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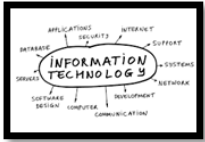
News from Montgomery Nursery, Infant, and Junior School
18th July 2025



Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another very full week at Montgomery Nursery, Infant and Junior School as we come to the last few days of the academic year. This will be our final newsletter as two separate schools with individual names (Montgomery Infant School and Nursery and Montgomery Junior School); from September we will be known as Montgomery Primary School.



During the summer holidays, works will be undertaken to ensure all the data management and communication systems are merged, which will mean a few changes. We will communicate these to you once the school reopens in September and the works have been completed. Our email addresses will remain the same for a short period of time, so you can still contact us in the usual way. However, the main phone number will be **01206 572288** for the entire school from September 1st. Please note this down in your diaries, especially our Infant and Nursery parents for whom this will be a different phone number.

On Monday our Sunshine room and some of our Nursery children enjoyed a visit from some exotic animals, including a snake and lizard. They enjoyed seeing these animals and being able to touch and stroke them. On Tuesday, the children enjoyed a session in Forest School.



The Wimbledon tennis lunch was a success, especially the strawberries and cream and strawberry cake on offer. Our catering team have worked so hard to produce special theme day lunches and we are really grateful to them for all their care and effort. We are already planning our special days for the Autumn term, which will include a Harvest lunch and a Bonfire Day lunch.

For the Juniors – tuck will continue to be on offer for Years 3-6; infant children have access to free fruit daily. The Friday tuck treat for the Juniors will be a chocolate chip cookie, which was the winner of the vote by the children. Cookies will be on sale on Fridays only, for 50p each.

We were so impressed by our Y6 children's performance of Cinderella this week with some stand-out performances by Charlie Hobbs and Ella-Mary Parker, amongst others. The whole cast sang and recited their lines with confidence in front of the whole school and two shows to parents. A very big well done to all of the children and staff for putting on such a wonderful show.

Reception enjoyed a session with the Blue Cross about safety around dogs on Thursday morning and learned lots of signs to look for should a dog start to get agitated. Some facts for parents: safety around dogs is a real issue in our communities: • 210,000 people suffer from a dog attack every year 70% of dog bites happen in the home • 80% are bitten by a dog that they are familiar with. Further resources are available on their website: <https://www.bluecross.org.uk/advice/dog/behaviour-and-training/be-safe-with-dogs>

The final trip of the term took place today, with Year six going to Walton for their end of year treat. They had great weather and enjoyed the opportunity to spend some valuable time together before they go their separate ways in September. All parents and carers of Y6 children are invited to attend their Leavers' assembly on Monday 21st July at 2:15pm. The Leavers' hoodies will also go out that day. We wish Year 6 a very successful transition to Year 7 and look forward to hearing positive reports about their progress.

Looking forward, our drop off and pick up arrangements will remain the same when children return on Tuesday 2nd September. Children will return to school at 8:45am for Nursery and Infants; 8:40am for Years 3 + 4 and 8:50am for Years 5 + 6. On behalf of the children, staff and governors we wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back in September.

Michelle A. Wright
Mrs Wright – Headteacher



What's on next week:

Colour key for dates:

All pupils/multiple Key stages—Black text

EYFS —Orange

Key Stage 1—Green

Key Stage 2—Blue

Summer Menu Week 1

Tuesday 22nd —Lunch
Change
Sausage Roll or Omelette
(v)

Tomato Pasta/Baked
Beans/Sweetcorn

Monday 21st July

Junior Breakfast clubs:

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Board Game Club

Forest School—Tortoise &
Cat Classes

Y6 Leavers Assembly
2.15pm

Tuesday 22nd July

Junior Breakfast clubs:

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Early Finish:

Nursery -Y2—1:30pm

Y3/4—1:40pm

Y5/6—1:50pm

Wednesday 22nd July

Summer Break

Thursday 23rd July

Summer Break

Friday 24th July

Summer Break

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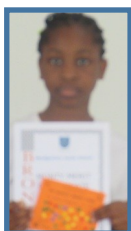


Mikah in Cat class has moved up to the next level in Karate and was awarded Orange belt.

Jahmellia in Elephant class has been awarded Blue belt in Karate.

Michaela in 3L has passed all her dance exams in tap, ballet and jazz!

Monty's Merit Awards



Lunch Time Awards



Reading Awards



Headteacher Awards



Attendance Champions



Congratulations to class **5K** who were Junior School weekly attendance champions this week, with an amazing 98.52% attendance. Well done everyone in 5K.

Congratulations to **Cat class** who were Infant School weekly attendance champions this week, with an amazing 98.3% attendance. Well done Cat Class.



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Information for all pupils

Allergy and intolerance awareness

We would like to send a polite reminder that our school has a duty to mitigate the risks to children with food allergies and intolerances. Due to the seriousness of some allergies, our policy is that we do not permit nut items in packed lunches or as snacks within school. Please ensure all snacks and lunch items are free from nuts in any form. Please carefully check to ensure no items 'may contain nuts'. This includes chocolate filled crepes and pancakes which contain hazelnuts. We would also like to remind you that no food brought in by children from home can be shared with anyone else, including birthday treats. We thank you for your support in helping to keep our children safe.

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School.



IMPORTANT

End of Term—Collection of medicines

Please can ALL parents be aware that **all medicines held in school will need to be collected by an adult on the last day of term.** This includes antibiotics, routine medicines, creams, allergy relief, inhalers and Epi pens or equivalent. When the children return to school in September, new consent forms for administering medicine will need to be updated and completed before any medication can be administered to your child by school staff.

A reminder that all medication must be in its original container with the prescription label clearly showing. Please check all expiry dates and make sure new medication is ordered in time for your child to return to school in September.



Tuesday 22nd July—Early Finish Arrangements

On the last day of term, Tuesday 22nd July, we have an early finish time of **1.30pm for the Infant Children.** Infant and Nursery children you will need to make the necessary arrangements to collect your child at this earlier time. If someone different to usual will be collecting your child, please ensure that you inform the infant school office in advance and make the person collecting aware of your allocated password.

Junior School children will finish at 1:40 for Y3/4 and 1:50pm for Y5/6. A form has been sent out for you to complete to let us know your child's home arrangements for that day. Please ensure you have completed this online form.

Menu change for Tuesday 22nd July

Please note that the menu on the last day of term will be as follows: Sausage Roll or Omelette (V), Tomato Pasta, Baked Beans, Sweetcorn

Autumn Term menu—The current menu will continue in the Autumn Term. When we return we will be on week 1.



Diary Dates

Dates For Your Diary

23rd July—31st Aug	Summer Break
Monday 1st Sept	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 2nd Sept	First day of Autumn term—Year 1 to Year 6 pupils will return to school Staggered starting arrangements have been communicated to our new Nursery and Reception pupils.

School Uniform



We need to mention that from September – all polo shirts should be white.

Choice of blue/white t-shirts for PE (as on smarty pants website). For those families who would like to purchase uniform items with the school logo on, please be advised that the link for Smarty Pants uniform orders has changed to <https://www.smartypantsschoolwear.com/montgomery-primary.html>



Smarty Pants have yet to update the images and descriptions so items are still listed to buy as 'infant' and 'junior'. Whether you select 'infant' or 'junior' we have been assured that all items will be dispatched as Montgomery Primary School.

Has your child had all their childhood vaccinations?

By the time children start school they should have had their MMR and 4-in-1 pre-school booster vaccinations. If your child missed having these vaccinations, it's not too late! Childhood vaccines help to protect your child from many serious and potentially deadly diseases, and help stop diseases spreading to people who cannot have vaccines, such as babies too young to be vaccinated and those who are too ill to be vaccinated.

The MMR vaccine protects against measles, mumps and rubella. The 4-in-1 pre-school booster protects against diphtheria, polio, tetanus and whooping cough.

The MMR vaccine can be given at any age, including to adults, and the 4-in-1 pre-school booster vaccine can be given to anyone up to the age of ten.

Speak to your GP practice to book any missed vaccinations.

From January 2025, children who were born on or after 1 July 2012 will be offered their first MMR dose when they are 12 months old.

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Information for EYFS (Nursery and Reception) and Sunshine Room pupils

Exotic Explorers Visit— Sunshine Room, Unicorn and Owl classes

Exotic explorers came to visit our Sunshine room and some of our Nursery pupils. They brought with them some reptiles. The children had the opportunity to interact with a snake, a tortoise and a bearded dragon.



Blue Cross Dog Safety Visit – Reception

On Thursday our Reception pupils had a visit from a volunteer from the Blue Cross, who came to talk about ways to be safe around dogs. Please have a chat with your child to see what they have learnt about dog safety during this visit. A poster of the advice given during the talk is on display in the window of the Infant School Office.



Information for Key Stage 1 (Year 1/2) pupils

Tapestry Downloads



You will have received a letter prompting you to download your child's Tapestry Journal. Mrs. Clarke has now sent out all the links to download your Key Stage 1 child's Tapestry journal. Please ensure you follow the instructions on the separate letter and download your child's journal by **21st July**.

Just a reminder, from September our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will no longer use Tapestry.

Year 2—DT Healthy Ice Lollies

The children in Year 2 have really enjoyed the current DT project; to design, make and then enjoy eating their own 'healthy' fruit based ice lollies.



Information for Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6) pupils

Year 6 Cinderella Performance

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