

# MONTGOMERY

## INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY



Friday 16th September 2022

Dear parents/carers,

We are so very proud of our Reception children, who are now attending full-time. They have been amazing at settling in and following new routines. Our Nursery children are also settling in well too; you must be very proud parents!

As you know, on Monday the school will be closed due to the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. We will be holding further assemblies next week in remembrance of the Queen.

The school will reopen on Tuesday morning. Our gates open at 8:40am for an 8:45am start and registers close at 8:55am for a prompt start to learning; please make sure your child arrives on time. In the afternoon our gates open at 3:10pm for a 3:15pm collection.

*Thank you for your continued support*

*Sue Bridgeman, Head Teacher*

### Attendance

Full attendance is very important and a key indicator to children's progress. We have attached our attendance leaflet to this newsletter to outline how disruptive to a child's education poor attendance can be.

This year we will be giving an attendance award to the class who has had the highest rate of attendance each half term. This will be awarded to the class during our Friday celebration assembly. Please make sure you phone the office before 9:00am if your child is unwell.

### Dinner Menu

Dinner menu week beginning 19th September will be the **Week 1** menu.

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

### Morning Music

This week we have been listening to **Folk Music** and listening to the artists: Donovan, Simon and Garfunkel, Bob Dylan, Let the Light In.

**Next week** we will be listening to **Baroque!**

### Dates for your diary

Monday 19th September—Non Pupil day for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II

Thursday 22nd September—Tortoise, Bee and Yeti Forest school sessions

Thursday 29th September—Dragon, Elephant and Cat Forest school sessions

Monday 3rd October—Stay and Play Year 2, 2:30pm

Tuesday 4th October—Stay and Play Year 1, 2:30pm

W/B Monday 10th October—Parent Meetings (details to follow)

Monday 17th October—Individual school photos

Wednesday 19th October—

School Council Voting

Friday 21st October—

School Council Results

Break up for half term

Tuesday 1st November—Back to school

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## Family Groups

At Montgomery our classes are grouped in family groups, to support transition through the school. Where possible we try to ensure that siblings are placed in the same family group so that families stay with the same, familiar teaching groups during their time at Montgomery.

Research shows that children being able to mix with different age groups supports their sense of responsibility, with older children supporting younger children and younger children learning from older children. As an additional plus, children will become familiar with their next class teacher over the year. All classroom-based staff will get to know the children who will be joining them in the future, as well as our older children having the opportunity to see staff who may have taught them in previous years. As a parent, you will now know which classes your child will be going into as they move up through the school. We are hoping that this will reduce any transition worries in the future for our children.

### How it works:

Classes have been put into family groups:

Tortoise Class, Bee class, Yeti Class – Torbeeyeti

Dragon class, Elephant class, Cat class – Dragelecat

Rabbit Class, Frog Class, Chameleon Class – Rabfrogleon

Each family group will have three groups of 30, made up of 10 children from each class.

These groups meet once each half term for an hour of 'Stay and Play' type activities. This group will stay the same throughout their time in Montgomery (obviously, as children leave new children will be welcomed into one of the groups). The group will spend a term meeting in each class base, giving them an opportunity to become familiar with the different classroom environments. We really believe that our children benefit from visiting different classes, with other children that they will become familiar with over the year.



Dragon, Elephant and Cat

Dragelecat



Rabbit, Frog and Chameleon

Rabfrogleon



Tortoise Bee and Yeti

Torbeeyeti

## Forest School

We had our first Forest school sessions this week for our children in our Rabfrogleon classes. Forest school is held every Thursday and run by our forest school practitioner, Mrs. Keogan. Next week's classes will be Torbeeyeti (Tortoise Class, Bee Class and Yeti Class) and the following week will be Dragelecat (Dragon class, Elephant Class and Cat Class). Teachers will post more information on tapestry closer to the session.