

MONTGOMERY

INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY



Friday 11th March 2022

Dear parents/carers,

We had the grand reveal of our Masked Readers at the beginning of the week. The children have loved trying to guess who was behind the mask and we hope that you've enjoyed watching the videos on tapestry too.

We have now collected in all the sponsor money from our reading challenge and have been overwhelmed by your generosity. We have raised over £780 for new books for the school. Thank you so much! Below are the top three classes and the amount they raised:

Bee—£152

Elephant—£110

Chameleon—£98

Thank you for your continued support

-Sue Bridgeman, Head Teacher

Dates for your diary:

Forest school dates for Spring term:

Year 1—Thursday 17th March and Thursday 12th May

Reception—Thursday 31st March and Thursday 26th May

Year 2—Thursday 28th April

2pm early close last day of term:

Friday 1st April

Easter holiday: 4th April-18th April (inclusive)

Non-pupil day: Tuesday 19th April 2022

Children return to school for Summer term: **Wednesday 20th April**

COVID update

I have had a few parents asking about the updated COVID protocols Staff, children and parents no longer need to do twice weekly LFT.

If your child displays any of the three main symptoms of COVID you are advised to arrange for a PCR test. It is no longer a legal requirement to self-isolate if you test positive for COVID, but is highly recommended to stay at home and avoid others. Positive cases need to be reported to the NHS and the advice is to self-isolate for 5 days, taking an LFT on the 5th and 6th day. If both of these are negative the advice states that you can return to normal activities on the 6th day. Close contacts no longer need to be contacted or self-isolate. For further information please see the government website.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Dinner Menu

Week Beginning Monday 14th March 2022: **Week 1 Menu.**

Our menus can be found [here](#).

There has been a slight change to the Week 1 menu. Fruit Crumble and Custard will now be on a Tuesday and Healthy fruit day will be on Monday. This will be an ongoing change.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meatless Beef Sandwich	Meatless Chicken	Meatless Chicken with a Lentil & Potato	Chickpea Pesto Sandwich	Fish Milder
Meatless Cheese (V)	Meatless Quorn (V)	Eggs & Quorn Filled Spices (V)	Meatless Hamster (V)	Vegetable Sausage (V)
Garden Salad Dress	Meatless Quorn & Potato Curry	Meatless Potatoes with a Lentil & Potato Curry	Meatless Beans with a Lentil & Potato Curry	Chickpea & Quorn Milder
Fruit Crumble and Custard	Healthy Fruit Day	Apple Delight	Healthy Fruit Day	

Always available daily: Freshly baked bread, fresh fruit, smoothies, soft drinks, hot water, baby wipes available on request. Dietary needs can be catered for on request.

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PSHE and Relationships Education

A letter to our Year 2 families was sent out earlier this week outlining the teaching of scientific vocabulary when talking about the human body, including 'private parts'. If you would like more details, please view our [PSHE and relationships education policy](#). We highly recommend the book 'Amazing You: Getting smart about your private parts' by Dr Gail Saltz.

Monty Family Groups

We held our 5th Monty family group session on Wednesday. Children are now very comfortable with the event and are becoming familiar with the classes and teachers that they are visiting. It is so lovely to see the year groups mixing and how the children support each other in play.

Ukrainian Conflict

We are very aware of the impact the current crisis in Ukraine may be having on some of our families. We see the school as a positive space for our children to feel safe within. We have attached some information for you around how to talk to your child about this conflict or any other.

We will not be directly discussing the conflict in school as we do not feel it is appropriate for the age range of our children. However, we understand that however hard you try to protect your children from the news they may overhear or see things which could be upsetting. We have a Thrive area set up in our library which children can access through out the day if they need some time out of the classroom with one of our SEN LSAs.

Morning Music

This week we have been listening to Folk Music. The music being played in the morning has been 'Who knows Where the Time Goes' by Fairport Convention.

Next week we will be enjoying some Baroque music

Charity Events

The school decided a few years ago that we would no longer hold national charity days, as we felt this often puts additional pressure on our families. There are over 1000 awareness days worldwide, so it becomes difficult to decide which ones to support and why. Therefore, we will not be involved in Red Nose Day.

As a school we may, at times, choose to support local causes or charities which impact directly upon our families or community, and you will be informed of these as and when they arise.

We may also hold fundraising events which raise funds for school improvement projects and has a direct impact upon our pupils.