



MONTGOMERIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 14

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EVERY SECOND COUNTS

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



IN THE NEWS

A very warm welcome back to school! It was so lovely to see such smiley, happy faces on Monday entering the gate. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year celebration. All classes have made an excellent start back to the Spring Term.

Attendance Assembly

Today we held our attendance assembly for attendance over the Autumn Term. Children who had an attendance of 100% received a gold badge, 98% - 99.9% a silver and 96% - 97.9% a bronze. Please remember this is **termly**, so if your child was struck by chicken pox or norovirus this Autumn Term, they will have a chance to receive a gold, silver or bronze for their Spring Term attendance.



MORE NEWS

PE Kit

Please remember that children's PE kits must be in school at all times as, in addition to their PE days, we are fortunate to have PE specialists linked to school and give additional sporting opportunities to the children. It would be a shame for these to be missed. If you are having issues sourcing PE kit, please let us know.

Virgin Care School Nurse Team

It has been brought to the attention of all Essex schools that an incident happened on Tuesday (not linked to our school) where a parent was sent a text by someone purporting as a School Nurse to ask questions about their child. Virgin Care wish this message to be shared:

School Nurses do not send text messages as their first contact with parents.

If you receive a text message requesting information about your child from anyone purporting to be a School Nurse, please DO NOT engage.

To check the validity of any request received, please contact the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service Single Point of Access: South Essex 0300 247 0013



CELEBRATE



Montgomery Mentions: Charlie, Ivy, Joey, James, Layne, Harper-Star, Max, Dylan, Ella, Oliver, Alena and Angel

VIP Lunchers: Katie and James

Lunchtime Star: Alena

Playpal of the Week: Nancy

3PR Winners: Y3



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	93.75%	Below national
Peacock Class	100%	Above national
Curie Class	100%	Above national
Attenborough Class	97.32%	Above national
Barnardo Class	94.55%	Below national
Branson Class	96.67%	Above national
Luther King Class	88.84%	Below national
Whole School to date	95.58%	Below national
Weekly Average	96.16%	Above national



★ 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	39%	6 th place
Peacock Class	63%	2 nd place
Curie Class	43%	5 th place
Attenborough Class	50%	Joint 4 th place
Barnardo Class	66%	1 st place – well done
Branson Class	50%	Joint 4 th place
Luther King Class	54%	3 rd place
Whole School		



Today we held the draw for our Star Readers from each year group for last term. Children had the opportunity to win a £5 Amazon voucher. Congratulations to the following children:

Quinn - EYFS, Eddie – Y1, Harper-Star – Y2, Evelyn – Y3, Freddie – Y4, Grace – Y5, Angel – Y6.