



Montagu Academy News

November 2017



Term Dates

Holidays	School Closes	School Opens
Christmas holidays	Friday 22 nd December	Monday 8 th January
February half term	Friday 9 th February	Monday 19 th February
Easter holidays	Friday 23 rd March	Monday 9 th April
May half term	Thursday 24 th May	Tuesday 5 th June
Summer holidays	Friday 20 th July	Monday 3 rd September

INSET days-
 Friday 25th May 2018
 Monday 4th June 2018
 Monday 22nd July 2018

This is possibly one of the busiest half terms in the academic year. We are planning lots of festive activities to celebrate Christmas and will keep you informed of up and coming events as soon as we have them firmed up.

The topics this half term range from learning about seasons and the weather, to oceans and the animals that live in the extraordinary habitat. Some children will be learning about what makes a good predator, whilst others will be looking at the events and impact of WW2.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/ carers for their understanding over the last few weeks. The re-brokering of Montagu Academy to a new academy sponsor was a surprise to all but I can assure you that, as a staff, we are relentlessly driving forward to ensure Montagu Academy is the best it can be.

If you have any questions/ concerns about any school related issues, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support

Katie Moran

School Dinners and Breakfast Club



Just a quick reminder about paying for school dinners and breakfast club- could we please have all monies in on Monday mornings.

We are now using ParentPay- if you would like to use this facility please get in touch with the school office. Many thanks.



Holidays

A reminder that term time holidays **will not** be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. All schools in the Mexborough Pyramid have a 'Zero Tolerance' policy on term time holidays.

Fixed Penalty Notices ARE issued for term time holidays taken without authorisation.

Absence



If your child is not well enough to attend school, or is going to be late, it is very important that you contact school (01709 583286).

Please could you leave a message on the dedicated 'Absence Line' before 9:20am on the first day of absence.



School Uniform

Our school uniform supplier is now Tesco.com. You can buy all uniform, including logoed items, from the website and either have them delivered, or pick them up from your local store.

Please see our website for the link.

Children in Need



Friday 17th November sees 2017's Children in Need.

We are asking children to come dressed in something spotty- from a t-shirt to a hair bobble, it doesn't matter, as long as it has spots!

We're also asking for a donation of £1 towards the Children in Need charity.

INSPIRE



The next Inspire sessions will be held on **4th December** and will focus on Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS). A letter will be sent out shortly with specific dates for each key stage.



Christmas at Montagu Academy

In an effort to give parents as much notice as possible about the upcoming events, the following dates have been provisionally booked-

Wed 13th Dec- Christmas Fayre

Mon 18th Dec- Year 1 and Year 5&6 concerts

Tues 19th Dec- FS and Year 3&4 concerts

Wed 20th Dec- Y2 concert

Letters will be sent out closer to the time but please keep these dates free.



Pyjama Story Night

After last year's amazing success, we will be hosting another Pyjama Story Night. Children will be invited to wear their PJs and listen to some of their teachers' favourite stories- from Roald Dahl and his Revolting Rhymes to stories about a dinosaur who poops!

Pyjama Story Night will take place on 21st November, 4:15-5:15- don't forget to bring your teddy!



Delta Academies Trust

Since the last newsletter things have moved forwards with regards the re-brokering of Montagu Academy to a new Trust.

Delta Academies Trust have been named our 'preferred' trust and, as of Friday 10th November, the 'listening period' is over.

Delta have completed their due diligence and are now considering the next steps in becoming our new sponsor.

Thank you for your patience with this matter and thank you also to the parents who attended the meeting on Monday 6th November.

Any further information will be sent out as soon as we have it.



Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will be held on Wednesday 13th December, 3pm-4:30pm. Any donations for stalls will be gratefully received.

All Different

Anti-bullying Week

All Equal

Week beginning 13th November is national anti-bullying week. Throughout the week all children will be working on the theme 'All different. All equal.'

One of the activities for the week is for children to wear odd socks for the day and we are asking children to do this on Thursday 16th Nov. For more information on 'Odd Sock Day' please see ClassDojo or the Anti-bullying Alliance website www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk



Smoking on school premises

Just a reminder that smoking is not permitted on school premises. Could I also ask, if you are dropping children off or waiting for them to leave the premises, you stand away from the main exits if you are smoking. Thank you for your co-operation.

Safeguarding

Please be vigilant- if you have any concerns for the safety and wellbeing of any child, please report it to one of Montagu Academy's Designated Safeguarding Leads; Mrs Maisey or Miss Moran on 01709 583286 or contact Doncaster Safeguarding Children Board -

01302 737777

Everyone has a duty to keep children safe.

If you are concerned about a child, ring either of the above numbers.

Dates for Diaries



Mon 13 th Nov	Anti-bullying week
Thurs 16 th Nov	Odd Sock Day
Fri 17 th Nov	Children in Need- wear spots!
Tues 21 st Nov	Pyjama Story Night
Mon 4 th Dec	INSPIRE week
Wed 13 th Dec	Christmas Fayre
Mon 18 th Dec	Y1, Y5&6 Christmas concerts
Tues 19 th Dec	FS, Y3&4 Christmas concerts
Wed 20 th Dec	Y2 Christmas concert
Thurs 21 st Dec	Christmas Parties
Fri 22 nd Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 22 nd Dec	Break up for Christmas
Mon 8 th Jan	School re-opens