



May 28th 2021

Half Term

It has been pleasing that in this half term we have had an uninterrupted spell of teaching all of our children in school. I think that everyone recognises that, whenever possible, this is the best place for children to learn. This half term I have particularly enjoyed spending time with each class, looking at lessons, books and talking to children about their learning. The breadth of knowledge that the children are retaining across the range of subjects is remarkable. Next half term we switch from humanities to arts and I am sure the children will be looking forward to these creative subjects.

As we have edged nearer the half term break, our overall attendance has dipped slightly with children affected by particularly heavy colds. I am hoping that with a good rest and better weather, that our attendance will return to our usual high levels after the holidays.

Vouchers for Children Entitled to Free School Meals

This week parents/carers of children entitled to Free School Meals should have received vouchers to their registered email for the Whit holiday period.

Emblematic Website

We have been informed by Emblematic, one of the school uniform providers, that July 18th is last day for orders to be delivered at home.

Nursery uniform can be ordered [here](#).

School uniform can be ordered [here](#).

PCSO Visit

On Wednesday we had a planned visit by PCSO Singh and PCSO Finn who talked to the Year 5 and 6 children separately. The PCSOs are visiting several local schools. They talked to the children about making the right choices as they get older and begin to have more freedom in the local area, and gave the children messages about not getting involved in anti-social behaviour.

After school clubs

Next half term each class from Reception to Year 6 will run an after school club within their class bubble. The Key Stage 2 club will run from 3pm-4pm, Key Stage 1 club from 3.15pm -4.15pm and Reception from 3.30pm-4.30pm. Chill out club will continue to run to 4.30pm within the classrooms. No additional charge will be made from the end of the club to 4.30pm should your child need to stay until then. Places can be booked via the Weduc forms section.

We hope to be able to resume our extra-curricular activities in the new academic year with sporting and non-sporting clubs offered Mon-Thursday and Breakfast Club/Chill Out club each day and back to the times of previous years, subject to DfE guidance.

First Aid

As part of PSHE, Year 5 learnt some basic First Aid to deal with common incidents such as allergic reactions, head injuries and bleeding. They found out all about when to deliver First Aid, how to make an emergency call and what to tell a paramedic or doctor in an emergency situation. They even had a TEAMS call with a doctor!

School Sports

We have been notified by our School Sports Partnership (Staindrop Academy) that they intend to run festivals and competitions after half term. The classes (or parts of classes depending on the numbers allowed by the organisers) will be travelling to Staindrop to compete and all of the events will be outdoors. We will not be sharing a coach with other schools. I have added the information to the dates for the diary section.

Barnard Castle Mini Meet... to be seen on the high street this Whit Monday!

TCR Hub are running a community campaign to celebrate Barnard Castle Meet with a series of workshops for families to create a Mini Meet using homemade, handcrafted models to create the Meet parade. Using recycled materials over a series of sessions in May 2021, everyone is welcome to join in and you can [book one of the sessions at the Hub here](#) - we will be joined by artist Suzanne Williams to help advise on model making. The sessions run on the Saturday May 29th from 10am to 12 noon. They are fully funded by the National Lottery so free to attend. Whether you come to a session, create handmade items at home or at school, we will welcome all handmade creations for the parade at the Hub by Friday 28th May 2021.

We are also working with Filmmaker Sheryl Jenkins who is running a family filmmaking workshop on Saturday 29th May from 1pm to 4pm at TCR Hub. As a result, we will share a film of our cardboard parade by Whit Monday, including a soundtrack of local people talking about what the Meet means to them and sharing memories of years gone by.'

Swimming

We have been notified that school swimming can resume. As our current Year 5's swimming year was curtailed due to COVID, we will be taking these children swimming beginning on Monday 14th June. Children will be given their own cubicle or will be adequately spaced in the larger changing rooms. We will have the changing rooms and pool to ourselves for this period.

Holidays

I hope that all of our Montalbo community have a lovely, relaxing break. Hopefully, we will have fine weather to enjoy and we look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday June 8th**.

Attendance for w.b. 24.05.21

Reception	98.6%	Class 3	99.1%
Class 1	93%	Class 4	87.1%
Class 2	95.5%	Class 5	96.6%
		Class 6	94.8%

School overall attendance this week is: 95.3%

Dates for the diary

May 31 st – June 4 th	Half Term Holiday
June 7 th	Teacher Training Day
June 8 th	Children return to school
June 14 th	Swimming sessions for Year 5 (and each Monday thereafter)
June 28 th	Year 2 Football (squad of 7)
June 29 th	Year 4 Cricket (whole class)
June 30 th	Year 6 Athletics (10 children)
July 5 th	Year 1 Festival (whole class)
July 6 th	Year 3 Festival (whole class)
July 7 th	Year 5 Festival (whole class)

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