

# Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

16 October 2020

## Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the final week of a busy half term, we are delighted with the positive behaviour and attitude of our young learners over the past seven weeks in what has been one of the most challenging periods in recent history. We have been especially impressed with our Year 3 children, many of whom have been out of school for five months and yet have quickly settled into life at Montgomery Junior School. They have adapted well, not only to a different school, but a day in 'bubbles' separated from the other children in the school. We are proud of their resilience and self-discipline.

Due to the fact that the children are not able to go on school trips at this time, we are looking at ways to broaden our curriculum in different ways. On Monday we have arranged for the Year 3 classes to learn more about map-reading through a practical session of orienteering with a local expert. We look forward to seeing them navigating around the school site with their specially made maps!

As many of you will be aware, Essex has been placed on Tier 2 Covid measures from Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Schools remain open, however we would request that parents try to minimise contact with other households when waiting outside the school to drop off or pick up their child/children. We have not yet had a positive case of coronavirus in school, and are grateful to you for your efforts in ensuring our families and staff remain safe and our bubbles remain at school.

Please make sure you sign up for your virtual Parents' Evening on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November (Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> for 3T). Our online appointment system is now open. Visit <http://monty1.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book appointments. All you need is your child's name and date of birth to login.

If you have any queries or questions before half term, please do not hesitate to contact me on:  
[head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk)

Stay safe and take care,

Michelle A. Wright

Michelle Wright  
Headteacher



### Year 7 Secondary School Admissions for September 2021 Reminder

The closing date for applications for a Secondary School place is **31st October 2020**.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).



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

### Lunch Menu Week 2

#### Monday

##### Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

#### Tuesday

##### Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

##### After school:

3R Fun & Fitness -2.55-3.55pm

#### Wednesday

##### Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

##### After school:

3T Fun & Fitness -2.55-3.55pm

#### Thursday

##### Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

##### After school:

3L Fun & Fitness -2.55-3.55pm

#### 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

Tuesday 10th & Thursday 12th November 2020 (3T only)

#### Farm in a Box (Year 3)

Friday 6th November 2020

#### School Photo Day

Wednesday 18th November 2020

#### Early Closure -2pm

Thursday 17th December 2020

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## Monty's Marvels

A big well done to Amelia Roberts (4M) for collecting £26.35 for the Orangutans and donating it to Colchester Zoo. Orangutans are Amelia's favourite animal and she hopes to adopt one in Borneo or Sumatra for her birthday.

Congratulations to Rio Yendani (5R) for being awarded a medal for Man of the Match last weekend for Rowhedge Junior Football Club. Well done Rio.



## Free School Meals

The government initiative which provides a free school lunch for all pupils in Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 is not the same as the Free School Meals, which are provided for children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits. If your child is in Year 3 or above and you are in receipt of benefits or are a low income family you should apply separately to the Local Authority for Free School Meals to ensure that your child receives this benefit. You can apply online at <https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>. It usually takes around 15 days to process an application. You will need to pay for any school meals your child has had up to the date of your Free School Meals award.

## Mobile School Crossing Patrol Officer - Vacancy

Are you looking for an opportunity to support your local community?

Come and join Essex County Council's School Crossing Patrol Team. We currently have a mobile vacancy open at:

**Colchester,**  
(Job Number 25973)

To apply visit [www.workingforessex.com](http://www.workingforessex.com), or call the Resourcing Team on 0333 013 5888.





### Army Welfare Service Community Support



## Who pushed Humpty Dumpty off the Wall?

Poor old Humpty was sitting minding his own business, when he was rudely pushed off the wall. He's currently in Colchester A&E waiting for treatment. We need the help of you, the public, and for your help there is a reward. Your mission is to follow the trail, answer the clues and find out who knocked Humpty off the wall?

Someone HELP quick before it happens again.

To be in with a chance of winning the reward, you need to register and receive the treasure trail pack email [michelle.dunn600@mod.gov.uk](mailto:michelle.dunn600@mod.gov.uk).

Last date to register Thursday 5th November.



Email me with your answer to [michelle.dunn600@mod.gov.uk](mailto:michelle.dunn600@mod.gov.uk) no later than Friday 6th November. Any entries received after this date will not be counted in the competition. Winner will be chosen at random by an independent party.



### Autumn 2020 FREE School Uniform Stalls

#### Kingsland Uniform Stall

Kingsland Church, 86 London Rd, CO3 9DW  
22 October 10am – 12pm

#### St Cedds Uniform Stall

St Cedds Hall, Icen Way, CO2 9EH  
26th October 10am -12pm

#### Greenstead Uniform Stall

Greenstead Foodbank  
30th October 10am -12pm

#### St Margrets Uniform Stall

St Margrets Church, CO2 8RA  
13th November 11am – 1pm

#### Jaywick Uniform Stall

12 Brooklands Gardens, CO15 2JP  
24th November 10am-12pm

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