

Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

9 October 2020

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents,

As we approach the half term, we can see great progress in our classrooms but we have noticed that the children are starting to feel the impact of the fulltime return to school. We would really appreciate it if you could ensure your child is in bed at a reasonable time each night. Research shows many positive benefits of sleep on children's attention, behaviour and mental health. We are grateful for your support with this.

The letters for Parents Evenings will be sent home next Monday; parents will be able to book an appointment online in the usual way and your child's class teacher will then send a Zoom appointment to you with your ten minute time slot. We will need your up-to-date email address and you will need to download the Zoom app onto a phone or computer. We look forward to updating you on your child's progress.

The staggered start and end of day times ensure the class bubbles are kept separate both inside and outside of school, which is essential during this current period of high Covid-19 cases. However, the Year 6 children are often waiting for over 15 minutes to come into school, so from 3rd November, Year 6 will come in to school at the slightly earlier time of **8:55am** and leave school at **3:20pm**. Please note these new times.

As part of our Remembrance Day assembly, Mrs Witt is coordinating a video the children in each class who have a loved one currently serving in the Armed Forces or a family member who has previously served in the Armed Forces. We would like to video your child holding a photo of their loved one. Please can you send photos in with your child on: Monday 19th October (Year 3); Tuesday 20th October (Year 4) Wednesday 21st October (Year 5) and Thursday 22nd October (Year 6). We are hoping to have a meaningful day of remembrance despite not being able to share it together at this present time.

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 1

Monday

Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra

Tuesday

Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra
After school:
4S Fun & Fitness -3.05-4.05pm

Wednesday

Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra
After school:
4RS Fun & Fitness -3.05-4.05pm

Thursday

Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra
After school:
4M Fun & Fitness -3.05-4.05pm

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

Early Closure -2pm

Thursday 17th December 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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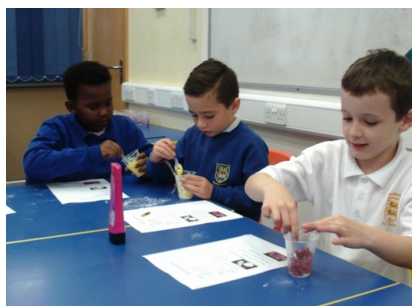


Monty's Marvels

A big congratulations to Ellie Gray who received 2 trophies on Sunday from her football team Reed hall Sentinels. One trophy was for consistency as Ellie has never missed a match since joining the team. The other trophy was for 'Players' Player Of The Year', where her team mates had voted her the best overall player and team player. This is a great achievement as Ellie has only been part of the team since last May. Ellie has made club history by being the first girl to be accepted into the club, win awards and score goals. Well done Ellie.

Year 3 Slime Making fun

As part of their 'Writing Instructions' unit, Year 3 have had lots of fun this week making potions and slime.



Flu Immunisations

Immunisations will take place on Friday 23rd October 2020. Flu Immunisation Consent Forms were sent out this week and should now have been returned to us. If you have not returned your child's form please do so immediately to avoid your child missing out.

Firstsite Holiday Fun October Half Term

Firstsite are offering free active and creative activities every morning during half term. Families can also enjoy a hot lunch for free in their socially distanced canteen or to take away. Booking is essential, spaces are offered on a first come first served basis. To book visit:

www.firstsite.uk/whats-on

Class Dojos

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up to the Class Dojo reward system. It has come to our attention that there may be some advertising for additional features; please note that you are not required to purchase any additional features in order to view your child's rewards.

We have a vacancy for a parent governor on our Governing Board

The school's Governing Board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance. The Governing Board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils. As a parent governor, you'll work with the Board to ensure it effectively carries out its duties. Parent governors are required to attend half termly meetings, commit to training and visiting the school and maintaining confidentiality.

If you're interested in supporting the school and finding out more about this important role please contact the headteacher by email at head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk.

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