

Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

6th November 2020



Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

As we enter into the second national lockdown, we are pleased that schools remain open and that we are able to continue educating the young people in our care. If your child is required to self-isolate for any reason, we are able to provide a home learning pack, so that they do not fall behind. Please contact us to request one should this be the case.

Next week, on Wednesday 11th November, we will be celebrating Remembrance Day in our class bubbles. Thank you to all the parents who sent in photographs of their family members in the Armed Forces. We are very proud of our military connections. Mrs Witt has created a short video with these clips for Remembrance Day, which will be shown in the assembly. Poppies will be on sale from Monday, so please send a suggested donation of £1 should you wish your child to purchase one. The proceeds go to The Royal British Legion. Thank you in advance for your support.

The Friends of Montgomery have organised for the children to make their own Christmas cards this year, which will be on sale in the upcoming weeks. A percentage of the proceeds will go to the Friends of Montgomery to purchase extra resources for the children. We are grateful to them for their hard work. More details will follow once the cards arrive back from the printers.

We understand that this is a very difficult time for many families, so if you need any extra support, please contact me on head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk and we will do our best to help.

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

3T Parents Evening

Wednesday

Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra

Thursday

Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra

3T Parents Evening

Friday

Breakfast clubs:
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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 8:55am — 3:20pm

Dates For Your Diary

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 11th 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

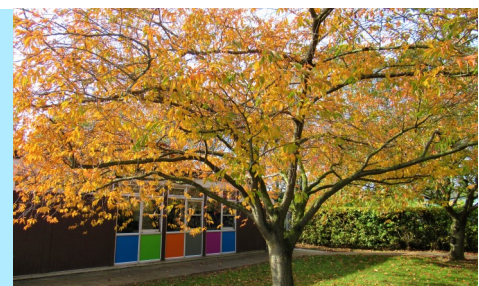
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School Photographs - POSTPONED

School photographs were due to take place on Wednesday 18th November 2020. Unfortunately, due to lockdown this has been postponed. We will update you with a new date in the near future.

Fun and Fitness Sessions—CANCELLED

Due to the current national lockdown, Essex County Council have advised schools to cancel all extra-curricular sports clubs.

Therefore, regrettably, the Fun and Fitness sessions in the upcoming weeks will not take place.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



Our fabulous school catering team have worked really hard throughout the coronavirus pandemic to offer a delicious hot lunch menu for our children. Enjoying a nutritious two course school meal at lunchtime supports academic attainment, helps children to concentrate better and has a positive impact on behaviour in the classroom. It will also save parents time by reducing the times they might have to go shopping for lunch ingredients.

School meals are £2 each. You can pay online with [SIMS Pay](#) or by card at the school office. If you are in receipt of benefits, please visit the website <https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals> to check if you are entitled to free school meals. If you have any questions or are finding it difficult to provide a packed lunch or hot meal at lunch times please let us know so that we can help you.

Menus are available to download from the school website <https://www.montgomery-jun.org.uk/parents/school-meals>

The Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance

Despite The Festival of Remembrance being unable to be filmed with a live audience this year due to Covid-19 restrictions The Royal British Legion, together with the BBC, is creating a pre-recorded programme that will be broadcast on BBC One on Saturday 7th November. To mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, BBC Television and Radio will broadcast a range of special programmes across the week from 7th November that will bring the nation together in remembrance and reflection.



Coronavirus lockdown 2 restrictions came into force this week and we are kindly asking all parents, carers and visitors to the school to please wear a mask when coming onto the school grounds for any reason. The government has emphasised that it is prioritising education - so schools, colleges and universities will all remain open, but please continue to remember to stay 2 metres apart when dropping off and collecting your children from school.

We are pleased to be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December. Please send your child in with a clean Christmas jumper over their school uniform along with a donation to Save The Children. We look forward to seeing some bright and colourful jumpers, as well as supporting an important charity.

Christmas Jumper Day



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