

MONTGOMERY INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY



Friday 26th March 2021

Dear parents/carers,

It has been lovely having all our children back, albeit for a short three weeks. It has been a very long term for our staff, who are well and truly ready for their Easter break. I'm sure, like us, you are looking forward to being able to meet up with friends and family outdoors under the rule of 6. We are looking forward to a busy summer term and hope to be able to have opportunities where parents can come in to school as the COVID-19 restrictions begin to lift. We will send out details at the beginning of next term regarding parent meetings, giving you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher.

Have a great holiday!

Summer Menu

After the Easter break our Spring Menu will commence, starting with Week 1. The new menu can be found on our website: <https://www.montgomery-inf.essex.sch.uk/parents/lunches-fsm-info/>. Our Vegan menu can also be found on our website.

Alternatively, we have paper copies available at the school office. School meals are a great way to encourage children to try new foods and we are able to cater for children with allergies or dietary requirements. Please ensure the school office are informed of any changes to dietary requirements.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mixed Beef Sandwiches	Chicken Burger in a bun	Roast Chicken	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Orange & Fish Fingers
Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (V)	Southern Quorn Burger (V)	Vegetable Pie (V)	Vegetarian Meatballs in Tomato Sauce (V)	Quorn Dippers (V)
Sweetcorn Served with Crusty Bread	Herby Diced Potatoes Baked Beans	New Potatoes Carrots & Broccoli in Gravy	Wholegrain & White Pasta Sweetcorn	Chips Peas
Peaches and Ice Cream with a wafer	iced Sponge & Custard	Frozen Fruit Smoothie	Shortbread Biscuit	Fruit Jelly

Also available daily: Freshly baked bread, fresh fruit, vegetable, fresh milk, fruit juice and water. Vegan options available on request. Dietary needs can be catered for on request.

Government advice on testing at home throughout the Easter holidays for schools

Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme on the return to school and college, it is vital to keep testing at home throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term.

All households of school age children can now access test kits. These are voluntary but, if you are able to, please test twice a week at home from now on. More information about home testing can be found [here](#).

Important: Please inform the school on admin@montgomery-inf.essex.sch.uk if your child develops coronavirus symptoms within the next 48 hours and then has a positive PCR test, so we can support as necessary with Track and Trace procedures. After the 48 hours there is no need to contact us unless your self isolation period extends past the beginning of term.

Dates:

Non pupil day—Monday
12th April

Children return for summer term—Tuesday
13th April

May Day Bank holiday—
Monday 3rd May

Half term 28th May—7th
June

End of Summer Term (Early finish) - Wednesday 21st
July



Monty achiever Afternoon Teas

This week our Monty achievers from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have had their celebration afternoon teas in the hall. These have been a lovely experience for the children, the children were all happy to attend and felt pride in their achievement. We look forward to seeing who our next round of 'Monty achievers' will be!

Changes to the Test and Trace support payment for parents

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a Test and Trace Support Payment or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria. The extension of the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme, which is administered by district and unitary local authorities in England, ensures that parents receive the financial support they need if they are unable to attend work due to childcare responsibilities.

Parents and carers should apply to their local authority to receive a payment. Applications for the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme are made via the local authority in which the parent or carer resides, not the local authority where the setting is situated, if these are different.

For more details click [here](#).

Day of Reflection—March 23rd

As part of our reflection day activities, to mark a Year since Covid restrictions began, the children have had opportunity to add their reflections to a wall display in our foyer. Mrs Clarke has organised the creation of this beautiful rainbow reminder, to help us reflect on the highs and lows of the past year.

