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### **FOMS**

Friends of Montalbo School are busy planning their next event which will be a Bingo Night on June 13th. Last summer it was a great event and the children were able to play outside whilst parents/grandparents enjoyed the bingo and refreshments.

They have arranged a meeting on Tuesday 14th May at 5pm in school to confirm plans and look ahead to future events. FOMS would be really pleased to welcome any new members.

### **Snail Talk!**

As part of their topic, Nursery were visited by Seren from Year 4 who brought in her two rather large Giant African Albino Land Snails. She told the nursery children all about the snail's diet and how she looked after them. Seren then let the children hold and stroke the snails. Some of them wanted to spray them with water which is a treat for the snail! Thank you Seren!

### **Pots and pans wanted**

After their work on the Goods Wagon, School Council is continuing their work trying to improve playtimes. They wondered if anyone had any old pans that they no longer want? If you do, please could you bring them into school. Mrs Patterson, Miss Bean and Miss Scott help run School Council and would be happy to collect them. Thank you.

### **SATs**

Next week is the week of the Year 6 SATs tests. I know that the children have been working hard and hope that they feel confident. I am very proud of our Year 6 and know that they have all tried their best in each area of the curriculum.

The Year 6s have many qualities that we don't need a test to admire – one being the friendships they have with each other. To see them all playing so well in whole class games of football or other games is lovely to see and does not happen very often in other settings. The children are well-mannered, caring and behave superbly. Well done Year 6.

### **Visit to the Hub**

I think that it is fabulous that our Year 6s 'earned' enough money from their Christmas Business Venture to pay for their post SATs treat! They are going up to the Hub on Friday afternoon to use the high ropes and kayaks.

### **Ford Castle**

Miss Richardson sent some reminder letters out earlier in the week to the pupils who have not returned letters/medical forms. Please can you check children's bags to ensure that they are completed and returned. Thank you.

### **Parent Pay**

We are still working through some issues with Parent Pay but on the whole it is an improving picture. There are around 36 families who have not activated their accounts. If you need further information on how to do this please contact the School Office.

### **Careers Fair**

The Hub are arranging a Careers Fair on June 28th aimed at the children from Year 5/6. In the past, several parents have visited school to talk about their job I know that the children learn a great deal from this. If you or your company would be interested in attending, please contact me to find out further details. Thank you.

## Trophies

We have had several unfortunate accidents with the new trophies for Celebration Assembly. They are not as robust as we had hoped and we will have some new ones shortly. Please try to return them by Friday so that the next children can receive it. Thank you.

## Whole School Photograph

This year, to celebrate and mark completion of the new extension, I thought it would be nice to have a whole school photograph, of children and staff, taken by our new school photographers. We hope to have this taken outside on June 5<sup>th</sup> so fingers crossed for a fine day!

Class photographs will be taken Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May in the afternoon. For those Nursery children who do not normally attend this session and would like to be included in the photograph please arrive for 1:30pm.

## Mrs Bartoli's Class Assembly

The next Class Assembly will be Mrs Bartoli's reception children. This is at 9am on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and families of these children are welcome to attend.

## Attendance for w.b. 6.5.19

Class	Present
Reception	94.9%
Year 1	96.4%
Year 2	95.1%
Year 3	94.9%
Year 4	95.4%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	96.8%
School overall attendance	95.6%

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons.

40 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

## Dates for the diary

May 13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 to The Hub
May 20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 SATs
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Class photographs
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Cross Country (selected children)
May 22 <sup>nd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential to Ford Castle
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Class Assembly
May 27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>	Whit Holidays – Meet Procession May 27 <sup>th</sup>
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Teacher Training Day
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Children back to school
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 and Year 4 to the Hancock Museum
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 outreach from Centre for Life
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Photograph
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Football tournament
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket Competition (Y6 selected children)
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Band Workshop 1-2.30pm at Teesdale School followed by concert for parents 6pm-8pm at Teesdale School.
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 to The Locomotion Museum
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	FOMs Bingo Night
June 21-23 <sup>rd</sup>	1940s weekend
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4 Class Assembly

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