

Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

11th December 2020

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

As we end the final full week of term, we can see the excitement of the children growing. Christmas Jumper Day has gone very well and we have been delighted with the range of jumpers seen. Thank you for your support for this day and your generosity in raising money for the 'Save The Children' charity.

Christmas parties will take place next week: Monday 14th – Year 3; Tuesday 15th – Year 6; Wednesday 16th – Year 4 and Thursday 17th – Year 5. The children can wear their own clothes on the day of their party, but we again ask for sensible shoes and warm coats. The children will go out to play as usual and may be on the field, which as you all know, can get muddy. Please bear this in mind when choosing party outfits. The children will be provided with a drink and snack during the party and will be sent home with a small gift – courtesy of our hardworking Friends of Montgomery Junior School. A big thank you to them for organising and funding the purchase of these Christmas goodies.

As you may have read in the press, there is a requirement for parents to notify school if their child tests positive for coronavirus in the six days following the end of term (**from Thursday 17th to Wednesday 23rd December**). Please email me as soon as possible on head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk or phone 07783033112, which is a school mobile. The office is closed for the holidays, so do not contact the school office phone or admin email address, as these will not be checked. Please read the letter giving further details which was sent out today.

We will be having our pre planned INSET day on Monday 4th January 2021, as scheduled in the school diary. Contrary to reports in the press, we will not be taking any other days for corona related issues. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 5th January** at the usual times, (staggered start and end of day timings still applicable).

The final day of term is **Thursday 17th December at 1:30pm- Y3; 1:40pm-Y4; 1:50pm- Y5 and 1:55pm- Y6**. Please ensure that you arrive promptly to collect your child.

Finally, on behalf of the staff and governors of Montgomery Junior School, may we wish you a peaceful, healthy and happy Christmas holiday.

Take care and stay safe,

Michelle A. Wright

Michelle Wright
Headteacher



What's on next week.....

Lunch Menu Week 1

Monday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra
Year 3 Christmas Party

Tuesday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra
Year 6 Christmas Party

Wednesday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra
Christmas Lunch Day
Year 4 Christmas Party

Thursday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra
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

Friday



Dates For Your Diary

Non pupil day:
Monday 4th January 2021

Back to School:
Tuesday 5th January 2021

Half term:
15th-19th February 2021

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Monty's Marvels



Congratulations to Henry Roberts on his fantastic effort with reading this term, he has shown great enthusiasm and pushed himself to read harder books. Well done Henry.

Well done to Toby Patmore for helping collect toys for the Salvation Army for their Christmas gift appeal. Toby used some of his own money to buy a toy as well as going to friends and family to ask for donations of gifts. Together with his collection and a friend's, they gathered nearly 200 gifts for the families that are struggling at this time of year. Well done Toby, that's fantastic.



Read Read Read!

The Winter Reading Challenge 2020

Essex Library Services have launched The Winter Reading Challenge 2020 and would love to invite all families to take part. All you need to do is visit your local library and collect an exclusive Giant Bookmark. The bookmark will be stamped with a special woodland creature stamp for each book your child reads. The aim is to read 6 books over the winter period and receive a large golden star to complete the challenge. There is no joining process or forms to complete and families can take part at any point from 5th December 2020 – 27th February 2021.

Keep Colchester Reading

A brand new initiative has launched working to provide free books to families across Colchester. If you would like to donate books or would benefit from receiving free books please contact Lee (details below) or visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSce25IalWsskYV2UBTVybYWpQeF-rqiRR-NshcOTz036LoTKQ/viewform?usp=sf_link



WE NEED YOU!

Keep Colchester Reading is a brand new initiative, working to provide free books to families across Colchester this Christmas.

If you would like to **donate** or **receive** books, please contact Lee via leescordis@aol.com or on 07947 541573.

Xmas Holiday Hunger Clubs

Colchester United Football in the Community are pleased to announce that they will once again be continuing their **FREE** Holiday Hunger activities throughout the Christmas holidays in Colchester & Harwich. The **FREE** multi-sport activity days will include healthy food provision and enrichment workshops around healthy lifestyles. The holiday activity days are specifically for those children on **FREE School Meals** and do have limited places. To book a place visit <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/colchesterunited/holiday-hunger-programme-colchester-december-2020.html>



Firstsite Holiday Fun

Firstsite put on a programme of activities during the school holidays and this has been extended through December to cover weekdays and weekends too! Holiday Fun activities are available to any family that can benefit from them. Visit their website for more information and details on how to book.

DON'T

Please bring in your Breakfast Club forms. We can only have 8 children from each year group per day. Spaces are in high demand.

FORGET

Also if you haven't brought back your Data Collection Form it is important that these are returned as soon as possible.

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