



**March 19<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**Correct Email Addresses - Weduc**

As we move to Weduc as our main form of electronic communication it is important that we have everyone's current and preferred email address. During these times, it has a lot of useful features that we will use including video calls for Parents' Evening. There is also a method to notify the School Office of an absence and many of you may like to use this. Using Weduc is the preferred electronic method to contact school office rather than the school email.

You may have noticed that you can see some information about your child such as address and contact details. There is a section called Forms where you can inform us of any changes to address or contacts. There will be more forms added to this section in due course.

We will not be using OurSchoolsApp from 22.3.21 as messages will be sent out via Weduc from then on.

**COVID 19 reminders**

Last week I sent a message out around home testing kits, which are available for free to parents of school age children and their support bubbles. This is to help reduce the asymptomatic spread of Covid-19. You can find more about how to order the tests [here](#).

A reminder that if you or your child has any of the following symptoms you should stay at home and arrange for a test: a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature); a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual) a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

**Nut Free School**

Please can parents ensure that children's packed lunches do not contain items like Nutella, as we do have children with severe allergies. A reminder too, that we encourage healthy snacks for break time. Thank you

**PE and Outdoor Learning Timetable**

On PE days, children should come to school in their PE kits with a tracksuit/sportswear suitable for the weather – much of the PE will be outdoors when possible. The children are continuing to have outdoor learning lessons so should bring separate footwear for this – they may be on the field which can be boggy at this time so wellies/old boots etc.

Year group	PE	Outdoor Learning
Year 1	Thursday	Monday
Year 2	Monday and Tuesday	Tuesday
Year 3	Monday and Thursday	Friday
Year 4	Monday and Tuesday	Monday
Year 5	Thursday	Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday and Thursday	Thursday

Reception PE is on Wednesday but as in the Autumn term, we would like these children to get changed at school to aid their independence.

**Easter Service**

On Thursday Reverend Harding will be leading an Easter Service via Zoom.

## Acts of Kindness

Thank you to the children and parents/carers who have sent in their child's Acts of Kindness to [montalbo@durhamlearning.net](mailto:montalbo@durhamlearning.net). We are over half way to our target of 100! The total is gradually rising and if you have not submitted an act yet, talk to your child about how they could help/be kind to you, family, neighbours or the community. Please see the end of the newsletter for the list (the highlighted ones are this week's good deeds)

## Red Nose Day

Thank you all for your contributions to Red Nose Day. We will let you know the total that we raised for Comic Relief next week.

## Friends of Montalbo School (FOMS)

This week I met with FOMS and we discussed some fundraising activities to support our children and fun events for the family. We will be meeting after Easter to finalise plans. FOMS would like to refresh their logo and are setting a competition for the children to design a new one. It would be good if the children could think about how FOMS support us in usual times: with discos, bingo, Christmas and Summer Fairs, for example. I think having the acronym FOMS on the design would be a good idea.

FOMS asked me to remind you about YourSchoolLottery which you can sign up to win cash prizes each week and be entered to a larger monthly draw. There are often new promotions such as one this week to win £500 of biking equipment. It would be great if we could reach 100 supporters. You can sign up by visiting [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)

It was nice to see some new members at the meeting. If you would like to find more information, join or support FOMS please email Julia at [friendsofmontalbo@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmontalbo@gmail.com)

## Outdoor Learning

It has been great to enjoy some better weather this week and I know that the children have been enjoying orienteering. After half term, the children in Y1-6 will be working in the polytunnel and the Railway Heritage Garden as they move on to Gardening.

## Parents Evening

On the Dates for the Diary section I have added two dates for Parents' Evening. Due to lockdown, we moved this into the start of the summer term which we thought would make more sense. This will be accessed via Weduc and more details will be shared next week.

## Attendance for w.b. 15.3.20

Reception	99.3%	Class 3	99.2%
Class 1	96.6%	Class 4	94.1%
Class 2	100%	Class 5	95.3%
		Class 6	88.8%

**School overall attendance is: 96.2%**

## Dates for the diary

March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day
March 29 <sup>th</sup> – April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holidays
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school for the Summer Term
April 21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents Evening (details to follow)

Mr C Minikin, Head Teacher

***Don't forget to scroll down to see 100 Acts of Kindness from Montalbo and send in any kind acts you have noted!***



## 100 Acts of Kindness from Montalbo A tribute to Captain Sir Tom Moore



1. Amelia and Isla in Year 3 and Year 4 cleared snow for elderly neighbours.
2. Georgie in Year 4 baked cakes for his classmates and teachers.
3. Ethan in Nursery donated Easter Eggs to a foodbank for other children to enjoy.
4. Phoebe in Year 5 made her Mum and Dad scrambled eggs on toast and tidied her bedroom.
5. Katie-Marie in Year 5 cleared a snowy path for her neighbours.
6. Jack in Year 3 has been keeping the house tidy and tidying up his little brother's toys away.
7. Archie in Year 1 has written 11 letters to relatives to let them know how is getting on during lockdown.
8. Stella in Year 4 cleared the snow to create a clear path for her elderly neighbours.
9. Amelia in Year 3 used her pocket money to buy some little Easter treats for her cousins and made little baskets to put them in. She has cleared snow at several locations! Finally, she washed up the breakfast pots for mummy and dried them and put them away with Isla in Year 4.
10. Ruby in Year 1 has been helping to fold laundry and match socks!
11. Phoebe in Year 4 let her sister borrow a special hairband that she got for Christmas for Chinese New Year celebrations.
12. Grace in Year 4 has been a big help to Mum carrying shopping and helping to put it away. She is always helping her Grandma too.
- 13 Year 5 children who have created lovely cards to send to teachers, friends and family
- 14 Ethan in Nursery dropped off some fish and chips to his Great Grandma's house (her favourite treat!)
15. Chloe in Year 5 used her hard-earned pocket money and gave it to the person at the counter at Costa Coffee. She asked her to use it to buy a coffee for the next customer who came in!
16. Justin in Year 6 made his Mum's breakfast, helped with tea and helped take dumpy bags of hay through the snow to feed the horses.
17. Liam in Year 6 dropped a bag of shopping off at a Food Bank collection point.
18. Adam in Year 5 and Byron in Year 3 brought in buckets of coal for the fire to help their parents.
19. Byron in Year 3 helped to look after a friend's pony
20. Phoebe in Year 4 has written a letter and posted it to one of her elderly neighbours.
21. Ruby in Year 1 helped to move a load of old blocks into the front loader bucket of Grandad's tractor!
22. William in Year 3 made his Mum a cup of coffee when he knew she was going outside in the cold with their puppy.
23. Lucy in Nursery has been picking up litter from her neighbourhood, taking it home and putting it in the bin.
24. Isla in Year 1 has been super helpful: she has helped groom her dog, Max, regularly especially after the snow and wet weather. Isla made peanut flapjack to share with her Grandma and Granda. Isla has also helped her new classmate Rose, settle in to the area on a socially distanced walk.
25. Grace in Year 4 wrote a lovely letter to a Care Home who cared for her Great Grandmother, thanking them for looking after her.

26. Matthew in Year 4 won a competition and donated his £20 prize to The Hub's Care Package Scheme.
27. Maxwell in Year 3 and Rosalie in Year 1 have been looking after their Mum who had a recent injury.
28. In between lessons Thomas in Year 3 has been going outside feeding his goats, going to the fields on his bike and caking the tups. This week he has been very busy checking the lambing sheds for sheep lambing and feeding milk to the new lambs!
29. Joseph in Year 1 has been helping Mum look after his little sister. He has also been pairing socks up. He also gets the sticks and coal for the fire. Joseph has also been checking the sheds for sheep lambing with Thomas.
30. Ethan in Year 4 has been helping his Grandad wash the car and make tea for Grandma.
31. Callum in Year 3 has been helping to tidy the nursery at his home over half term to help Mum.
32. Phoebe in Year 5 completed a litter pick collecting two bags of rubbish from Montalbo Road, Woodside and the Cricket Club Lane.
33. Charlie D in Nursery has been very helpful over the weekend, helping his mum with household chores. Charlie helped with the washing, polishing, vacuuming, mopping and loading the dishwasher. He also did a brilliant job helping to tidy up the garden ready for spring!
34. Alfie L in Nursery picked up Mrs Patterson's things that she dropped by accident and swept up too!
35. Harvie in Year 6 picked up litter from the school grounds and put it in the bin.
36. Olivia P in Year 6 for bringing Miss Richardson some lovely cakes!
37. Daniel P in Year 2 for sending Mrs Newton a lovely card.
38. Hollie in Year 6 has been helping to make the tea at home
39. Caoimhe in Reception has helped make breakfast for Mummy.
40. Georgia in Year 3 and Darcey in Reception have written letters to their Gran in Scotland who is shielding
41. Seren in Year 6 gave flowers to all of her neighbours to cheer them up with a random act of kindness!
42. Erin in Nursery brought in chocolates for all of her Nursery friends.
43. Abbie in Year 6 helped dig a trench and put gravel down in her garden.
44. Daniel J in Year 2 helped his Mum and Dad with gardening jobs over the weekend.
45. Billy in Year 4 helped his Uncle repair some furniture.
46. Harry in Year 1 has been very kind by helping to tidy up at home
47. Max in Year 5 has been helping to carry boxes and decide where to put things in the new house. He even decided to give away some of his toys and things, especially his favourite beanbag which he has given to his friend, Ben.
48. Miah in Year 5 has donated a full trolley of food to the local foodbank.
49. On the way home from school Abbie, Jake and Joey (Year 6) rescued an injured frog from the road and placed it on the bank side so it could recover.
50. Harry D in Year 5 has helped his Granny power wash all her paths and patio
51. Alfie in Year 1 and Alice in Nursery used money from their savings to buy food donations towards the TCR Hub food collection this week
52. Phoebe in Year 5 baked 13 cakes 2 weekends ago to help her God mother raise money for cancer research. Phoebe sold the cakes over social media and raised £180 towards the target. It was a very busy Saturday baking from 8 30am till 4pm! She is doing 10,000 steps each day in March!

53. Amelia in Year 3 donated a play kitchen and toys to the Friarage Hospital. She received a lovely letter in return.

54. Ruby in Year 1 kindly gave her prize from in class to one of her friends because it was their birthday.

55. Phoebe in Year 4 made a beautiful card for her Granny for her birthday.

56. Alice H in Nursery kindly offered her friend a dice when they were playing a game so that they could join in and play.

57. Raphael C in Nursery has been really helpful tidying up the nursery garden.

58. Evie in Year 2 made a card for all the children in her class

59. Hollie H in Year 4 baked a cake for a friend of the family who has been in hospital