



Montagu Academy News

October 2017



Term Dates

Holidays	School Closes	School Opens
October half term	Friday 27 th October	Monday 6 th November
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

Has it really only been 5 weeks since we started the new school year? We have managed to get through so much work, it seems like ages ago!

All your children have settled so well into their new year groups and visitors have commented on how calm and purposeful Montagu Academy is. Children have risen to the challenge of the expectations of their year groups and, I am pleased to say, I have handed out a record number of certificates, stickers and Dojos for outstanding effort and perseverance when the 'going has been tough'!

With parents'/ carers' evenings approaching, I hope you can make time to meet with your child's class teacher to find out how they are settling in and what they need to do to ensure this school year is a success.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher- they're more than happy to help.

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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



A big thank you to everyone who donated buns/ cakes/ biscuits to our Coffee Morning and those of you who bought the goodies. We raised a superb £90 for Macmillan Cancer Research. Thank you again!

INSPIRE



This half term's Inspire sessions were brilliant. We had a record number of parents, carers and grandparents join us to take part in maths based activities- I think some adults even ended up a little wet after the capacity activity in KS1!

The next Inspire sessions will be held on **4th December** and will focus on Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS).



Christmas at Montagu Academy

I know it seems a little early to be talking about the 'C' word but it will be upon us before we can say, "Mince Pies"!

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.

Super Hero Day



All children at Montagu Academy have been learning about Building Learning Power (learning how to learn and be independent). As a celebration of their learning and new found 'Learning Powers', we're holding a Super Hero Day on **Friday 27th October**.

Children can come dressed as their favourite super hero but please don't feel these need to be expensive, commercially produced costumes- a homemade mask/ cape will be more that acceptable.

To find out more about BLP, please see our school website

http://www.montaguacademy.org/curriculum_statement/



Wakefield City Academies Trust

As I'm sure you're more than aware, Montagu Academy is part of Wakefield City Academies Trust (WCAT). In recent weeks you were sent a letter outlining the fact that WCAT will be re-brokering all its academies in a bid to enable schools to offer the best education to all their children.

Unfortunately, there are no updates as to which trust Montagu Academy will be joining as of yet but we do hope to hear before October half term. As soon as there is any further information, you'll be the first to know.

Parents' / Carers' evening



Parents'/ carers' evenings will be held on **Monday 23rd and Tuesday 25th October** from 3pm – 5pm.

If you haven't already booked a time, please let your child's class teacher know when you're available, by either completing the return slip on the letter, messaging on ClassDojo or writing a note in your child's planner.



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 23 rd Oct	Parents'/ carers' evening
Tues 24 th Oct	Parents'/ carers' evening
Fri 27 th Oct	Super Hero Day
Fri 27 th Oct	Break up for half term
Mon 6 th Nov	School re-opens
Tues 7 th Nov	Monsters' Ball
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