



July 9th 2021

Reports

End of year reports have been sent home today and mark the end of another unusual school year. There were no expectations from the Department for Education to report on assessments or attendance but we felt parents would appreciate this information. Having read over 200 reports, it is clear that all children have made progress from their individual starting points and the effort grades throughout the school are superb. The excellent virtual attendance and completion of work rates during the national lockdown ensured that when all children returned that they were in a good place and once again I thank all of our parents/carers for their support during the year. Most of all, our children deserve huge credit for their endeavour, collaboration and for being inspired throughout another tricky academic year.

I am very proud of our team at Montalbo and know that all of our staff strive each day to make the best learning opportunities possible. Included in the reports, will be information on your child's next teacher who you will be able to meet in the new academic year. Most of the classes will be supported by support staff where there is an identified need within the class and I will share this information with you next week.

New Academic Year

Following the Education Secretary's statement this week, it seems that the plan from government is to move to more traditional organisation of the school day, with a set start and finish time for all children and the end of bubbles in September. Whilst this will make the logistics of running a school much, much easier, we await further guidance and substance from the DfE on the exact detail. I have learnt much throughout the pandemic including not to expect too much, too soon or to expect any real clarity! It is also best to be prepared as things can change at a moment's notice. On next week's final newsletter of the year hopefully we will have been given that, allowing me to set out the details for September. If there are further changes, I will share this via Weduc over the holidays.

In school for the remainder of this academic year, we will continue with the current systems in place. After July 19th, we will remove the mask signs from the entrance gates and wearing masks on the site ground will be optional. To avoid confusion, we will continue with the one-way system until September.

New Starters

It was lovely to meet the families of our 30 new Reception starters on TEAMS this week. I hope that they found the information useful and look forward to meeting parents/carers in person very soon. We are all looking forward to meeting the children on July 16th.

Mobile Unit

Next week will see the arrival of a mobile unit toward the back of Mrs Leonard's classroom. This will have lighting, heating and water and will be used as an additional intervention space.

School Lunches

Prices for school lunches have increased to £2.15 per lunch from September. It is also important to note that for children moving from Year 2 to Year 3, that they are no longer entitled to universal free school meals and as such will be charged. If your circumstances have changed and you think you may be entitled to free school meals, please contact the School Office.

Friends of Montalbo School

Ticket sales are going well for the Summer Raffle organised by FOMS. Thank you to the families who have bought tickets and returned the stubs and money in a sealed envelope. The draw will be made on July 14th so please return tickets/money before then so that they can be included in the draw. If you would like more tickets, please contact school.

They also organise a school lottery where there are weekly prizes and larger monthly prizes. More information can be found [here](#)

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](#).

ParentPay

As we move towards the end of the school year, please can parents ensure that their ParentPay accounts are settled and there are no arrears. Thank you.

Year 6 trip to the Hub

Please could parents complete the consent forms on Weduc for the Y6's trip to the Hub on July 16th and make any payments via ParentPay. Please return the separate paper copy of consent that the Hub require. Thank you.

Football Friday

It was great to see the school get into the spirit of things, wearing their strips and red and white, in a day of football fun! Unsurprisingly, Mrs Patterson managed to outdo us all arriving as a football pitch! We even had a visit from Gareth Southgate which was a nice surprise! Thank you to Mrs Spence and Barnard Castle Football Club for providing lots of extra footballs for us to use during the day. Thank you also to Miss Earl for her help with decorations. Some pictures from the day can be seen [here](#).

Monday

As much of the country has been gripped by England's progress during the Euros, it is understandable that many of our children will want to watch the final which finishes quite late. It is after all, a rare event! Whilst we will still be open at normal times, registration will be open for longer and I hope that all children will be in attendance on Monday, even if a little late, smiling from ear to ear!

Attendance for w.b.5.07.21

Reception	95.5%	Class 3	97.7%
Class 1	96.3%	Class 4	93.8%
Class 2	96.5%	Class 5	98.7%
		Class 6	97.2%

School overall attendance this week is: 96.7%

Dates for the diary

July 12 th	Last swimming session for Year 5
July 15 th	Leavers Assembly (recorded on TEAMS channel)
July 16 th	Year 6 Activity day at the TCR Hub
July 16 th	Moving Up Day
July 20 th	Last day of term
September 1 st	Teacher Training Day
September 2 nd	Children return to school

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