

# Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

10th September 2021



## Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer holidays. It has been a pleasure to see the children settling into their new classes and to see them playing with friends, both old and new, at break times. They have adjusted well to the new school year and have been hard at work already. Welcome to our Year 3 children, whom it has been a pleasure to have in school so far. We also welcome our new arrivals, mostly military families. We hope your child will enjoy their time at Montgomery Junior School.

As you know we have had several positive COVID-19 cases and have been liaising with the local Public Health teams to ensure that the virus does not spread throughout the school. Please do not send your child to school if they show any symptoms of COVID-19. They will need to take a PCR test, which must be booked online at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. The test centre service offers results very quickly. Your child can return to school if the test is negative. If there is a positive case in your child's class, you will have received an email from school advising that you take your child for a PCR test. Your child can come to school, whilst they wait for the results if they are not showing any symptoms. If you receive a positive test result, please email me asap on [head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk) as we are monitoring the number of cases very carefully and any sharp rise may lead to further restrictions being introduced. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

We are aiming to introduce our After School Sports' clubs in the next two weeks. It was great to see so many of our older children attending the Y5/6 Netball and Football trials this week. Please ensure you return the letters to the school office promptly if your child would like to attend a club. These are funded by the school and free to parents.

Next week a group of children will be attending a commemoration service at the War Memorial in Colchester to mark the 77th anniversary of Operation Market Garden, the Battle of Arnhem. They will lay sunflowers at a service of shared remembrance along with the new Garrison Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Ed Rankin, soldiers from 16 Air Assault Brigade, and members of the public.

Finally, if you have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher by putting a note in your child's bag or phoning the school office. We are keen to ensure communication is clear between school and home and any issues are quickly resolved. Please feel free to email me also on [head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk)

Kind Regards

*Michelle A. Wright*  
Michelle Wright  
Headteacher

### Attendance Champions

Congratulations to class **5W** who are our weekly attendance champions with an amazing **100%** attendance. Well done everyone in 5W.

### Parents Evenings

The first formal feedback will take place at our Parents' Evenings on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 3:30-6:00pm. Each appointment will be 10 minutes. We will send out further details in the week before half term.

### What's on next week:

#### Autumn Menu Week 3

##### Monday

##### Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

##### After School Clubs:

Y5 & Y6 Basketball 3:10pm-4pm

##### Tuesday

##### Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

##### After School Clubs:

Y3 Basketball 3pm-4pm

##### Wednesday

##### Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

##### After School Clubs:

Y4 Basketball 3pm-4pm

##### Thursday

##### Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

##### After School Clubs:

Y5/6 Netball Squad Training

3:10pm -4:30pm

##### Friday

##### Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

##### After School Clubs:

Y5/6 Football Squad Training

3:10pm -4:30pm

### Dates For Your Diary

#### Tuesday 21st September

Y5 trip Cressington Temple

#### Thursday 23rd September

Y5 Swimming Lessons start  
(details to follow)

#### Tuesday 28th September

Individual and Sibling photos

#### Thursday 30th September

6B trip to Lauriston Farm

#### Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th November 2021

Parents Evenings

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## School Photographs

Vancols will be visiting the school on Tuesday 28th September 2021 to take individual and sibling photographs.

## School Meals

We are really pleased to offer delicious, nutritious and healthy meals on our school menu. All our meals are home cooked and we try to use local suppliers for our fruit, vegetables and meat wherever possible. We encourage parents to pay for school meals online via **Pay360**. We have now sent you your log in details. Please check your emails, and junk folder. If you have not received log in details please email us at [admin@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk) from the email you wish to use for your Pay360 account. Please do use this facility as it offers a safe and convenient payment method. If you have a child already in the Junior School you do not need a new account. You can add more children to your existing Pay360 (Sims Pay) account. Please remember to pay for school meals in advance. School meals cost £2 per meal.

Children from Year 3 and above are not entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Forms have gone out this week to all Year 3 children. If you think that you are entitled to receive **Free School Meals** please return the form to us as soon as possible. You can download a copy of our menu from our school website or pick up a copy from the school office.

## Packed Lunches

We currently have a high number of allergies within the school. Please can we remind you that no nuts are permitted in school. This includes peanut butter and any cereal bars with nuts in. Please check the ingredients before sending food into school. Thank you for helping us keep our children safe.

We encourage healthy eating at our school. Can we also remind you that sweets and fizzy drinks are not healthy snacks and therefore should not be included in your child's lunch box. Classroom and lunch box bottles should contain water only.



## Year 7 Secondary Admissions for September 2022

The 2022 secondary school admission round opens today – Friday 10th September 2021. Parents of current Year 6 children need to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2022. Letters are not being sent to parents about making an application, so please make sure you read all of the application information available on the Essex County Council website.

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2021 and applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

Local Secondary Schools are offering Open Evenings as follows:

Phillip Morant School and College—Thursday 23rd September 2021 5pm to 8pm

Paxman Academy—To Be Announced

St Benedict's Catholic College—Wednesday 29th September 2021 6pm to 8.30pm (day times available from Monday 4th October)

Thomas Lord Audley School—Thursday 23rd September 5pm to 8pm (Morning 9am slots available between Monday 20th and Thursday 23rd September 2021)

Ipswich School—Saturday 25th September 2021

The Gilberd and The Trinity School—Wednesday 15th September 2021

## ACL—Family Learning

ACL Family Learning offer Free Online Courses for Parents and families. Please take a look at their website if you would like more information [www.aclessex.com](http://www.aclessex.com) or contact them via [aclessex.com/contact-us](http://aclessex.com/contact-us)

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