



MONTGOMERIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 13

Week beginning 7th December 2020

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EVERY SECOND COUNTS

Respectful. Resilient. Resourceful. Reflective. Responsible. Ready.



IN THE NEWS

Christmas Is Here



Firstly, thank you also to S Stibbards and Sons Funeral Directors for the Christmas tree they kindly donated which has taken pride of place in our school hall and decorated by the children from the After School Club.

What a lovely time the children had on Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime enjoying their delicious Christmas dinner. It was extremely heartwarming to see so many happy faces whilst listening to Christmas songs, opening crackers, chatting to friends and tucking into their food. The children always enjoy the fact that the staff serve them their dinner too. Thank you to the catering staff for their hard work, an enjoyable time was had by all.
Miss Moss

Santa Dash

Well done to everyone this week for taking part in our Santa Dash as they clocked up the miles 'to the North Pole'. It was lovely to see so many children wearing Santa hats, reindeer antlers and elf headpieces. It has been a particularly chilly week but it hasn't dampened the children's determination or enthusiasm with lots of jogging and running to keep warm. Great job everyone! We will be submitting our total distance and can't wait to hear how far all the local schools travelled.

Small Schools Virtual Sports Hall Athletics

Earlier in the term Y5 and Y6 pupils took part in the Virtual Sports Hall Athletics Competition, competing against other local schools. They competed in standing long jump, speed bounce, chest push and sargeant jumps. We are pleased to announce that we came 3rd overall. Well done to all the children who took part and thank you to Miss Turner-Powell for coaching the children for this event.

Reception 2021

Primary School applications can now be made via Essex County Council for those children who are due to start school in September 2021. This year we have been unable to hold our usual 'Open Mornings' for new parents to come along and see our lovely school and meet the staff. If you know of anyone with a child due to start school in September 2021 please let them know that our 'Virtual Tour' is on our website www.montgomeryprimary.essex.sch.uk for them to view. The closing date for applications is Friday 15th January 2021.

Yoghurt Tops

If anyone has fruit or yogurt pouches with the round lids please could you wash thoroughly and save for EYFS. When you have a few please put in a small plastic bag and drop off to Mrs Le Marie or Mrs Garrard at the EYFS gate at the beginning or end of the day. Many thanks.



CELEBRATE



Montgomery Mentions: Lillie-Marie, Tanya, Leighla, Tyler, Tommy, Nell, Harper-Star, Dean, Carter, Piper, Jessica, Tyler, Hudson



ATTENDANCE



The national expectation for attendance is 96%. The government has clarified the position regarding the term 'regular' attendance. It means children must be in school **EVERY DAY**. Every second counts at Montgomery. We **must** work together to improve attendance and punctuality even more.

The Royals Class	97.64%	Above national
Peacock Class	93.86%	Below national
Curie Class	97.67%	Above national
Attenborough Class	96.31%	Above national
Barnardo Class	99.29%	Above national
Branson Class	99.22%	Above national
Luther King Class	94.33%	Below national
Whole School – this week	96.95%	
Whole School – to date	96.35%	





STAR READERS



Reading impacts on all aspects of learning; it is so important for children to have experience of reading, to be able to read fluently and to be exposed to high quality vocabulary as this is proven to improve life chances. We are celebrating those children who have read five times or more this week to become Star Readers! We have also looked at the percentage of Star Readers in each class.

The Royals Class	43%	Joint 4 th
Peacock Class	30%	5 th
Curie Class	60%	2 nd
Attenborough Class	62.5%	1 st – Well done!
Barnardo Class	43%	Joint 4 th
Branson Class	44%	3 rd
Luther King Class	27%	6 th
Whole School	43.8%	

