
MONTGOMERY NEWS



Montgomery Primary School | Friday 6th October 2017

Thank you for all those who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' events for Years 1-6. I hope you found them useful and if you have any feedback on them I would really appreciate it. This is one way in which we are hoping to improve communication between school and parents as this was something that I know came up in the parents' forums (more detail of the next one in this newsletter).

Jason Edge

Head of School

Non-Uniform Day - Friday 13th

We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 13th October to support the FORCE cancer charity. FORCE provide local cancer services such as purchasing equipment and supporting cancer patients and their families in Exeter and the surrounding areas.

This is a charity particularly close to our hearts as we have a pupil with a terminally ill father who is receiving fantastic support via FORCE.

Our suggested donation is £1 - thank you for your support.

Halloween Disco

The FOMs Halloween disco takes place on Thursday 12th October. A poster has been emailed out.

Tempest Photos

On Tuesday 21st November Tempest will be in to take individual photo's. Parents are welcome to come in at 8:15 if they have a child who doesn't attend Montgomery but would like a family photo.

Minibuses

You may have spotted two new minibuses in our school car park! These have been purchased through the money raised via the energy generated by our solar panels. Staff are now being trained in the driving of them and we hope to be able to start using them for school trips and sporting events as soon as possible.

MacMillan Coffee Day

A huge thank you to everybody who contributed towards the coffee day last Thursday. We raised £156.80 for Macmillan, a charity that I know touches us all.

Parents Forum

Many of you have attended the parents' forums in March and in July where Mr Edge gives updates on issues, particularly around progress towards our Ofsted targets.

This term's will be held on Thursday 30th November with two times to choose from - 9.15am or 6.30pm. Those parents who have attended them in the past have found them very useful in communicating our direction as a school. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parking (again!)

Further to the reminder about parking in the newsletter, we have received another complaint. Below is the email in full:

I am the property manager of Manor Place, Manor Road, St Thomas which is located directly beside the gates of Montgomery Primary School. I have been contacted by a resident of one the flats to report that on Friday (22nd September) someone had parked in their private space and was very rude when asked to move.

In a separate incident, a vehicle reversed into a light bollard when parked on the pavement by the entrance and knocked it over. I have been advised that the number of people picking up from the school using the private car park has increased this term and frustration is rising among the residents. We are considering introducing a parking management scheme to deal with this matter but not all residents are keen because of the costs involved. It will be a shame to have to take this action because of a minority of people who disregard the private property signs. I would be grateful if you could send out some communication to parents advising that the car park for Manor Place is private property and that parking vehicles in people's private parking spaces is not acceptable, it is the equivalent of parking in someone's driveway. Furthermore, using abusive or aggressive language will not be tolerated, and we have encouraged residents to report anyone behaving in this manner to the police.

Medical Appointments

Please wherever possible try to book dentist's and doctor's appointments outside of school hours. Thank you.

Mrs Wing

As Mrs Wing is leaving us next Friday, we would also like to say a huge thank you to her and we wish all the very best as her and her family move to Dubai to join Mr Wing who is already enjoying the sunshine over there! Mrs Way will be our new SENCO upon Mrs Wing's departure.

Secondary School Applications

A reminder to Year 6 parents that the deadline for applications for secondary school places is 31st October. Please contact Devon School Admissions if you have any queries: secondarieschooladmissions@devon.gov.uk

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.thinkuknow.co.uk>

Year 6 Bikeability

If there are any more Year 6 parents who would like their child to do bikeability (WB: 27th November) further to the information they have received, please return the paperwork to the office as soon as possible.

Sports Update

Both Year 5&6 football teams have kicked off their Exeter Primary Football League campaigns within the last two weeks. Montgomery B managed to secure 3 points after winning 3-0 against Wynstream Reds following a 2-0 loss against Clyst Heath B. Montgomery A suffered an unfortunate 10-0 loss in their first match against a strong Pinhoe side, before showing excellent resilience and improvement to narrowly lose 3-0 against Whipton Barton B in what was a very close match. Well done to all players who took part!

Great West Run

We have a number of staff participating in the Great West Run: Dave Woodland, Leah Hill, Linda Hill, Carole Dart, Shona Wills, Lindsay Wing, Teresa O'Shea, Emily Dyke and Caroline Brooking. Good luck to them all!

School Gates

The gates at Wardrew Road and Manor Road are closed each morning at 8.55 am. We appreciate this may inconvenience some parents but it is for the safeguarding of all the children within school.

Dates for your diary

Autumn term 1st half: 5th September - 13th October

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

FOMs disco: 12th October

Non-uniform day: 13th October - raising money for FORCE cancer charity.

FOMs fireworks display: 9th November

Parent forum with Mr Edge: Thursday 30th November @ 9.15 am and 6.00 pm

Christmas Fair: 1st December

Exeter City Council Election Thursday 3rd May 2018

KS2 SATs week: 14th - 18th May 2018

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