

Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

19th March 2021

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the final week of the Spring term, we can feel life at school returning to normal. Our classrooms are full again; our after school Sports' Clubs resume after Easter and we are starting to allow visitors into school- all subject to Covid restrictions, of course. Today we raised money for Comic Relief and it has been lovely to see the children wearing their own clothes, including a red item for Red Nose Day. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this important event.

Next week, on Thursday and Friday, Safer Essex Roads will be coming into school to work with our Year 5 children on their road safety. They will learn about crossing roads in the safest way, along with the importance of wearing their cycle helmet and seat belt. I am sure they will enjoy taking part and exploring the resources further at home on the <https://saferessexroads.org> website.

In place of the usual homework given out over the Easter holiday, the teachers have created a wellbeing booklet consisting of a variety of different challenges for the children to complete during their two weeks off school. We hope you will encourage your child to take part and that they have fun doing the activities at home.

As you will note on the back of the bulletin, there are many agencies supporting families who are struggling with the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. Please do contact us should you need any extra help so that we can support you.

We will be holding Parents' Evenings in the Summer term on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th June. Letters will be sent out nearer the time but in the meantime, please put the date in your diary.

Finally, as we all know, the pandemic is still not over. If your child has a high temperature, a cough or has lost their sense of taste and/or smell, please ensure they take a PCR or lateral flow test. If they test positive, it is vital that school is informed, including during the upcoming holidays (up until Wednesday 24th March) so that we can inform the rest of your child's bubble if there is a need to self-isolate. Please email me directly on head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk should this be the case. Let's ensure we minimise the spread of the virus and avoid any further lockdowns.

Kind Regards

Michelle A. Wright

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Headteacher



What's on next week.....

Lunch Menu Week 3

Monday
Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra

Tuesday
Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra

Wednesday
Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra

Thursday
Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra

Military Club on Teams 3.30pm

Friday
Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra

Friday's Early Closure—Please note pick up times as follows:

Year 3 - 1:30pm

Year 4 - 1:40pm

Year 5 - 1:50pm

Year 6 - 1:55pm

Start and End of day Times

Year 3 8:30am — 2:55pm

Year 4 8:40am — 3:05pm

Year 5 8:50am — 3:15pm

Year 6 8:55am — 3:20pm

Dates For Your Diary

Easter Holidays

29th March—9th April 2021

Non Pupil Day

Monday 12th April 2021

Half term Holiday

31st May—4th June 2021

Parents Evenings

9th & 10th June 2021

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Red Nose Day

It was lovely to see lots of children wearing red around the school today. Thank you to all those who donated to this worthwhile course. We enjoyed some delicious Red Nose Day cakes at lunch time thanks again to our wonderful Catering Team.

Free Packed Lunches over Easter

Over the Easter holidays Kingsland Church will be offering free packed lunches for children and young people, no questions asked. As this has been a difficult time for many, the Church want to support families. These will be available Monday 29th March - Friday 2nd April and Monday 5th April - Friday 9th April, between 12pm-4pm at Kingsland Church Colchester, 86 London Road, Lexden, CO3 9DW behind the first doors in the foyer (This will be unmanned, so families may come and help themselves).



Colchester Foodbank

Colchester foodbank are here to help. If you, or someone you know is struggling, they can provide support with emergency food parcels at the Shrub End Foodbank (07757429117), St Cedd's Church, Iceni Way, open every Thursday 10am to 12pm.



Essential Living Fund

If you find yourself in need as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, the Essential Living Fund may be able to help you. The fund can help pay for heating, electricity, water, food and help you get essential household items like a fridge, cooker or table. To see if this applies to you visit www.southend.gov.uk/elfforessex or call 03007900124.

School Meal Account Statements

Each week you will receive a statement of your child's dinner money account. This goes out to all parents even if your child receives free school meals. The statement will show that you are either in credit or debit. If your statement says zero, there is nothing more you need to do. If you have a large outstanding debit on your account and are struggling to pay please email admin@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk and we can arrange a payment plan for you. If your child is in Year 3, their free school meal entitlement does not carry over from Year 2, you must reapply for free school meals if you think you are entitled.

Junior Bake Off

Junior Bake Off is looking for budding bakers aged between 9-15 with a connection to the Royal British Legion to take part in Series 7 of the show. The Channel 4 programme celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. Filming would take place from July 2021. **Applications close on Sunday 28th March 2021.**

For more info or to apply online, please go to www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk



Easter Holiday Club

This Easter holiday Active Essex are delighted to be able to offer limited **FREE Active Essex ActivAte Holiday Club** spaces for children of critical workers, vulnerable children and children entitled to FREE SCHOOL MEALS. To apply visit <https://www.activeessex.org/activateeasterbooking/>.



Early Closure

On Friday 26th March we will be closing earlier for the Easter holiday, please check the front page of this newsletter for the time each year group finishes.

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