

Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

16th April 2021



Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter holiday with your families.

It has been fantastic to have the children back in school and to see them playing outside in the sunshine with their friends. The Covid protocols are still in place and the children remain in class bubbles; these bubbles do not mix with other bubbles. Please ensure that you continue to support us with these protocols, including not bringing bags into school for the time being. As the restrictions ease, we will review our policies and procedures and keep you updated. Your child's wellbeing and safety is of paramount importance to us, so we thank you for your patience.

A huge congratulations to the children who took part in the Cross Country event last term: Montgomery Junior School beat 16 teams from other local schools to win the Year Three, Year Four and Year Six competitions. The times of the top three runners were added together to give an overall total. Well done to Jayden and Sienna in Year Three and Aidan & Ffion in Year Six who won the individual boys'/girls' running. We are delighted at the talent of our young athletes and look forward to further developing this in the term ahead.

We have been working hard to ensure that this summer term is the best term ever (#MJS-best-term-ever) for the children after the difficult year they have had. Visitors to school and trips can resume in the near future, so staff are in the process of sourcing different activities to engage and excite the children in the upcoming months. Please support us by contributing to the school trips so that we can offer these to enhance the learning experiences of the children.

Finally, our school library was restocked last academic year and a considerable amount of books were purchased. Please can we request that if your child has a school library book at home, it is returned as soon as possible. We will be issuing fine letters in the future for any books not returned. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

Kind Regards

Michelle A. Wright
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Headteacher

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

What's on next week.....

Summer Menu Week 2

Monday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

After School Clubs:

Football Y3 2:55-3:55pm

Tuesday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

After School Clubs:

Netball Y4 3:05-4:05pm

Wednesday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

After School Clubs:

1stClass@Number 3:05-4:00pm

Football Y5 3:15-4:15pm

6C Maths Booster Class 3:20-4:10pm

Thursday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

After School Clubs:

1stClass@Number 3:05-4:00pm

Netball Y6 3:20-4:20pm

6B Maths Booster Class 3:20-4:10

Military Club on Teams 3.30pm

Friday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

After School Clubs:

Football Y6 3:20-4:20pm

Dates For Your Diary

Half Term Holiday

31st May—4th June 2021

Poetry Week

7th June 2021

Parents Evenings

9th & 10th June 2021

Summer Holiday

22nd July - 31st Aug 2021

Non Pupil Day

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Attendance Champions



Congratulations to class **3R** and class **4M** who are our weekly attendance champions with an amazing **100%** attendance. Well done to you all.

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Grace Crawford in 5C made the brave decision to have her lovely, long hair cut so that she could donate it to children who need wigs. Grace's mum packaged up the 16 inches she had cut off and sent it to the Little Princess Trust, who make wigs for children with cancer. So far, Grace has also raised £70 to contribute to the £500 cost of making the wigs. We are so proud of Grace and her generosity and kindness. Well done!



Reading Road Map- Year Six



The children in Year Six have been taking part in a Reading scheme run by Essex Library Services. The reading challenge is based on a map of an area featuring roads that children will be familiar with. Each road represents a genre: Adventure; Classics; Crime; Fantasy & Sci-Fi; Graphic Novels; Horror; Humour; Poetry; Sport and Non-Fiction. Children are encouraged to travel the roads reading a range of titles selected from the 60 books. Each title is marked with a green, yellow or red dot indicating the level of challenge meaning it is accessible to all abilities.

Well done to the Year Six girls who have read their first five books of the Reading Challenge and achieved their first certificate. Fantastic effort!

Year 5 Road Safety Pedestrian Training



This month Year 5 had a visit from the Safer Essex Road Safety Partnership. The pupils were reminded how they should behave when they are near the road, including how to cross the road in the safest way. They were also reminded why they should always wear a seat belt and the importance of wearing their cycle helmet. Every pupil was given a fluorescent bag to remind them to Be Bright, Be Seen.

We encourage you to reinforce this learning with your child following Stop, Look, Listen and Think. For more information and additional free resources visit <https://saferessexroads.org/> and <https://www.think.gov.uk/>.



**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

School Meals

We would like to inform you that any debts arising from school lunches will now be capped at **£30**. If your school dinner bill reaches this amount, you will be asked to provide a packed lunch for your child until the balance has been paid. If you are entitled to Free School Meals, an application needs to be submitted to:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

The school will be informed if your application is successful. All debts incurred before Free School Meal status is granted are payable in full. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Mobile School Crossing Patrol Officer - Vacancy

Are you looking for an opportunity to support your local community?

Come and join Essex County Council's School Crossing Patrol Team. We currently have a mobile vacancy open at:

Colchester,
(Job Number 25973)

To apply visit www.workingforessex.com, or call the Resourcing Team on 0333 013 5888.



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