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Montgomery News Update

Autumn 2017/2018 - Week 9

Illegal Parking

The parking situation is deteriorating drastically. Not only are some parents parking in a dangerous manner outside school, some are now using the school car park (which is trespassing) without permission. Others are now parking on double yellow lines and also on the grass outside of neighbouring properties, churning this up and blocking local residents' driveways.

Going forward, anyone using our school carpark will receive a warning letter and the registration numbers will be taken. If this is then repeated, the registration will be reported to the authorities. As for people parking illegally, Essex has urged me to share the contact details of the South Essex Parking Partnership: The contact number for the Parking Partnership is 01245 606710, or they are contactable via the Parking Partnership website - www.parkingpartnership.org.

Parking in this way outside our school is a hazard to our children and it must stop. In September, I asked Essex Crossing Patrol to reassess our footprint (in my view increased by Glenwood School increasing in its size) as they needed to see an increase to allow us to have a Crossing Patrol Person once more.

Unfortunately, our footprint did not meet the threshold when they did their assessment in late October. This means we must insist people park sensibly to allow children to cross the road safely.

Open Door

A reminder that Open Door is on **Friday 17th November**. Foundation Stage parents are invited in at 2.45 on **Thursday 16th November**. We hope to see many of you there.

Year 2 Trip

On Tuesday, Year 2 went on a class trip to Cressing Temple Barn. They thoroughly enjoyed learning all about Guy Fawkes and were even able to stand in a genuine bakery/granary built in Tudor times (which consolidated their learning about the Great Fire of London). It was a fantastic day and Year 2 were so well behaved and keen to learn - certainly a shining example of Montgomery children.

Gingerbread

At a recent meeting, I discovered about the charity Gingerbread. They are an amazing group whose main focus is helping single parents achieve their goals. They are funded by the National Lottery and their president is J.K. Rowling. They have much funding to help single parents – paying for training or academic courses, paying for childcare whilst on the courses or helping in other ways. We have some information in the school office if you are interested or have a look at www.gingerbread.org.uk to find out how to contact them.





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Children in Need



Spotacular is back! This year we are getting spottier than ever! On Friday 17th November 2017 come to school in non-uniform wearing something spotty. You could wear spotty pyamas, spotty socks, a spotty scarf or even up-cycle an old t-shirt and make it spotty, the choice is yours with exception of EYFS who are requested to come dressed as their favourite nursery rhyme character.

And get searching for those old 'round' pounds! Look down the sides of the sofa, behind your bed, deep in your treasure box or delve deep into your handbag and wallet. Let's see how many we can uncover and support the projects that BBC Children in Need helps throughout the UK.

Happy hunting!

Montgomerie School Councillors

Dinners

We will be on Week 1 menu from Monday 13th November. On Thursday 16th November, Children's Favourite is Sausage in a Yorkshire or Quorn Sausage in a Yorkshire and Jelly.

Montgomerie Mentions

Congratulations to: Summer Thompson, Harry Hughes, all of Class 2, Gideon Agudosi, Ava Le Chevalier, Mason Archer, Rhys Mailey, Joshua Claydon and Melisa Hurlock.

Maths Mentions

A huge well done to: Samuel Miller, Amy Watkins and Paige Fordham.

VIP Lunch Winners: Yara Yousf and Angel Sheern





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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.** 6 out of 7 classes were above national this week! **This really is fantastic and we want to see it continue. Remember, to have the chance to win a prize, the children need to have at least 98% attendance this half term!**

EYFS	98.46%	Above national! Well done!
Class 1	98.75%	Winners! Well done!
Class 2	96.25%	Above national! Well done!
Class 3	98%	Above national! Well done!
Class 4	94.67%	Below national
Class 5	98.33%	Above national! Well done!
Class 6	97.01%	Above national! Well done!

A huge well done to Class 1 who will receive an extra 10 minutes playtime. Well done!

I hope you have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Mason
Headteacher

