

# Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

20th November 2020

## Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents, who have purchased books from our online Scholastic Book Fair; all purchases will provide us with 20% of monies raised with which we can buy extra reading resources for our children. The final date for making a purchase is Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December in order to guarantee delivery for Christmas and the link is <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/montgomery-county-junior/digital-book-club>. All ordering and payment is done online. Thank you in advance for your support.

With less than four weeks left of term, we are making arrangements for Christmas activities in school. We are not able to hold a Carol Service or Christmas play this year due to coronavirus restrictions. However, the children will have their Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December and each class bubble will have a Christmas party in the final week of term: the Year 3 party will take place on Monday 14th December, Year 6 - Tuesday 15th December, Year 4 - Wednesday 16th December and Year 5 on Thursday 17th December. The children may wear their own clothes on the day of their year group party. Please make sure they wear sensible shoes and bring in a coat for playtimes. Snacks will be provided.

In addition, we will be supporting Save The Children by having a Christmas jumper day on Friday 11th December. For a suggested donation of £1+, staff and children can wear their most colourful and creative Christmas jumper over their usual school uniform. We look forward to seeing some bright and exciting jumpers.

The Christmas cards designed by the children were sent home yesterday; if you would like to place an order, please return the form along with payment by Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November in order to ensure delivery by Christmas. Thank you to the Friends of Montgomery Junior School for organising this event.

Finally, please continue to let me know if your child has a proud moment outside of school; we are keen to celebrate the successes of the multi-talented pupils at Montgomery Junior School. If you email a photo with a short explanation of the achievement to [head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk) we can publish this in our Friday newsletter.

Stay well and keep safe,

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

#### Wednesday

**Breakfast clubs:**  
Monty's Extra

#### Thursday

**Breakfast clubs:**  
Monty's Extra

#### 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 8:55am — 3:20pm

### Dates For Your Diary

Friday 11th December  
Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 14th December  
Year 3 Christmas Party

Tuesday 15th December  
Year 6 Christmas Party

Wednesday 16th December  
Christmas Lunch Day  
Year 4 Christmas Party

Thursday 17th December  
Year 5 Christmas Party  
Early Closure -2pm



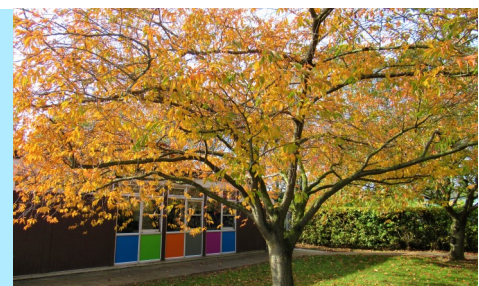
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## Monty's Marvels

Melanie in class 4M has finished the fifth novel (The Order of the Phoenix) of The Harry Potter series. This is the biggest book she has ever read and she has been captivated by the whole series. Well done Melanie, what super reading.

## Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch order form will be sent out next week. Please indicate on the slip if your child will be having our set Christmas lunch, vegetarian or bringing a packed lunch. Payment can be made in the usual ways, cash, card or on your SIMS Pay account.

## Christmas Card/Gift Orders

Christmas card proofs have gone out this week. The deadline to order cards and gifts with your child's Christmas design on them is Thursday 26th November 2020. Please return your order forms together with payment as soon as possible. Payments should be made by cheque to Montgomery Junior School or cash. Please ensure that you include the correct amount in the envelope provided as change cannot be given.



## Garrison Christmas Project

Christmas Competition from Colchester Garrison Chaplains : #GuidingStar – Let's brighten up our community this Christmas!

**Aim:** To create a colourful star and display it in a window with prizes for the best designs!

**Purpose:** To brighten our community during lockdown in the build up to Christmas.

**When:** From 08:00 on 23rd November 2020, with the deadline for competition entries at 20:00 on 16th December 2020, with the winners announced on 18th December 2020.

**What:** Christmas is coming and Colchester Garrison Chaplains want to add a bit of Christmas cheer. This is open to all families of those who serve in 16x or Colchester Garrison (both in Colchester and further away). Families are encouraged to create a star and display it. It can be as big or small, dazzling or colourful, traditional or as modern as you want.

**How to enter:** Email a photo of your star to 16x-Chaplains@mod.gov.uk with the subject line '#GuidingStar'. In the body of the email you must include your name and unit (including sub unit), of the serving soldier.

**In addition:** As well as brightening up our community, let's also brighten up the internet! Why not also post the photo of your star on social media with #GuidingStar.

**Small print:** The competition is being arranged by 16x Chaplains. As with all competitions, the judges' decision is final and families of a judge cannot enter. Winners will be notified by email and the organisers reserve the right to withdraw the competition at any time. The competition is only open to serving soldiers and their immediate families.

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

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