

January 2023

# Montrose School

*Achieving, Caring, Aspiring*



*Thank you to the PTA for toast day this week*

## **February Half-Term Food Support Offer**

The city council is again working with Samworth Brothers to support families with food over the February half-term. There will be six pop up venues across the city that will give parents of free school meal children and those needing additional support, the opportunity to collect food for the half-term. Please see [information sheet](#) and the website link [Half term food offer - Leicester City Council](#) for further information.

## **Term Dates**

The school holiday dates up to July 2024 are available to view at the end of this newsletter and on our website. Can we remind you that holidays in term time will not be authorised. We all have a duty to ensure our children will reach their potential and being punctual helps with this. If you are having any problems with attendance or arriving on time, please speak to a member of staff as soon as possible to resolve this.

## **Sport**

So far this term, we have completed 2 weeks of a fundamentals/big moves programme for selected year 1 children. We have also taken a mixed Year 6 team to a basketball competition where we came third. Well done to those children taking part.

## **E-Safety**

With many children receiving new devices for Christmas, this is a timely reminder to monitor the settings and content on all devices that children are using at home. Children must be kept safe when using the internet and mobile technology and we encourage you to set age-appropriate parental controls and internet filters to block malicious websites. Please be aware that social media sites including Facebook, TikTok, Instagram and Snapchat are not appropriate for primary aged pupils. Most have an age restriction of 13 due to content which can be inappropriate for younger children. For more information, please visit Thinkuknow for advice on staying safe online. Please also read the accompanying e-safety newsletter.

## **And finally...**

- Jewellery is not permitted at school except for small, plain studs or very small hoops (little hoop earrings that 'hug' the earlobe) worn by children with pierced ears. Dangly earrings **are not** permitted.
- Simple watches only.
- Jewellery should not be worn on PE/swimming days unless ears have been recently pierced in which case they must be covered with tape.
- Long hair must be tied up/back for PE.
- Nails should be kept short; false/acrylic nails may not be worn in school.
- No make-up is permitted at school.
- The School will not be responsible for the loss or damage of any items of jewellery.

Thank you to everyone for following these new rules. It is greatly appreciated.

Mr Owens and Miss Jackson, Head teachers



## Nursery

We have been printing snow for our winter pictures and reading the book 'One Snowy Night'. Happy Chinese New Year.



## Reception

We have had a fun week learning all about colour mixing and Chinese New Year.



## Year 1

We baked gingerbread men to support our learning of the story. The children have followed the instructions to make the dough and then carefully cut out the shapes. They were delicious.





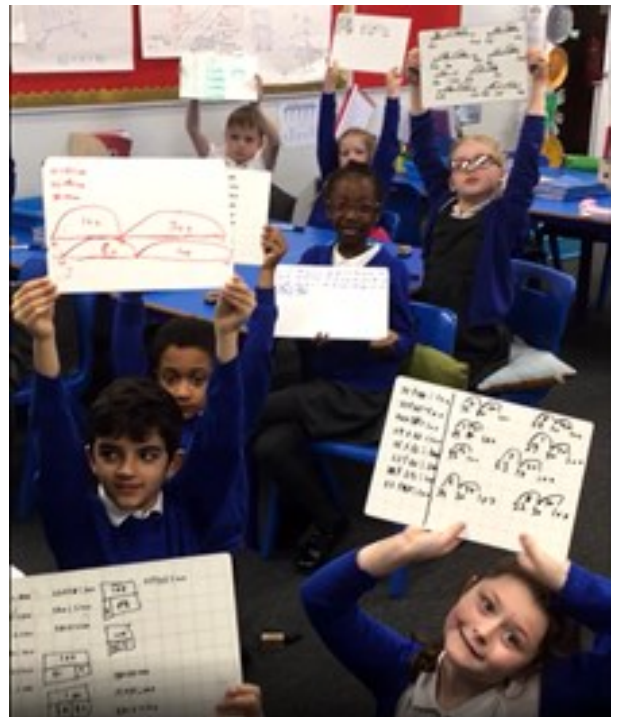
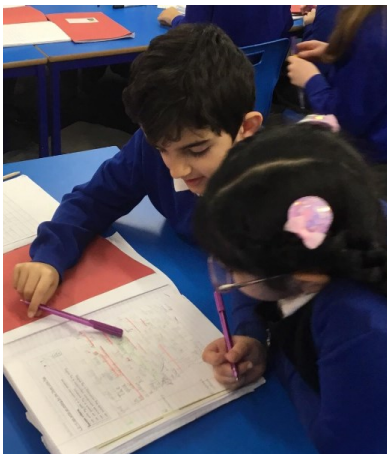
## Year 2



Year 2 are delighted to be part of Our Best Picture Book: a book award, especially for Year 2 children in Leicester! By taking part in this award, Year 2 pupils and their family will be asked to read and talk together about six picture books and to vote for their favourite. The six books on the shortlist offer something for everyone and we hope the award gets children and families excited about reading!

## Year 3

We have used atlases to identify different countries around the world. We have helped each other edit and improve our writing and we are learning to solve missing number problems to 100 using a number line. We have been very busy in year 3!





## Year 4

We have been learning about our digestive systems and how our bodies process the food we eat. We have also learnt the names of the different teeth types and the jobs they each do.



## Year 5

We started the new term off by completing a Commando Joe mission where we had to work effectively as a team to complete the mission.



## Year 6

We took part in a workshop run by Yorkshire Building Society called 'Money Minds' designed to inspire young people to learn about money and to help develop their employability skills. We worked in groups to plan and budget for a holiday using the profiles and information provided. We thoroughly enjoyed the activity and presented our 'pitches' with confidence and enthusiasm. Thank you to Vanda and Fiona for this opportunity.





### Attendance Headlines - week ending 20/1

- Our attendance level dropped to **below** national last week by 0.7%.
- Our overall attendance has decreased by 1.7% compared to the previous week. This is mainly due to low attendance in Reception and Year 1 classes last week (91% and 90% respectively).
- Year 3 remain the highest attending year group this week at 98%.
- Biggest improvement – year 4 (95% to 96%).

# ATTENDANCE

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

### ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below  
Drastic effect on  
academic achievement

95%-90%  
Cause for  
concern

100%-96%  
Excellent



### Family Support

Donna, our Family Support Worker, is available to support with a range of things. You can arrange to see her via the school office or you can phone her directly on **07378 285273**.



Well done to all of our recent badge and certificate winners.





# Leicester City Council

## Local authority school holidays 2023/2024



	August 2023						September 2023						October 2023					
M		7	14	22	28			4	11	18	25			2	9	16	23	30
T	1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26			3	10	17	24	31
W	2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25	
T	3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26	
F	4	11	18	25			1	8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27	
S	5	12	19	26			2	9	16	23	30			7	14	21	28	
S	6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24			1	8	15	22	29	

### Autumn Term 1<sup>st</sup> half

	November 2023						December 2023						January 2024				
M		6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
T		7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
W	1	8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31
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### Autumn Term 2<sup>nd</sup> half

### Spring Term 1<sup>st</sup> half

	February 2024						March 2024						April 2024				
M		5	12	19	26			4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
T		6	13	20	27			5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
W		7	14	21	28			6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
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### Spring Term 2<sup>nd</sup> half

	May 2024						June 2024						July 2024				
M		6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
T		7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
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### Summer Term 1<sup>st</sup> half

### Summer Term 2<sup>nd</sup> half

	Pupil days		Weekends
	School Holidays		Public Holidays
	INSET days – school closed to pupils		

Total 190 Pupil days

Please note: On inset days, pupils are not required to attend school

As each school sets its own teacher days, please use the dates above or dates on the school website NOT the dates on Leicester City Council website.



# ChatHealth

**Text a public health nurse  
(school nurse) for confidential  
advice and support**

 **07520 615 381**

**or start a chat at:**

**chathealth.nhs.uk**

**NHS**

Leicestershire Partnership  
NHS Trust



Leicester  
City Council



**Health  
for Kids! Grownups**

**NHS**  
Leicestershire Partnership  
NHS Trust

**The best  
possible start  
in life**


Health advice to help your children grow  
and flourish.

**[www.healthforkids.co.uk/grownups](http://www.healthforkids.co.uk/grownups)**

# ChatAutism

**A specialist text messaging  
support service for autistic  
people and their  
parents/carers**

**Send a text to:**

 **07312 277 097**

**Specialist  
Autism  
Team**

**NHS**  
Leicestershire Partnership  
NHS Trust

**Get help and support with:**

**Emotional wellbeing**

**Understanding  
your autism**

**Healthy relationships**

**Finding  
support**

**Healthy lifestyle**

**and much more**