

Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

2 October 2020

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to see the rapid progress made by the children now that they have been back in school for five weeks. The atmosphere around the school is one of calm and focused learning and we can see the children's stamina and attention to learning returning. The children are also continuing to do well with our coronavirus protocols and are respecting these in all aspects of school life; we are very proud of their adaptability and resilience in these difficult times.

Our after school 'Fun and Fitness' sessions have given the children the chance to enjoy some time outdoors in their bubbles practicing their PE skills; next week the sessions for Year 5 will run on Tuesday to Thursday and the weeks after will be for Year 4 and 3. Please sign up if you would like your child to attend. Forms are available from the school office.

Please put all key dates in your diaries including our Autumn Term Parents' Evenings on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th November. All appointments will be held virtually and will last for ten minutes. I appreciate this is a very different way of holding a Parents' Evening but we are keen to meet with you, so that you can find out how your child is settling in to their new year group. Letters and instructions on how to access the virtual meetings will be sent out next week.

In the final week of half term each child will be sent home with a Behaviour and Attitude Profile, which will inform you of your child's effort in five key areas: behaviour in and behaviour out of class; respect; effort and uniform. Your child will be graded gold, green, amber or red depending on their behaviour and attitude this half term. We are hoping for a record number of 'gold standard' children this half term.

Finally, thank you to all parents/childminders who are socially distancing at the school gates. We appreciate your support with the staggered start and exit times. Please continue to wave at us if you see your child is ready to be collected at the end of the day so that we can ensure they remain safe.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me on head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk

In these uncertain times, please stay safe and take care.

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

After school:

5R Fun & Fitness -3.15-4.15pm

Wednesday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

After school:

5C Fun & Fitness -3.15-4.15pm

Thursday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

After school:

5W Fun & Fitness -3.15-4.15pm

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

Dates For Your Diary

Flu Immunisations

Friday 23rd October 2020

Inset day

Monday 2nd November 2020

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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Fun and Fitness



Catholic Church – Support Network

We have received an offer of help for families from the Colchester SVP, who are based in St James the Less Church in Priory Street, Colchester. Although they have a Catholic basis, they are keen to help anyone regardless of religion or life-style. They are available to families who are in need of support, particularly during these difficult times and can offer practical support and as well as a listening ear. They can be contacted on 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

Guidance for parents and carers on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is going to affect daily life, as the government and the NHS take necessary steps to manage the pandemic, reduce transmission and treat those who need medical attention. Regardless of their age, this may be a difficult time for children and young people. Some may react immediately, while others may show signs of difficulty later on. How a child or young person reacts can vary according to their age, how they understand information and communicate, their previous experiences, and how they typically cope with stress. Adverse reactions may include worrying about their health or that of family and friends, fear, avoidance, problems sleeping or physical symptoms such as stomach ache. During this time, it's important that you support and take care of your family's mental health – there are lots of things you can do, and additional support is available if you need it.

Advice and further information is available on the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>



End Of Term Early Closure Notice for Christmas

We would like to give you advance notice that on Thursday 17th December, the last day of the Autumn term, we will be closing at 2pm. Please make appropriate childcare arrangements where necessary.

Year 7 Secondary School Admissions for September 2021

A reminder that the 2021 secondary school admission round opened on Friday 11th September 2020 and the closing date for applications is **31st October 2020**. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

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