

# Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

18 September 2020

## Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

We have been impressed by how quickly the children have adapted to the new normal and their understanding of bubbles being separate; frequent hand washing; one way systems in the corridors; staggered start and exit times and zoned playground areas, amongst other changes to their school life. They have accepted these changes without complaint and we are proud of their compliance with the new rules. Thank you for reinforcing these at home.

Our new Year 3 children have also settled in well to life at Junior School and their enthusiasm for learning is a pleasure to see. Across the school the teachers and support staff are working hard to narrow any gaps in learning that may have occurred during lockdown and we can already see rapid progress being made in all year groups. Please support your child with their homework and reading, as this will have a great benefit to their learning this year.

We will be running an after school 'Fun and Fitness' session for each class bubble in the upcoming weeks. This will be free of charge and will give the children the opportunity to do activities on the field and/or playground with our Sports Coach, Mr Lloyd-Clarke. A letter will follow giving further details.

Please ensure you have read the letter sent out yesterday about the most recent coronavirus updates from Essex County Council. We appreciate your ongoing support in these uncertain times. If you have any questions or issues, please do not hesitate to contact me on [head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk).

Take care and stay safe,

*Michelle A. Wright*

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Headteacher



## What's on next week....

### Lunch Menu Week 2

#### 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

### Date For Your Diary

Parents Evenings  
Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th  
November 2020

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

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## MCTC

We would like to say a huge thank you to the soldiers of MCTC (Military Corrective Training Centre) in Colchester who volunteered their services to the school over the summer holidays. The soldiers worked hard to improve the site and grounds by painting benches and cleaning the outside of the building. Their help is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

## Our Garden

We are enjoying spending time outside in our garden thanks to the staff who spent time tending it during lockdown. It is now a lovely outdoor space for the Year 3 cohort.



## 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 by email. 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](mailto: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.

## Free School Meals

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of benefit for example Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit or Income Support etc. If your child received free school meals at another school you must reapply for free school meals. You can apply online here [https://essex-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free School Meals application](https://essex-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free%20School%20Meals%20application). Your application will be processed within 15 working days.

If you are a low income family and your child is awarded free school meals the school can claim for extra funding to provide additional support for children in school.

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