## Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

17th December 2020

## **Headteacher Update**

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of a very busy term, we want to take a moment to focus on what the children have achieved in the past four months. They have adjusted to the new way of working with the



many, new, coronavirus protocols and the behaviour throughout the school has been excellent. They have accepted not being able to mix with children from different bubbles, without complaining, and created new games with other groups of children. The recent assessments show that the children have been working hard and closing any gaps in their learning, which is pleasing to see. They have been incredibly resilient and adaptable and we are very proud of them.

The past week has been filled with Christmas activities, including parties, pantos and Christmas arts and crafts. The Christmas jumper day raised approximately £215 for Save The Children and, as the photos overleaf show, there were some fantastic designs. Thank you for your generosity. Our Christmas lunch went very well yesterday and the children enjoyed a full roast dinner followed by ice cream or jelly- a big thank you to our catering team for their hard work.

Looking forward; the children will return on Tuesday  $5^{\text{th}}$  January at the usual staggered start times.

May I take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all your support this term; please stay safe over the holidays and have an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Take care and stay safe,

Michelle A. Wisht

Michelle Wright Headteacher



#### **Coronavirus Notification**

As you will have read in recent letters, Essex have issued guidelines regarding coronavirus cases during the holiday period. If your child has symptoms of coronavirus in the holidays, please email me on <a href="head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk">head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk</a>. If they test positive between Thursday 17th and Wednesday 23rd December, please send an email to the above address or phone on the school mobile- 07783 033112 as soon as possible, so that school can assist the NHS Test and Trace team with identifying close contacts and advise regarding self-isolation. This is vital in preventing children from Montgomery Junior School going to visit potentially vulnerable family members and spreading the infection. If your child is self-isolating and this impacts on their return to school, please send a message on the email above. Your support with this is much appreciated.



#### What's on next term......

**Lunch Menu Week 1** 

**Monday 4th January** Non pupil day

**Tuesday 5th January Children return to school Breakfast clubs**:
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**Wednesday 6th January Breakfast clubs**: Monty's Extra

**Thursday 7th January Breakfast clubs**: Monty's Extra

**Friday 8th January 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**

Half term: 15th-19th February 2021



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Team!

Christmas Jumper Day





Christmas Lunch Day



### Christmas Cards

The children have made some beautiful Christmas cards for the residents of a local care home. We are sure they will enjoy these lovely creations.



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