



**September 3rd 2021**

### **Welcome back**

I hope that you had an enjoyable summer and that you and your families remain safe and well. It is great to be back in school and there is a special buzz around Montalbo again! The children have settled into their new classes very well and our new Nursery and Reception starters have done so well on their first days in school. Well done to all of our children for making such a positive start.

### **Reminders**

We have decided to keep the same start of day and pick up arrangements for September as last year. The benefits of this are reduced congestion around the school site and neighbouring streets and we have also had improved attendance and punctuality. A reminder of the timings is below.

Please remember, if your child has a sibling in another key stage, they can arrive at an earlier time to save two or more different drop offs. The younger siblings should go to the appropriate room for morning wraparound care (parents/carers will not be charged for this short period).

In the afternoon, older siblings will wait in the wraparound care provision until the end of the day for the younger sibling. Hopefully this is clear but if not please ask!

Any children not going into wraparound care should arrive as close to the times below as possible.

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| • Years 5 & 6           | 8.30am-3pm    | Enter/leave by playground doors |
| • Years 3 & 4           | 8.30am-3pm    | Enter/leave by classroom doors  |
| • Years 1 & 2           | 8.45am-3.15pm | Enter/leave by classroom doors  |
| • Nursery and Reception | 9am-3.30pm    | Enter/leave by classroom doors  |

Wraparound care will run slightly differently and be in different rooms as follows:

Nursery and Reception will be in the library

Years 1 and 2 will be in the ICT room

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be in the hall.

We are able to offer wraparound until 5.15pm and any children staying after 4.30pm will move to the hall to be supervised. Please note on a **Friday** children staying later than 4pm will move to the hall.

Breakfast club will continue to be available from 7:45am, we will be offering after school clubs from next week. Please book in advance for wraparound care and clubs on ParentPay.

### **Covid 19**

As you will have probably seen on the news, COVID operational guidance for schools has changed this year. I read an article over the holidays which said that the guidance had changed 273 times last year! If you have any COVID related queries please ring or email as it can be complicated.

The basic principles are if your child has COVID 19 or any of the COVID 19 symptoms they should not be attending school. A link for ordering PCR tests is [here](#) or you call also telephone 119.

The guidance around close contacts and households has changed as have the rules around self-isolation. The link is [here](#) but it is advisable to contact the school as each case may be slightly different. Thank you.

## **PE Days**

On PE days children can come to school in their PE kits, with the exception being children in Reception who learn, as the year progresses, to become more independent at getting changed. Please note Year 5 children will begin their swimming sessions on Thursday so will need their kit and towel each week.

Reception - Wednesday

Year 1 – Friday

Year 2 - Monday

Year 3 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 5 – Monday PE and Thursday swimming

Year 6 – Tuesday and Wednesday

## **Year 1**

Please can Year 1 children bring in a pair of wellies to leave in school. Thank you.

## **Outdoor learning**

We also plan to continue the popular outdoor lessons in the copse and around the school site. On these days the children should bring some older trainers, boots or wellies and have some older trousers or waterproofs if you have them to put on at school (please do not purchase anything special for this). Reception will not need to bring any additional footwear as they have some in school.

Year 1 – Wednesday

Year 2 – Tuesday

Year 3 – Wednesday

Year 4 - Tuesday

Year 5 - Monday

Year 6 - Monday

## **Reading at home**

Your child should have brought home a reading book this week. Please try to listen to your child read as often as possible. Every time an adult signs a child's reading record, your child will be entered into the weekly reading raffle in Celebration Assembly. Thank you for supporting us with this.

## **After School Clubs**

After school clubs are available from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September with each class, except Nursery having one club per week. Full details are on Weduc, including the booking form for you to complete. Payment of £17.50 should be paid in advance via Parent Pay.

## **Reception & Nursery - new pupils - Parents Weduc & Parent Pay Login**

Pupils in Reception and Nursery classes will receive their login information for both Weduc (our communication system) and Parent Pay (our payment system) next week and information is also on our website.

The Reception children's' after school Craft Club is on a Thursday from 3:30 – 4:30pm, £2.50 per session.

## **Paperwork**

Forms have been sent home for completion and we would appreciate if you could return these asap.

## **Diary dates**

September 9<sup>th</sup>                      Year 5 swimming

October 25<sup>th</sup>-October 29<sup>th</sup>      Half term

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