to make sure your child is cared for accordingly.

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