

Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

15th October 2021



Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your support with our recent outbreak of Covid. It seems that the number of cases may be declining which is good news. Please continue to keep your child at home if they are showing any of the recognised symptoms: a new, persistent cough; high temperature or a loss or change to the sense of smell or taste. If requested, please arrange a PCR test for your child, so that we can avoid further transmission and disruption to the children's education.

Next week, on Friday 22nd October, your child will receive the first Behaviour and Attitude profile from their new class teacher. These reports provide a clear picture of how your child has settled into the year group and their attitude in five key areas of school life. Please check your child's book bag for the report next week.

Following a serious incident of anaphylaxis involving one of our new children, which resulted in the child being taken to hospital over the weekend, may we remind all parents that **nuts are not allowed** in school in any form. Please check that your child's packed lunch does not contain any nut-based products, as, in the most severe cases, an anaphylactic reaction can be triggered by airborne nut particles. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

5W enjoyed an action packed day at Lauriston Farm as a reward for good attendance this term. The children enjoyed jumping in muddy puddles and digging for worms, as well as learning more about the challenges of farming, which have arisen as a result of climate change. Please see the photos overleaf.

Mrs Lloyd is currently organising elections for our School Council reps this year. Each child who wishes to stand for election must prepare a short speech about how they would represent their class on the school council. This is a great introduction to the workings of democracy in our country. Please encourage your child to stand for election. Some of their duties will include planning events for the whole school, the first one being the Winter Discos, which we hope to hold next half term.

Please remember to book your Parents' Evening appointments; the booking system opens on Monday morning. It is important for your class teacher to share updates about your child's progress, so if you cannot make an appointment on Wednesday 3rd or Thursday 4th November, then contact the school office to organise an alternative time.

Kind Regards

Michelle A. Wright

Michelle Wright
Headteacher



Attendance Champions

Congratulations to class **6C** who are our weekly attendance champions with an amazing **99.6%** attendance. Well done everyone in 6C.

What's on next week:

Autumn Menu Week 2

Monday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

After School Clubs:

Y5 & Y6 Basketball 3:10pm-4pm

1stClass@Number 3pm-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

Y6 Trip to Colchester Zoo

After School Clubs:

Y4 Basketball 3pm-4pm

Success@Arithmetic 3:15-4pm

1stClass@Number 3pm-4pm

Thursday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

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

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 25th November

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

Thursday 29th November

Y3 Trip to Layer Marney Tower

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Monty's Marvels

This week's Monty Merit Bronze Awards.



Spooky Cookies

The children have enjoyed some fun cookies this week made by our fabulous catering team. They have named them Spookies! We look forward to more of these treats next week as we get ready for the half term break.

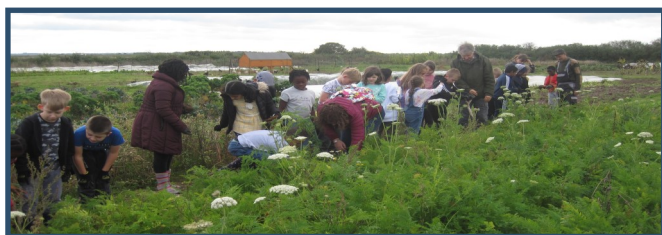


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FREE SCHOOL



5W Trip to Lauriston Farm

As a reward for 100% attendance earlier in the term, 5W went to Lauriston Farm to learn more about how farms operate and how they are adapting to meet the challenges presented by climate change. Pupils had a wonderful time seeing sheep, chickens and cows, comparing soil from different parts of the farm by digging and counting worms, and helping to harvest carrots from the market garden.



Other notices

- ⇒ Half term is Monday 25th to Friday 29th October 2021.
- ⇒ Monday 1st November is a non-pupil day.
- ⇒ Data Collection Sheets were sent out last week. Please send these back by Wednesday 20th October 2021 even if you have no changes.
- ⇒ After school basketball club will be taking on new children after half term. You will have received a text message if your child is currently in the club and their last session is next week. If your child is on the waiting list you will have already received 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. Letters have gone out this week.
- ⇒ Firstsite are offering half term holiday fun for those families that qualify for benefit-based free school meals or families that require additional support during the school holidays. Families will be able to take part in sports sessions, creative art activities and enjoy a hot, nutritious lunch for free. To find out more visit www.firstsite.uk
- ⇒ 5PW will start swimming lessons Thursday 25th November 2021. Please make sure they have the appropriate kit.