

MONTGOMERY

INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY



Friday 25th June 2021

Dear parents/carers,

I apologise for not sending out a newsletter last week, time got the better of us and Friday seemed to creep up far too fast! This means that you get a double edition this week. There is quite a lot to tell you, so it's a three page Newsletter!

We had a fantastic week last week. The children had a lot of fun during the Little Troopers and Rainbow Heroes event. I think most of them relished the fact that they were able to mix with other children for the first time in a very long time.

Last week, the government announced an extension to Lockdown which has impacted on some of our end of year transition events, please read on to find out more.

We have happy, busy classes and all this rain has filled up our pond! I will be recruiting some more nature detectives to find out the changes that have taken place.

We have just under four weeks left of term and a lot to still get through!

Thank you for your continued support

— Sue Bridgeman, Head Teacher

Morning Music

This week's morning music has been **Frank Sinatra** and 'Fly me to the Moon'.

Last week's music was a piece of classical music by a famous composer called **Mozart**.

During our 'live' assemblies last week we had two very brave children from each year group who helped me 'conduct' at the front of assembly. They got to use our special conductors batons and were great at following the rhythm of the music!

Dates:

Tuesday 29th June Reception Sports Event CLOSED EVENT

Wednesday 30th June Year One Sports Event CLOSED EVENT

Thursday 1st July Year Two Sports Event CLOSED EVENT

Monday 5th July

Dress as a Rainbow—support the NHS with a £1 donation to charity.

Wednesday 7th July - Children visit their new teachers.

Thursday 8th July—Year 2 Forest School

Friday 9th July—End of Year Reports

Wednesday 14th July—Year 1 Afternoon Tea (date change)

Thursday 15th July—Reception Afternoon Tea (date change)

Year 1 Forest School

Friday 16th July— Year 2 Afternoon Tea

Year 2 Leavers Events 4:15–5:15pm:

Chameleon Class **Tuesday 13th July**

Cat Class **Wednesday 14th July**

Yeti Class **Thursday 15th July**

Wednesday 21st July End of Term— Early finish (1 hour before usual collection time)

Dinner Menu: The menu for the week beginning Monday 28th June is the **Week 2** Menu.

Our main menu and Vegan menu are always available [here](#) on our website.

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Lockdown Extension and Induction Processes

Boris Johnson announced an extension to the Lockdown measures last Monday which saw us having to adapt our induction processes for our new Reception children. As a result of this we have had to rearrange our meetings that would normally be held in the hall. Our induction meetings will now be recorded and available for parents to view on our website and will be posted on Tapestry too. This will be the same for our Reception children moving up to Year 1 and Year 1 children moving up to year 2. We are currently creating Induction videos for all our year groups and virtual tours for our classrooms.

COVID Protective Measures

Due to last week's announcement our COVID protective measures will be remaining in place for the foreseeable future:

- Staggered starts and end times
- Frequent hand washing
- Frequent cleaning of regularly touched surfaces
- Face coverings to be worn where social distancing cannot be maintained (not in classrooms)
- Social distancing
- Preserving our bubbles—bubbles are only expanded to support learning experiences.
- Limiting items coming into school—No drinks bottles—children have access to cooled water throughout the day.

New Classes for September

We will be informing you of the class changes for Reception and Year 1 children in next week's newsletter. This is ahead of the class swaps on Wednesday 7th July, when children will have an opportunity to meet their new teachers. Our Year 2 children will find out on the day which Year 3 teacher they will have. Mrs Wright, the Head Teacher of the Juniors, is looking forward to welcoming the children. In order to support their COVID protective measures, Mrs Wright has requested the children bring coats as they will be engaged in outdoor activities.

To support our internal transitions teachers will be dropping in to see their new children at additional times.

We are swapping our current Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms. We are creating a new playground for our Reception children. Our current Reception playground will be used for our Year 1 children which will leave the larger apparatus in the back playground for our older Year 2 children. This naturally lead us to swap our current Year 1 classrooms which face the apparatus. Our current Year 1s will remain in the Rainbow suite but will change classrooms. We will be creating short videos to introduce children to their new classes and teachers. These along with the induction videos will be available on our website and through Tapestry.

Reports and End of Year Assessments

Teachers are busy finalising end of year reports and performing assessments. Reports will be handed out on **Friday 9th July**. Each report takes at least 30 minutes to write which means, with a class of 30 children, teachers need to find at least an additional 15 hours to write reports, as well as continuing to plan, teach and assess the children in their class. Our teachers are amazing, but it has been an exhausting period of time in education. I would like to thank all the staff at Montgomery for their amazing work during the COVID crisis and I'm sure, as parents, you will agree with me—We have an amazing team!



Little Troopers Roadshow

We were very pleased to be able to take part in the first Little Troopers Roadshow last week. Children enjoyed the opportunity to mix with other children from their year group and share experiences. From their feedback they enjoyed the games and activities as well as designing their own super hero and for some having the opportunity to dress up too!



Rainbow Heroes

Our non-service children enjoyed an afternoon of thinking about all the people who have been helping us through the pandemic, we had rainbows everywhere! They also enjoyed meeting other children from their year group for the afternoon. We look forward to the day that we can lift restrictions on Bubble mixing more!



Rainbows for Heroes Dress Up Day

On **Monday 5th July** children are invited to come to school dressed for 'Rainbows for Heroes Dress Up Day' for a £1 voluntary donation to the charity. Every pound raised will directly benefit the NHS.

We have registered to support the local NHS day on Monday 5th July. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a 'rainbow'. You can interpret this however you wish! It could mean bright clothes or if you're feeling creative you could make a rainbow together! We can't wait to see the colours of the rainbow throughout the school.

