

Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

8th October 2021



Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

It was a pleasure to watch our Upper KS2 football team play their first tournament of competitive football for over 18 months this week. The children competed against other local primary schools and played 9 matches overall. They scored some super goals and defended well, finishing joint 4th place. We are very proud of the sportsmanship and teamwork of all of the players. Mr Brown and Mr Lloyd are currently organising other fixtures for the upcoming term.

Please save some time in your diaries for our Parents' Evenings, which will take place on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th November from 3:30-6:00pm. The meetings will take place virtually via MS Teams due to our high Covid cases. A letter will be sent out next week providing details of how to book your slot. Each appointment lasts for up to ten minutes so if you feel you need extra time, a follow up meeting can be organised. The liaison between home and school is vital in ensuring the best outcomes for your child, so, if you are unable to meet with the teachers on those evenings, let us know and we will do our best to find an alternative time. Ms Staines, our SENCO, will also be available on Wednesday 3rd November to offer advice to any parent with whom she has not already met this half term. A letter will be sent out with further details.

We will shortly be working with a peripatetic music agency to offer guitar and keyboard lessons to our children for a fee. The lessons will take place during the school day; more details to follow. The lessons will start after half term.

Finally, the number of COVID-19 cases continues to be high across the school. Please do not send your child into school with a high temperature, a cough or with a loss of taste/smell. If you know your child has had close contact with a positive case of CV-19, please book a PCR test for them. All positive results should be emailed to head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk

Kind Regards

Michelle A. Wright

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Headteacher



Attendance Champions

Congratulations to class **4H** who are our weekly attendance champions again with an amazing **99.6%** attendance. Well done everyone in 4H.

Attendance

Coming to school every day is very important for your child. Lessons are not repeated, so children who miss lessons will have gaps in their learning. Often each days lessons build upon those of the previous day. If a child misses a lesson they can miss the foundation to subsequent lessons.

What's on next week:

Autumn Menu Week 1

Monday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

After School Clubs:

Y5 & Y6 Basketball 3:10pm-4pm

Success@Arithmetic 3:15-4pm

Tuesday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

After School Clubs:

Y3 Basketball 3pm-4pm

Wednesday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

After School Clubs:

Y4 Basketball 3pm-4pm

Success@Arithmetic 3:15-4pm

1stClass@Number 3pm-4pm

Thursday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

5W Trip to Lauriston Farm

5C Swimming Lessons

After School Clubs:

Y5/6 Netball Squad Training

3:10pm -4:30pm

Success@Arithmetic 3:15-4pm

1stClass@Number 3pm-4pm

Friday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

After School Clubs:

Y5/6 Football Squad Training

3:10pm -4:30pm

Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 20th October

Y6 Trip to Colchester Zoo

Monday 25th October—Friday 29th October 2021

Half term week

Monday 1st November 2021
Non-pupil day

Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th November 2021

Parents Evenings

Thursday 11th November

Y3 Trip to Layer Marney Tower

Thursday 25th November

Y4 trip to the Museum of Power
5PW start swimming lessons

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Your School Photograph is Ready!

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code or by typing in the photo code on your proof card. If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an automatic email notification. If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code or typing in the photo code on your proof card at www.getphotos.co.uk and following the instructions. The cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is **16th October 2021**.

Football Tournament

Our Upper KS2 football team played their first tournament of competitive football for over 18 months this week! They finished joint 4th place. Well done boys.



Guitar and Keyboard Lessons-Coming Soon!



A very exciting opportunity will be available at Montgomery Junior School in the next few weeks. We are delighted to be able to offer instrumental lessons in the guitar and keyboard. Please take a moment to have a look at Front Row Music's website for information about the costs for the lessons. Look out for a special assembly in the coming weeks!

www.frontrow-music.com/videoassembly

Other notices

- ⇒ Half term is Monday 25th to Friday 29th October 2021.
- ⇒ Monday 1st November is a non-pupil day.
- ⇒ We will be having a new dinner menu after the half term break. This will be published on the school website on Friday 22nd October 2021.
- ⇒ 5C are currently having swimming lessons. 5PW will begin their lessons on Thursday 25th November 2021. Please make sure your child has a swimming costume and towel. Girls must wear a one-piece costume. Boys must wear swimming shorts or trunks above the knee.
- ⇒ After school basketball club will be taking on new children after half term. You will receive a text message if your child is currently in the club and their turn has finished. If your child is on the waiting list you will receive a letter if they have got a place.
- ⇒ Parents evenings will take place on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th November 2021. These will be virtual on Microsoft Teams. You will be able to book appointments from Monday 18th October 2021.
- ⇒ School dinner accounts must not exceed £30 debit. All school meals should be paid for in advance. If you are struggling to pay for your child's school meals please contact the school office to see how we can help. If you are not yet using online payments via PAY360 please contact the office for an invitation code to be sent to you. If you think you may be entitled to **free school meals** you can download an application form on our website or collect one from the office.