

Friday 18th December



Dear Families,

When we returned in September, we were unsure what the new term would bring. We knew that there would be challenges ahead and have faced our fair share these last few months. But we were also full of optimism and excitement at the prospect of a return to something familiar, welcoming our new children and the start of a new school year ahead. I have seen this term just how strong our Montrose team spirit really is. Together we have successfully embarked on new ventures as a school, including remote learning. You have all played your part, by adhering to our new rules and routines, all of which have all helped our children to stay safe and our school to remain open.

The children have worked hard this term and deserve a well-earned rest over Christmas. We are looking forward to many more exciting events which we have planned for the New Year, the first of which will be an online pantomime in the first week back.

It is a sad day today as we say goodbye to Eric who has been our crossing guide for the last 14 years. Eric will be greatly missed by the children at Montrose and we wish him a very happy retirement.



We also say goodbye to Miss Ashton who has been working in Reception class as a teaching assistant. Miss Ashton is moving to teach Year 1 at Overdale Infant School. We wish her all the best in her new teaching role.

It leaves me to say on behalf of the staff and governors, thank you for your support, have a wonderful Christmas and peaceful New Year. We look forward to seeing you all at the beginning of the Spring Term on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Best wishes,

Mr. Owens

Headteacher

Class P.E days

Please send children to school in their P.E kit on P.E days.

Monday

Year 1 and Year 4

Tuesday

1BM/4GM alternate weeks

4R, Year 5 and Year 3

Wednesday

Reception and Year 2

Thursday

IBM/4GM alternate weeks

1S, Year 3 and Year 6

Friday

Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6

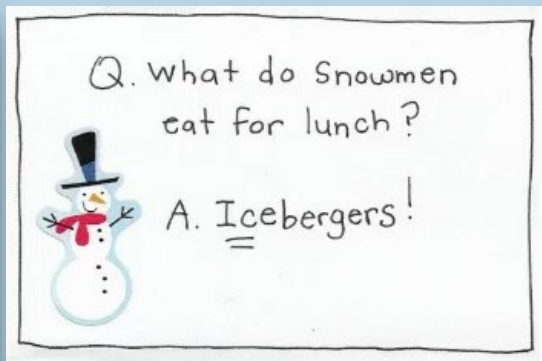
If these change you will be notified on Class Dojo.

Polite Reminders

Face masks must be worn when dropping off/collecting children. With the inevitable rise in infection rates after Christmas please adhere to Government guidance.

Any worries?

Our Family Support Worker, Donna McAteer, is available to support with a range of issues. Contact her at school or on 07378 285273.



**End of term celebrations for working
very hard during this long and busy
term and festive art and crafts.**



Music at Montrose

The Christmas music concert put together by Mrs Rupp has been enjoyed across school. Well done to the children who took part, you were fantastic. Thank you to our music teachers for continuing to support the children in their musical endeavours. It has been lovely to see all of the performances this term.



Countdown to Christmas

We hope you enjoyed our Countdown to Christmas this year. If you have not had the chance to view the amazing talent of our children, then head over to Class Dojo to see the performances!

OUR BRILLIANT BOOK CLUB

We hope that you have enjoyed reading the books. Now it's time to work together as a class and create some award winning entries for our Year 1 competition.

I'm Sticking With You

Bear and squirrel are very special friends. They do absolutely everything together. Do you have a special friend or family member who you 'stick with' through good times and bad?

Draw a picture of your special person:

- Label them with words which tell us why they are so special. What kind of person are they?
- What sorts of things do you do together?
- How do they help you 'be the best you can be'?

You can write some sentences to describe them if you wish.



1st Edition 2020/21 Competition Time Year 1



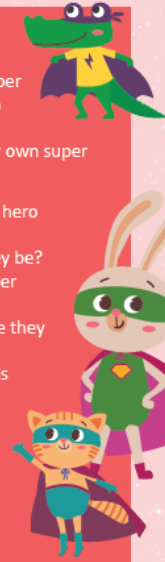
Super Sloth

Super Sloth is all about an ordinary animal turned super hero. We would like you to use your superpowers of imagination to design your own super hero animal.

Draw and label your super hero animal:

- What animal would they be?
- What would be the super powers?
- What kind of animal are they (herbivore, carnivore)?
- Just like Sloth's enemy is Anteater, who is their arch enemy?

You can write some sentences to describe them if you wish.

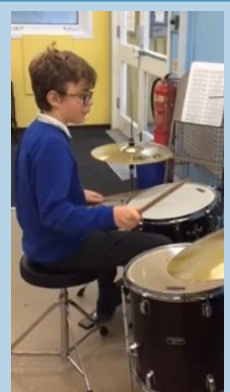


How to enter

To enter, simply send us a picture of your class's entries, by **Friday 12th February**, to rebecca.partington@sdsa.net and we will select the winner!



Year 1 have are reading some fantastic books as part of the 'Our Brilliant Book Club' (WiT) They are also taking part in a book themed competition.



Well done to the children who have earned certificates and badges in 2R this week.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 5th January

School Opens

Friday 8th January

Virtual Pantomime

Thursday 28th January

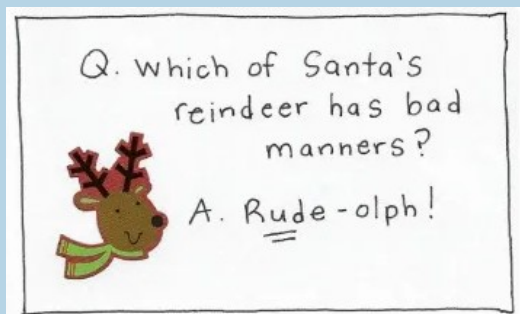
Individual Photographs

Friday 12th February

Last Day of Term

Monday 22nd February

School Opens



Thank you F1 for the lovely Nativity Show.

GOVERNMENT ADVICE

We recommend all schools ensure staff, parents and carers are aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Therefore if any child tests positive within 48 hours of finishing school on Friday 18th December please inform school via email:

aowens@montrose.leicester.sch.uk

