
MONTGOMERY NEWS



Montgomery Primary School | Friday 1st December 2017

Thank-you to all those who attended the parents evening. This is always an important event in sharing your child's achievements and their next steps.

At the time of writing, the FOMs team are busy preparing for the Christmas Fair which I know is always a very successful event. Thank you to those of you who made donations of prizes for the raffle. I would like as many of you as possible to take the time to fill in the Parent View via the Ofsted website. This will help to inform me of views of the school and give us some actions going forward. Details are below.

Jason Edge
Head of School

Parent View

Parent view is the main source by which Ofsted gather parental opinion about a school. It also a quick and easy way for us as a school to monitor views. If you type in the link below or google 'parent view Ofsted', this will take you to the 12 questions in the survey. You will need an email address from which to set up the account.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

More than one parent can fill in the survey providing they have a different email address. Thank you in advance.

School Website

Next week, Mr Edge will be meeting website designers in order to completely overhaul the website (finally!). This will also have a mobile version to make it easier to view on phones and tablets. It should be ready for the new calendar year.

Alison Jordan

Last Wednesday was a very special day for all of us as we remembered Alison Jordan. We all wore her favourite colour of pink and painted stones which will be used for a memorial path. Thank you to everybody for their donations - a total of £358.57!

Parking

A number of parents have reported that there is still inconsiderate parking taking place around the school at the start and the end of the day. In particular, with cars parking at junctions and on yellow lines meaning it is difficult for pedestrians to cross. We have contacted our local PCSO in order to do some patrols at these times in order to help make the roads around our school safe for everybody in the community.

Stay and Play Sessions

Nursery have enjoyed meeting new families for Stay and Play sessions this week. We look forward to welcoming them into our Monty family from January.

EYFS Nativity

The EYFS Nativity performances are on Tuesday 5th December at 9:30am and Wednesday 6th December at 2pm. Performances are in the school hall and there is no need for a ticket - EYFS parents are all welcome to come along and enjoy watching the children!

Music and Art

I'm sure many of you have noticed Mrs Thompson's growing bump! The newest member of the Thompson family is due in mid-February with Mrs Thompson due to go on maternity leave shortly before this. As a result, Mrs Harman will be ceasing her teaching commitment at Christmas to support Mr Edge with leadership. We have appointed Kathleen Spears and Katy-Jayne Isaac to replace the teaching and they will be delivering art and music respectively to continue to ensure we deliver as broad and creative a curriculum as possible.

Christmas Panto

A letter has gone out about this today.

Operation Encompass

We are pleased to be part of an initiative which many Devon schools have joined called 'Operation Encompass'.

Operation Encompass is a Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people exposed to domestic abuse. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools before the start of the next school day when a child or young person has been involved or exposed to a domestic abuse incident the previous evening.

The information is given in strict confidence to a school's Key Adult (Mr Woodland or Mr Edge) to enable support to be given dependent on the needs and wishes of the child.

E-Safety

E-safety is very much a hot topic in education at the minute, as technology becomes ever more sophisticated and children are using it at a younger and younger age. While these advances are wonderful, they do also come with dangers if left unchecked. Therefore, we are delivering e-safety lessons in the classrooms as part of our Computing curriculum and also each week in the newsletter we will give you a link to an e-safety website that you can look at and discuss with your child.

This week's website:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/esafety-leaflets-resources/>

Year 6 Bikeability

Well done to all those children who took part in this during the week despite the occasional bout of inclement weather!

Key Stage 1 and 2 Christmas production

These will take place during the last week of term.; the dates are at the bottom of the newsletter.

Due to the number of classes taking part and the limited space in the hall, the Key Stage 2 production will require tickets and a letter will go out about this on Monday.

The Key Stage 1 production is NOT ticketed so please just come along!

Data Collection Sheets

Could any data collection sheets that were handed out at parents evening which have not been returned, be handed into the office as soon as possible please.

Sports Update

Another football tournament, another excellent result! 13 boys took part in the Danone Cup held at West Exe High School, split into 2 teams. The two teams were separated into different groups throughout the competitions against some tough schools! Well done to Monty team 1 (Oliver, Andrei, Josh B, Reuben, Wiktor, Aayan and Joe) who finished 6th in their group and a fantastic result to for Monty 2 (Aidan, Josh H, Owen, George, Finlay and Ally) who managed to get 3rd place in their group! The boys played some great football in very chilly conditions and battled very well!

Dates for your diary

Autumn term 2nd half: 30th October - 15th December

Spring term 1st half: 3rd January - 9th February

Spring term 2nd half: 19th February - 29th March

Summer term 1st half: 16th April - 25th May

Summer term 2nd half: 4th June - 27th July

Parent forum with Mr Edge: Wednesday 6th December @ 9am and 6pm

EYFS nativity: 5th December - 9.30 & 6th December 2pm

Reception to Y6 visit to Cinderella panto @ Corn Exchange: 11th December

KS2 Christmas Show: 12th December - 9.30 & 2pm

KS1 Christmas Show: 13th December - 9.30 & 2pm

Christmas lunch 14th December

Christmas jumper day 15th December (last day of term)

KS2 SATs week: 14th- 18th May 2018

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