

Mountnessing C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

Another half term has gone so quickly! Thank you to all the parents who joined us for lunch in the week. We will be inviting you in for a roast dinner each half term from now on. I hope that you all enjoy the half term holiday and the weather is better for all of us. See you all in school on Monday 24th February.

Mrs H Obank

Celebrations

I would like to mention a few children who have gone out of their way to be helpful this week and have been spotted by staff

Amira - for clearing up plates in the dinner hall when parents were here.

Lewis - for taking the younger children on a make believe American Indian journey around the classroom!

Alice K and Roxy - for always being helpful - especially when it came to tidying up.

Mia - for looking after the younger children in her house and for being a great house captain.

Information

Tokens

We are collecting the Sainsburys active kids vouchers and the Nestle book tokens. Please tell your family and friends to keep these for school. They can be put in the collection in the office.

Dinner money

All dinner monies should be up-to-date by the end of today. If you still owe dinner money this must be paid on **Monday 24th February**.

KS2

We are struggling to fit all of the children's school bags and coats on their pegs. Therefore bags are going to now live in the classrooms. If possible, could you try to make sure that the children only bring in a small bag to school with the essentials in it. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

17th - 21st February - Half Term

18th March - Termly Learning Conference

7th - 21st April - Easter Holiday

22nd April - Non Pupil Day

News

Retirement

As many of you know, Mrs Bailey had a big birthday recently. She has made the very difficult decision to retire at the end of this school year. We will, of course, be so sad to see her leave, but will make sure we have a huge celebration in school in July. Mrs Bailey has let school know very early of her decision so that we have the most time possible to search for a new excellent teacher. Whoever this person may be has very big shoes to fill. We have started to advertise and have lots of possible candidates looking around the school.

Interviews take place before Easter. I will keep parents updated when more decisions are made. The children haven't been told in school yet, but please feel free to share this information.

Around the World

We have had the most fun this week during our 'Around the World' week. All the outside visitors we had in school added to our enjoyment of the week. Our favourites were the Bhangra dancing and the African mask making. It has been a real pleasure teaching the children in house groups and seeing how they interact. The children have been so well behaved and the older children have looked after the younger children in their house too. They have made all the teachers very proud of them. Check out the website for photos of our week and look at the display outside Chestnut Class to see examples of the work that has been produced.



EYFS

A new club for Class 1 is starting after half term. This is called 'Balance Bikes'. We will provide the children with special bicycles and they will be taught how to ride without stabilisers, and how to cycle more safely. This will take place at lunchtime on Thursdays. We will split the children into 2 groups, with each group getting 3 weeks of instruction. You will find out after half term when your child is in the club and what they need to bring.