



November 12th 2021

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday, we will be joining other organisations in town to lay a wreath at the War Memorial in the Bowes Museum grounds. If any families would like to join us to parade from St Mary's Church to the Bowes Museum please meet us in the church carpark area at 11.35am. The parade starts at approximately 11.40am. Please could children wear their school uniform and a warm coat. Thank you.

Mrs Bartoli held a poignant Remembrance Assembly on Thursday morning and the children were incredibly respectful and thoughtful.

Music Tuition

We are pleased to be expanding music tuition in school. In Year 5 and 6, Mrs Unwin teaches the flute, clarinet and saxophone as well as the Year 4 recorder tuition. Dr Greenwell has asked different groups of children across the school about Music in school and several children mentioned that they would be interested in learning to play the piano.

Rosie from <https://www.happyinharmoniymusic.co.uk/coaching> is available to come in to teach piano on a Thursday afternoon at a cost of £11 per session. If you would like your child to learn the piano with Rosie, please email montalbo@durhamlearning.net or contact us via Weduc.

Eco News

This week the Eco Team received some exciting news! Since we began collecting household batteries to be recycled three years ago, we have now prevented over 10,000 batteries going into landfill. This is a tremendous achievement, and the team would like to thank all of the children who bring their batteries in from home to the containers in the school foyer. With Cop 26 high on the news agenda this week, it is wonderful that we are making our own contribution to helping the planet.

Children in Need

On Friday 19th November, we thought it might be fun to dress up in mismatched clothes so anything that clashes goes! If you would like to support this charity, please bring a suggested £1 donation. Thank you.

Parents' Evenings

We will be holding virtual Autumn Parents' Evenings on November 16th & 18th. Appointments can be booked via the Parents Evening tab in Weduc. If you need any help or advice about the system please contact the school office.

Beamish Educational Visit for Year 4

On Wednesday 17th November, Year 4 will be visiting Beamish Museum to consolidate and add to their understanding of their recent history topic of mining. The children will travel by coach at 9am but as there is a lot to fit in will return to school at 4.30pm. Children who receive a school lunch will be provided with a school packed lunch. As the majority of the visit will be outdoors, please send your children with a suitable outdoor coat.

Rotary Club Young Musician Competition

Please see the message below from the Rotary Club.

'We are calling again to all young musicians. Barnard Castle Rotary Club's Prestigious Young Musician Competition 2021/22 has gone LIVE! After our successful virtual competition, we are holding a live event at THE TCR HUB in Barnard Castle on Saturday 4th December. Family & friends are very welcome, so come and join the thrill of this competition with cash prizes & certificates in all categories.

It is free to enter, so if you know anyone interested in taking part please see the information and entry form on Weduc. The last date for entries will be Friday the 19th November, however would appreciate entries ASAP so we can assess the viability of the contest.'

FOMS

Friends of Montalbo School are organising a Christmas raffle and we are always delighted with how well this is supported. Two books of raffle tickets have been sent home with each child and we would be grateful if you could return any money and raffle stubs to school in a named envelope for FOMS to collect. If you have any prizes that you would be willing to donate, please them to the School Office.

FOMS are also supporting the Great North Air Ambulance charity with a bag collection next month. We will provide further information but now is a great time to have a clean out of unwanted preloved items.

FOMS School Lottery is running successfully to provide funds to support school projects. Tickets start at only £1 per week with a supporter winning every week – guaranteed. If you would like more information on how to join please email FOMS - Friendsofmontalbo@gmail.com

Barnard Castle Library

Friends of Barnard Castle Library are running a book review competition entitled "My Best Book of 2021" This is open to all children in Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2 and involves drawing (KS1) or writing a review of a favourite book (KS2). The competition is for children to enter in their own time, and all entries should be sent to Barnard Castle library as per the information on the entry form which can be found [here](#).

I hope that as many of our children as possible take part. I know we have a lot of avid readers so the choice of book may be tough! The closing date is Friday 26th November.

Reception School Places September 2022

The window for applying for Reception places has opened and runs until January 15th 2022. If you would like to visit school, please contact the School Office who will arrange this with you. Parent/Carers of all children eligible to start Reception must submit an application. Further details on the process can be found [here](#).

ParentPay

Please remember to pay for Nursery care, clubs and wraparound care before the event and check that any arrears are cleared. Thank you.

Morrisons It's Good to Grow

The scheme has closed now and we are busy planning how to 'spend' the vouchers families donated on resources for the school garden. Thank you to everyone who donated their vouchers to us.

Diary dates

November 16 th and 18 th	Autumn Term Parents' Evenings
November 17 th	Beamish Educational Visit for Year 4
November 19 th	Children in Need - mismatched clothes!
November 23 rd	Individual and sibling photographs

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