
MONTGOMERY NEWS



Montgomery Primary School | Friday 27th April 2018

Welcome back! It appears that summer already seems to have disappeared, hopefully to make a reappearance soon.

The summer term is full of whole school events so please do check the school newsletter for dates, as these are being added all the time. For example, we have now set dates for sports day which is always a highlight of the school year.

April also marks the start of the new financial year. In all my years in education, it has never been such a struggle to set a balanced budget. Put simplistically, although our per head funding has remained the same, costs continue to go up which means we are worse off financially. We have tried hard to make savings where possible but we are very much in the realms of having to 'do more with less'. Our situation is similar to a lot of large, urban schools- particularly in Devon- but this situation cannot continue for the likes of Montgomery for much longer without it having a severely detrimental effect as a school. I hope this changes soon.

Jason Edge
Head of School

EYFS

We would like to thank all the parents who attended our meetings. Your support was greatly appreciated and we were so pleased to report that all the children in EYFS are making great progress. If you did not attend our meetings and you would like to discuss your child's progress, please see your child's teacher to arrange an appointment.

We have also enjoyed welcoming new children to our nursery this term. They have all settled well and are busy making new friends.

Singing Club

Wednesdays after school 3:15-4:15pm Y3/4/5/6
Fridays during lunchtime 12:50-1:20pm Y3/4/5/6

If your child would like to join and attend Singing Club on a weekly basis, please see the school office for a form and return the registration slip. Many thanks. Mrs Isaac

Baby Bank Network

Below is information about the Baby Bank Network.

'The Baby Bank Network is a not for profit organisation run by volunteers that redistribute pre-loved baby items to families that cannot afford to buy them, our aim is the prevention or relief of poverty in Exeter.

We will be working closely with children's centres, health visitors, family support workers and other organisations across the city that are in contact with vulnerable families via a referral system.

We are supported by Baby Bank Bristol who have been running for a number of year's, currently helping approximately 50 families a month through their referral system.

We have been busy collecting good quality second-hand donations at our store below The Harvester Restaurant., accepting clothes for 0-18mth olds, high chairs, buggies/prams, bouncy chairs, Moses baskets, cots/cribs, bedding & sleep bags, stair gates, baby baths, towels, tommy tippee bottles, sterilisers, books, small pram/soft toys, new toiletries like wipes, toothbrush/paste, sanitary/breast pads, shampoo/body wash for baby/mum, cotton wool, nappies, flannels/sponges etc.

We will provide packs for babies 0-12mths and will supply clothes etc to last them for 6 months. The referrer can use our online request form each time to select the items the individual family will require.

We do not ask for personal details about the family and we ask that the pack is collected by the referrer once ready as we do not have contact with the families.'

Montgomery are please to be a donation point for the charity. Please see attachment for what items can be donated- a box is in the foyer of the school for donations. Thank you.

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.

Some parents have made us aware of Google Family Link which monitors children's use of apps and know their whereabouts on their mobile phones.

There are other similar apps available, but if parents are give children phones, it may be useful for to consider this sort of app, so that they have an awareness of how safe their children are with the use of the apps and internet.

Sports Day

This year we will be having separate sports days for EYFS/ Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 (dates are the bottom of the newsletter). We will give you more details of them nearer the time. Let's hope the weather is kind!

Roads around the school

A parent has reported a near miss of a car reversing near the school without the driver looking. Please be aware if driving in the roads around our school to prevent one of our children being hurt.

Dates for your diary

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

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

School Closed (Polling Day): Thursday 3rd May

Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May

School Census Special Dinner Menu: Thursday 17th May

KS2 SATs week: 14th- 18th May

Whole School Photograph: Wednesday 23rd May

EYFS/ KS1 Sports Day: Wednesday 4th July

KS2 Sports Day: Thursday 5th July

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