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Montgomerie News Update

Autumn 2017/2018 - Week 7

Attendance Draw

During our celebration of attendance assembly today, Mrs Amran completed the prize draw sponsored by our Governing Body. They kindly supplied nine amazing prizes. Here are the winners:

Ashdon Casson, Jake Reeve, Jaydn Sharp, Yara Yousf, Emily Whittle, Isabella Naylor, Chloe James, Lois James, Landon Murray.

On 20th October I won the attendance 2nd prize I was saying to Jude 'I won't win that prize'. Then Ashdon read out my name and I was so excited that I got called out it was the best day ever.

I was in the draw because I had 100% attendance for this half term. I would definitely encourage other people to come to school every day because this could be you. Jake Reeve Y6

Please be reminded, this is one initiative that we are trialling to improve attendance. Going forward, prizes may differ or rewards may differ. The thing that **won't** change is the driver behind this: **to improve attendance, reduce unauthorised term-time holidays and reduce persistent absence at Montgomery**. At the end of next half term, we will have another prize draw (again, prizes kindly supplied by our Governors) and will also be awarding our usual termly attendance medals to celebrate those children who always have fantastic attendance.

Secondary School Applications

This week we were asked by Essex County Council to remind Year 6 parents that the applications closing date for secondary school places for the next academic year is 31st October. You **must** make your application by this date or your child will just be allocated a school by Admissions. You can apply via their website at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Parking

This is sadly a reoccurring item on our weekly newsletter. Some parents and carers are **still** parking on the yellow restricted zones outside of school during drop off and pick up times. This is **unacceptable and dangerous**. Children cannot see both ways in order to cross the road safely. In an ideal world, we would have a crossing patrol person or even a pedestrian crossing there. However, as we have neither of these I would **insist** that these areas are kept clear for the safety of our pupils.

Disco News

Just to make you aware that the Christmas Disco planned has been postponed until February. We will inform you of the new date once it has been agreed.





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Scooters and Bike

All scooters and bikes must be left in the cycle rack at the front of the school, not left in the EYFS garden.

Children in Need

Our School Council met recently and decided they would like to support Children in Need this year on Friday 17th November. The theme is “something spotty” and once the Council have consulted with their classes, we will be able to give you more details.

Parental Conduct

Please may I remind you to show respect to staff at all times. We have had a couple of incidences when the conduct of parents has not been as we would expect. Our staff have the right to feel safe in their working environment without fear or intimidation.

Dinners

We will be on Week 2 from the new menu from Tuesday 31st October. On Thursday 2nd November, Children’s Favourite is Pepperoni Pizza or Cheese and Tomato Pizza.

Mentions

Mentions will return after half term as today’s assembly focus was Attendance.

Weekly Attendance

The national expectation for attendance is 96%. The government has clarified the position regarding the term ‘regular’ attendance. It means that children must be in school **every day**. Please remember, every second counts at Montgomery. **We must work together to improve attendance.** Only 1 class reached National Average this week – this is very poor **this must** improve this next half term.

EYFS	93.85%	Below national
Class 1	90.40%	Below national
Class 2	92.50%	Below national
Class 3	96%	Winners! Well done!
Class 4	92%	Below national
Class 5	92.67%	Below national
Class 6	89.63%	Well below national average

A huge well done to Class 3 who will receive extra playtime. Well done!

I hope you have a restful, safe and happy half term. Enjoy!

Kind regards,

Mrs Mason
Headteacher

