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### **Remembrance**

I was pleased that Montalbo was well-represented with children, parents, staff and governors at the Remembrance Parade on the 11th November. I also noted a number of brave, coatless Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who did their organisations proud too. It was much busier than the past few years. Thank you to those people who were able to join us.

### **Children in Need**

There certainly were some bizarre hairstyles in school for Children in Need! I talked with the children on Wednesday's assembly about 'Needs and Wants' and we reflected how lucky we were and why this is such an important cause to support each year. The children impressed me with their mature ideas and empathy for others. I will let you know next week how much we raised.

### **World Science Day**

Last Friday we celebrated World Science Day and as I looked round our school I was amazed by the experiments and the super science that was taking place. Professor Greenwell from Durham University shared lots of scientific knowledge and showed the Year 1 and 2 children science in action from nerf guns, fizzy drinks to fireworks! There were telephones being made to investigate sounds in Year 4, Reception were cooking on the fire, nursery were enjoying the light and dark tent, Year 3 were creating scary plants,

### **Durham Environmental Awards 2018**

Last Thursday evening I had the pleasure of attending the Durham Environmental Awards as our school had been shortlisted for an award for our railway heritage garden. We received some great feedback from the judges on the night and via email and received a Highly Commended Award. The category winner was a Durham School who had made major changes to their plastic usage which is a very important topic.

### **Christmas Dinner Day**

Due to a request from the school cook, Mrs Slater, we have swapped Christmas Dinner to Tuesday 18th December. Nursery and Reception's party will now be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Next week we send out a slip to return for children who usually have packed lunch to see if they would like a Christmas dinner on that day.

### **No Clubs Tuesday and Wednesday**

Due to the Parents' Evenings next week there will be no Art, Football, Science or Gymnastics clubs. They will recommence the following week. After school Chill Out will still be available – please could you let the School Office if you would like your child to attend this instead?

### **Parents' Evenings**

Parents' Evenings have been arranged for Tuesday 20th November and Wednesday 21st November. If you would like to make an appointment, please call in or telephone the School Office. Thank you.

### **Book Fair**

The Book Fair is in school from Monday to Thursday next week. It will run from 3.30pm-4pm on Monday and Thursday but from 3.30pm-6pm on Tuesday and Wednesday during Parents' Evenings. As well as giving you the chance to buy your child a book, this event does support the school as we are able to receive some books to stock our class libraries.

### **Friends of Montalbo School**

The next event FOMS are helping to support is our Christmas Market on Tuesday 11th December. We would appreciate any donations for raffle prizes or for a bottle tombola that can be brought to the School Office. At the market, there will be many Christmas stalls selling a variety of things that

may be good stocking fillers, so please come along between 5pm-7pm! If the weather is too bad we will be able to use the school hall.

If you would like a stall at the Christmas Market or know of anyone who may, please contact us at [montalbo@durhamlearning.net](mailto:montalbo@durhamlearning.net) The event will be open to the wider community so if you know anyone who may like to come please pass the date and time on. Both the main gate and back gates will be open.

### Miss Richardson's Class Assembly

Due to the building works, we did not think it was fair to hold Class Assemblies in the hall but now that the work is nearing completion, Miss Richardson's class will be the first of this academic year. Parents/carers and families of these children are very welcome to attend at 9am on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### School Nurse Drop In

Lindsey Atkinson, our School Nurse, will be holding her next drop in session to coincide with Parents' Evening on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November. She will be in school from 3.30-4.30pm on that afternoon to give advice and can be found in a private room near to the new classrooms.

### Attendance for w.b. 12.11.18

Class	Present
Reception	92.6%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	98.5%
Year 4	98.5%
Year 5	95.9%
Year 6	100%
School overall attendance	97.6%

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons. 15 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

### Dates for the diary

November 19 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Book Fair in school
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	3.30-4.30pm – School Nurse Drop In
November 20 <sup>th</sup> + 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parents' Evenings
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Crafty Ceramics 3.30pm-4.30pm
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Miss Richardson's Class Assembly
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	FOMS Meeting
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Sports Festival at Staindrop
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Market in the Garden 5-7pm
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Multiskills at Alun Armstrong Centre, Shildon
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Play Year 1 and Year 2
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Multiskills at Staindrop
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery & Reception Nativity & Christmas Raffle Draw
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Carol Service at St Marys 1.45-3pm
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party 1.30pm
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party 1.30pm
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party 1.30pm
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party 1.30pm

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