



# Montagu Academy News

September 2017



## Term Dates

Holidays	School Closes	School Opens
October half term	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas holidays	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January
February half term	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Easter holidays	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April
May half term	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Summer holidays	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September

INSET days-  
 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018

Welcome back to the new school year!

Over the holidays there have been some changes around school- I wonder if your children have spotted them!

We come back to a year that is going to be filled with lots of exciting learning opportunities as we have re-vamped our curriculum! The new Imaginative Learning Projects (ILPs) make sure learning is as engaging and inspiring for your children as possible. We have ILPs about Darwin and evolution; potions and materials and earthquakes and natural disasters just to name a few. Ask your child which ILP they are learning about and see what they already know.

We have also introduced School Planners as a way to improve communication between home and school. Let us know what you think. Hopefully, you'll find them a useful resource.

New staff have joined our ranks and I hope you will join us in making them feel an integral part of the Montagu family.

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



On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, we will be hosting a coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Donations of cakes and buns would be gratefully received. Further details to follow.

## **INSPIRE**



This half term, Inspire sessions will run in Key Stages as they are coinciding with our Maths Days.

Parents are invited to join us for the afternoon session and take part in fun maths-based activities with your children.

The sessions will take place as follows;

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September- Reception**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September- Key Stage 1**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September- Key Stage 2**

It would be great to see you there!



## **Friends of Montagu Academy**

Calling all parents... the Friends of Montagu need you!

We are in desperate need of more parents/ carers/ grandparents to join the Friends of Montagu team. They meet approximately once a half term to organise events such as Halloween Disco, Christmas Fayre and other fundraising activities. If you are interested, and able to 'donate' some of your time, please get in touch with Mrs Newrick and Mrs Edwards.

## **Parent Governor**



We advertised throughout last academic year for a parent/ carer to join our Local Governing Body.

Unfortunately, we are still looking.

In the coming weeks, information about being a Governor and how to apply, will be circulated.

If you are interested in helping Montagu and Mexborough Academy in their journey to good and outstanding, please get in touch.



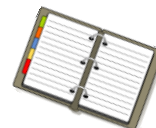
## **Y6 Shakespeare Week**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September will see the annual visit from Richard and Jules from Finding the Will.

Year 6 will spend the week immersed in the works of Shakespeare and this will culminate in an afternoon performance of The Tempest, on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Year 6 parents will be invited to the performance, so add the event to your calendar!

## **Planners**



Planners have been introduced across school this week. These replace the old reading diaries and are another method of communication between home and school.

We ask that planners are signed every week and brought into school every day.

Should a planner be lost or damaged, it is expected that they are replaced at a cost of £5 each.



## **Indoor PE**

Just a reminder that all children must bring plimsolls into school in order to take part in indoor PE.

They are mentioned in the uniform policy that can be found on the website and in your child's planner.

Thank you.

## **Conduct on school premises**



It has been brought to my attention that there have been incidents of inappropriate language and behaviour on the playgrounds.

There are obviously children about and we don't want to be exposing them this. If this continues, offending parents will not be able to enter the school grounds.

Thank you to those parents and staff that have raised this as an issue.

## **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.