

Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

27th November 2020

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

As Christmas approaches, we are turning our thoughts to ensuring the children have an enjoyable and memorable experience. Thank you to all parents who purchased Christmas cards designed by the children, plus parents who bought books from our online Book Fair. The final date for book orders is Tuesday 1st December. Numbers for our Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December are already high, so thank you to parents for returning the booking slips. Staff are already planning their Christmas jumpers for Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December and we are looking forward to seeing the colourful designs worn by the children for a suggested donation of £1, which will go to the 'Save The Children' charity.

Each class will have their Christmas party in the final week of term (w/b 14th December) and the children are allowed to wear their own clothes into school on that day-please see dates below.

The final day of term is Thursday 17th December and school will close by 2pm. Please ensure your child is collected at the following times: Year Three: 1:30pm; Year Four: 1:40pm; Year Five: 1:50pm and Year Six: 1:55pm. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

We are currently updating our Relationships, Sex and Health policy in line with government guidance. This will be posted on the school website for consultation in the New Year. Brook Essex are offering training sessions for parents via Zoom during which time the new legislation and the impact on primary school pupils will be explained. There will be time reserved for questions at the end of each session. The booking details are:

8th December 2020 6.30pm-7.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rse-at-home-with-parents-primary-essex-only-tickets-125348541863>

8th January 2021 10.30am-11.30am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rse-at-home-with-parents-primary-essex-only-tickets-125349199831>

Finally, we are very grateful for your continued support during this difficult term. The staff have been working hard to ensure that your child catches up with any learning lost due to the partial school closures. Please continue to ensure that their homework is completed and that they read every night. It makes a difference.

Take care and stay safe,

Michelle A. Wright

Michelle Wright
Headteacher



What's on next week.....

Lunch Menu Week 2

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:
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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

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 1.30-1.55pm



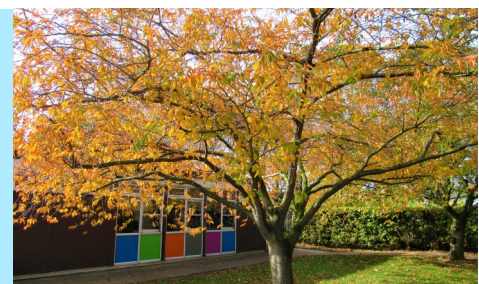
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Monty's Marvels

William Westmoreland and his sister have been working really hard this past month to collect books for children who have no family and nothing to open on Christmas Day. They managed to get a total of 34 books and have donated them to a home. Well done William!

Book Fair



There is still time to order books from our Scholastic Book Fair online. 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.



Garrison Christmas Project

Don't forget to create and display a colourful star in your window to enter the Colchester Garrison Chaplains Christmas Competition #GuidingStar. The deadline for competition entries is 8pm on 16th December and winners will be announced on 18th December 2020. 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. 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.

Data Collection Sheets

Data Collection sheets have gone out today. Please check all the details are correct and up to date and make amendments where needed. It is important to ensure we know any dietary requirements and medical conditions. All sheets must be signed whether there are changes or not. Data Collection Sheets should be returned no later than Friday 4th December 2020.

Diarrhoea and Vomiting Advice

Our school policy follows NHS guidance and advises that children who have vomited or have suffered with diarrhoea should stay away from school for 2 days after their symptoms have gone.

Thank you for your help to stop the spread of these illnesses.

Self-Isolating

If your child is required to self-isolate for any reason, home learning packs are available. Please contact the school office and leave your details; packs can be collected or posted out.

Parking and Drop off Reminder

Please remember that the entrance to the school car park should not be used to park in or to drop your child off. This area must be clear at all times for staff and visitors to enter or exit the car park. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

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