

Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

3rd December 2020

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

At the end of another busy week, we want to say a big thank you to our parents and families for abiding by our coronavirus protocols and helping to keep our children and staff safe. In the final days of term, we would appreciate your continued vigilance regarding the spread of coronavirus, as many of our staff, as well as you- our families, will spend Christmas with their relatives, some of whom are vulnerable. Any bubbles required to self-isolate from now on will impact on the 5 day window from 23rd to 27th December, when we are allowed to visit our families. We appreciate your extra caution as we enter this period. Thank you to all those parents who have had their children tested due to showing symptoms; so far we have not had a positive case at the Junior school.

A reminder that if your child shows any of the main symptoms of the virus: a continuous cough, high temperature or loss of sense of smell or taste, they should not attend school and be tested as soon as possible. Please inform school of such circumstances. If the result is positive, please email me at once on head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk; the email is checked over the weekend. Please also check your emails in case we need to isolate a bubble at short notice. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Looking forward, we are excited about our Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December - all suggested donations of £1+ are gratefully appreciated; these will go to the Save The Children charity. Jumpers should be worn over normal school uniform with school shoes and coat. Our Christmas tree is up ready for the Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December—the menu looks very appetising. Christmas parties will take place in the final week of term (w/b 14th December) and we have organised a virtual panto for that week with snacks and drinks. The children will see the Mercury Theatre's version of Cinderella in their bubbles, which should be a real treat.

Finally, please send any Christmas cards into school on Mondays and Tuesdays for quarantine; they will then be sent home at the end of the week. Any gifts for staff must also be quarantined, so must be in school by Tuesday 15th December. Sadly, no home baked goodies are permitted this year.

Take care and stay safe

Michelle A. Wright

Mrs Michelle Wright- Headteacher



What's on next week.....

Lunch Menu Week 3

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
Christmas Jumper Day

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

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—Please note pick up times as follows:

Year 3 - 1:30pm

Year 4 - 1:40pm

Year 5 - 1:50pm

Year 6 - 1:55pm

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School Photographs

On Thursday the school photographers came in and took photos of the children. You should have had a card with a QR code on it come home with your child. All ordering should be done online. The cut off date for orders is Saturday 12th December for delivery to the school before the Christmas holidays.

Book Fair

We are delighted with the response to our online Book Fair this year at which almost £400 was spent by parents. This enabled us to purchase over £75 of new books for our children. A really big thank you to everybody who supported the Book Fair.

Books, Books, Books

We have recently signed up to Juniper's Reading Road Map Challenge for our Year six pupils. This involves the purchase of 120 new books, in a variety of genres. The children will read different titles to move along the map whenever they finish a book. There are a choice of 'routes' for the children to explore and certificates to gain. We are very excited to introduce such a wide range of authors to our Year six children.



Real Stories

A new project has been launched recently at the King's Centre for Military Health Research (KCMHR). 'Real Stories' is a new online gallery of images submitted by military-connected families to reflect family life today. The King's Centre are inviting members of the UK Armed Forces Community (anybody who is related or in a partnership with somebody who is serving or has served in the Armed Forces) to submit an image and take part in the virtual exhibition. Details can be found at <https://kcmhr.org/real-stories/>

The hope is that this virtual gallery will be educational and informative, to help raise awareness and understanding within the public perception of the Armed Forces community. There's also an opportunity to include a written contribution to go alongside your submission about what the image represents or means to you, which will be presented in our Reflections booklet (these comments can remain anonymous if you wish).

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'.

Data Collection Sheets

Thank you to those who have returned their Data Collection Sheets. Please return these as soon as possible. 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. Thank you for your cooperation.

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