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# MONTGOMERY NEWS

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Montgomery Primary School | Friday 8th September 2017

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## Welcome back!

Firstly, I hope you all had a wonderful summer break. The end of the summer term seems a very long time ago and I am genuinely very excited about this academic year. We have eight new teachers who started on Monday and alongside our existing staff, we are ready to continue moving the school forward. There has been a very positive vibe around the school with a special mention to the reception children starting 'big school' for the first time who seem to have settled straightaway! A thank-you to the FOMs who provided tea and cake to new parents in the cafe on the first day (which is always an emotional one!).

Ms Vickery has passed on the baton to me for writing the newsletter so if there is something you wish to see in the newsletter that doesn't normally appear, please do let me know or pass a message to the school office (this may also mean more frequent mentions of Plymouth Argyle in newsletters...).

Newsletters will go out fortnightly on a Friday by email and a copy will also be put onto the school website. Please do read the newsletters as they are a key communication for dates in particular. There is a diary dates section at the bottom of each newsletter - please keep an eye on this as new dates will be added.

**Jason Edge**

**Head of School**

## School website

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You can find our school website here:

<http://www.montgomery.devon.sch.uk>

We are in the process of reviewing the website to make it user-friendly and this will happen over the autumn term.

## New Members of Staff

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We are delighted to welcome Joss Chappell (Y1), Ian Bruce (Y2), Libby Morris (Y3), Abi Ledger (Y4), Gabby Stevens (Y4), Emily Elliott (Y5), Rebecca Cseri (Y5) and Peter Croft (Y6). There will be an opportunity to hear from all the Y1-Y6 class teachers in our 'Meet The Teacher' events at the end of the month (see next column).

## 'Meet The Teacher' Event, Y1- Y6

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As a way of improving communication between the school and parents and to give a better idea of what and how the children learn in each class, we are setting up 'Meet The Teacher' events at the end of the month. It is a similar format to the evening for new parents which Reception held in June.

Both class teachers from each year group will give a short presentation on the curriculum in their year, expectations and other important information. There will then be a chance to speak to the class teachers afterwards if there is anything you wish to notify them about. We hope it will 'demystify' what the children are doing at school and also give you an early chance to meet your child's teacher.

We have ensured that each meeting takes place on a different evening so that parents with more than one child can attend all of them should they wish to.

All meetings will start at 3:45 pm. Please come to the designated classroom at 3:30 pm.

**Y1: Monday 25th September (Beech classroom)**

**Y2: Tuesday 26th September (Cherry classroom)**

**Y3: Wednesday 27th September (Rowan classroom)**

**Y4: Thursday 28th September (Larch classroom)**

**Y5: Tuesday 3rd October (Willow classroom)**

**Y6: Thursday 21st September (Sycamore classroom)**

## Accelerated Reader

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This is an exciting new programme for Key Stage 2 designed to boost reading standards, which is not just based on what children can read but what they can understand. Please see the attached flyer for more information - please note that the ability for parents to log on and check their child's progress at home has not been set up yet and we will let you know when this has been

done. Teachers will explain more at the 'Meet The Teacher' event or can answer your questions by contacting them through the usual means. I would like to thank Miss Hickisson who gave up a huge amount of her summer holiday to set all the books up for the programme which was a mammoth job but has enabled us to roll out the scheme immediately.

## The School Day

We open the classroom doors for EYFS, Year 1 and 2 at 8:40am and all external doors are closed at 8:55am indicated by the ringing of the bell. If children arrive after this time they must enter through the school office.

Senior leaders including Mr Edge, Mrs Harman, Mrs Wing, and Mrs Thompson are out on the playground to deal with any queries to or to pass messages on to a particular class teacher.

The school day ends at 3:15pm. This is the perfect time to speak to your child's class teacher. If you need a longer discussion, please make an appointment through the school office. Please ring the school office if your child is unable to attend school.

## PE Kit Year One to Six

Please ensure your child has suitable PE kit in school every day, this must include:

- Black/navy blue shorts and joggers or leggings
- White t-shirt and sweatshirt
- Plimsolls or trainers
- Spare socks and underwear
- Light rain coat

## School Uniform

All children are expected to wear school uniform. It is important they wear the following every day:

- Black / grey trousers / skirt / dress or shorts
- White polo shirt
- Purple Montgomery fleece or jumper
- Black, flat, sturdy, waterproof shoes
- Waterproof coat (needed every day)

Please name all uniform and kit.

## School Site Rules

The school is a no smoking site. This includes vaping and e-cigarettes.

Dogs are not allowed on site, this includes dogs that are carried. Assistance Dogs are permitted on site.

## Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you all for your support at the Book Fair - the school raised £706 in free books!

## Water Bottles Year 1-6

Please can every child bring a named water bottle to school to drink from during the day. EYFS don't need a water bottle as they have water and milk available all day. We don't allow juice in the classrooms as we like to encourage healthy lifestyle choices and it is very sticky if spilt. Juice is fine at lunchtime with packed lunches.

## 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**

Friends of Montgomery (FOMS), new members meeting and AGM: 25th September: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

FOMS disco: 12th October

Non-uniform day: 13th October

FOMS fireworks display: 9th November

Parent forum with Mr Edge: TBA in November

Christmas Fair: 1st December

KS2 SATs week: 14th - 18th May 2018

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