

Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

13th November 2020

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

The Autumn half term has started well and the children have continued to make progress with their learning. I hope you found the Parents' Evenings informative; if you have any further questions, or you did not manage to make an appointment with your child's class teacher, please let either myself or the office know, so we can organise a meeting for you.

A Remembrance Day assembly took place in school on Wednesday and the children were able to watch a short video of their fellow pupils reading poems reminding us of the great sacrifices made by the members of our Armed Forces in years gone by and now. It was very moving to see so many children and staff holding photographs of loved ones who are currently serving, or have previously served, in the military. We are honoured to be a school where we are part of such a special community.

Thank you to those parents who have placed orders with the Scholastic Book Club; all orders placed entitle our school to 20% of the monies taken, which will enable us to purchase new books for the children. The link is <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/montgomery-county-junior/digital-book-club> and all ordering and payment is done online. The last date for orders is Tuesday 1st December to guarantee delivery by Christmas. Thank you to Miss Smith for organising this event.

The children have been busy creating their own Christmas cards this week and these will be available to order in the next two weeks. Your child's design will be sent home with an order form should you be interested in purchasing any cards or other Christmas items. Thank you in advance for your support.

Finally, as Christmas approaches, we welcome the children bringing in Christmas cards for their friends and staff members. In order to adhere to our coronavirus protocols, these will have to be quarantined. Please can we ask the cards to be brought in on Mondays and Tuesdays, so that they can be sent out on Fridays. This will minimise the risk of coronavirus particle transmission between homes.

Please take care and stay safe,

Michelle A. Wright

Michelle Wright
Headteacher



What's on next week.....

Lunch Menu Week 3

Monday

Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra

Tuesday

Breakfast clubs:
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Wednesday

Breakfast clubs:
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Thursday

Breakfast clubs:
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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

Christmas Lunch Day

Wednesday 16th December 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

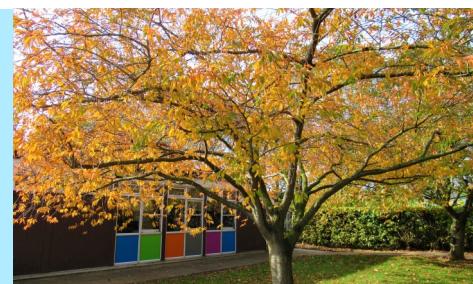


Loss or change in sense of taste or smell

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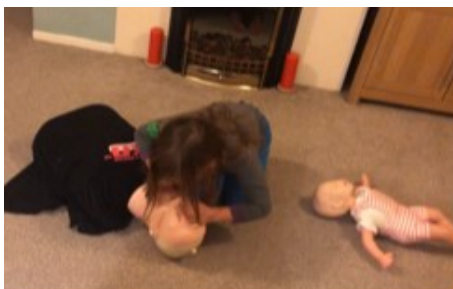
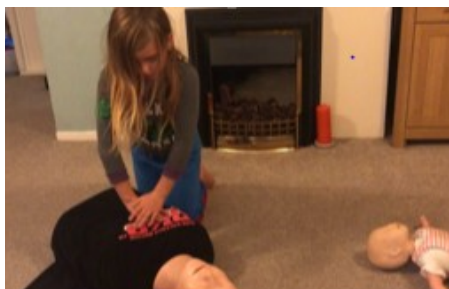
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Monty's Marvels

Well done to Harley-Ann Langley who has been demonstrating her first aid skills at home recently. What a first aid wonder!



Junior School Admissions for September 2021

The junior school (Year 3) admission round opened on **9 November 2020** for parents of children currently in Year 2 in infant schools to apply for a Year 3 school place in a junior school for the academic year that starts in September 2021.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2021**.

From 9 November 2020, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.



Army Welfare Service
Community Support

Youth Club ZOOM Sessions

For young people based in Woodbridge,
Colchester, Wattisham and Wimbish

Zoom sessions will start on Tues 15th and Thurs 17th September
and will continue until we can restart 'normal' youth club!

**Senior Session (For young people in school
years 7 +) – Every Tuesday @ 19.00**

**Junior Session (For young people in school
years 4 to 6) - Every Thursday @ 18.00 hrs**

Each session will be approx. 50 minutes long
Come and have some fun with your friends!

If you would like to be involved:

If you are based in Woodbridge or Wattisham
please email Michelle Morgan –
michelle.morgan471@mod.gov.uk

If you are based in Colchester or Wimbish
please email Michelle Dunn – michelle.dunn600@mod.gov.uk

**Come along! Get Involved!
Take Part! Have Fun!**

Coronavirus support for families

Find out what support you can get from the government and other organisations if you're affected by Coronavirus. This includes support with getting food, paying bills, redundancy or unemployment and mental health and wellbeing for adults and children. You can use the service for yourself or someone else. You can access the support service at the **gov.uk** website <https://www.gov.uk/find-coronavirus-support>

Remembrance Day Poetry

Children from 5R have produced some beautiful poetry. Please see the attached sheet.



DON'T FORGET!

School will close at the earlier time of 2pm on Thursday 17th December. Please make necessary childcare arrangements.

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War

By Rory Lees

Foes are yelling
"No, oh, no"
As energy sank like quicksand
and every soldier's hand was
trembling fear.

Nearer and nearer death crept to
them,
And every day they would pray that
war was over.

Guns sounding happiness and
hope,
Draining lives failing to succeed,
And the bullets sang "I am death's
past, present and future"
And there was no escape the blood
curdling screams.

Remember the soldiers

By Tyler Smurthwaite

Remember the soldiers,
Fighting in fear,
BOOM! CRASH!
Mucky soldiers that fought for our lives,
Remember the soldiers.

Remember the soldiers,
Because poppies dance through the air,
Poppies as bright as scarlet red,
Shine through day and night for the dead,
Remember the soldiers.



Remember

By Archie Hammans

Guns, tanks, fear and bombs,
Gas as deadly as poison.
Deadly, filthy, slippery and gloomy,
As the fear still haunts the smoky trench.
Barbed wire, bullets, bodies and blood,
Food as disgusting as mud.
Dull, grey, crimson and black,
As the fear still haunts the smoky trench.

Eleven, eleven, eleven,
The nightmare is finally done.
Guns stopping, parties starting,
The bullets, bombs, tanks and smoke,
gone. Never again
But one thing for sure, the memory will never die.

Eleven, eleven, eleven
Take time to remember,
The soldiers who died in fear,
They rest in peace,
And watch the poppies grow,
But the memory will never die.

Poppies

Soldiers fighting for their families, their country,
against the foe, for the war's entertainment, bombs,
gunshots from afar. Come clashing near the trenches,
in the place that 'No man goes', scared animals
huddle together from the cold.

When first light hit the ground, a dazzling poppy
grew, more and more each week before you knew it.
Poppies grew everywhere. Man declared "NO MORE
WAR! Everyone was happy, it was finally OVER. After
four years of fighting,
ELEVEN! ELEVEN! ELEVEN! They shouted.

Still we celebrate those, who fought in the war, that
saved our lives. If it wasn't FOR then, we wouldn't be
here today. We sit still in silence for two minutes to
remember those who died during war.
ELEVEN! ELEVEN! ELEVEN!

By Alina Singali

