

February 2024

Montrose School

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Thank you to everyone for attending the progress evenings.

As we come to the end of the first half of spring term, it is a good opportunity to reflect on the range of events that have taken place since the start of 2024. We have further events planned so please keep an eye on Class Dojo for information about future events.

Progress Evenings

Thank you for attending the recent progress evenings. It is great to share children's progress and learning with you and to provide you with the opportunity to ask questions, raise concerns or seek support.

Number Day

What a brilliant Number Day we had! The children looked amazing in their costumes and had a great time completing exciting number based activities. They even managed to go onto TT Rockstars and take part in a school competition too.

Safer Internet Day

We want all our children to remain safe online and use the internet responsibly and we all have a part to play in this. The best way to keep your children safe is to take an interest in the games they play and what they do online. Vodafone have launched their "Digital Parenting" portal in conjunction with the NSPCC offering lots of information and tools to help you. It is well worth watching their campaign video "The Rise of the aggro-rithm" which is all about how search algorithms used by apps such as Tik-Tok and Instagram can lead young people towards increasingly harmful content which then changes their behaviour:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/>

Also, the NSPCC has fantastic help and guidance for parents to help keep children safe online:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Children's Mental Health Week

As part of children's mental health week, we took part in a dress up day wearing clothing to 'express ourselves'. Expressing yourself is about finding creative ways to share feelings, thoughts or ideas.

Homework Clubs

Leicester libraries and community centres offer free homework clubs for all school-aged children during term-time. The homework clubs offer homework in every subject, finding information, free printing, reading for fun and games and activities for learning. Our local library, the Pork Pie Library, run their homework club on Wednesdays 3.30-6.00pm.

Term Dates

These 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.

Choir Event

The choir sang and danced their hearts out at the Young Voices Concert at Resorts World Arena in Birmingham. The children were a credit to our school and their families. Well done! We hope the memories will stay with you for a long time.



School Eco Council

The School Eco Council has had a fantastic day in London! We visited the House of Commons and the House of Lords and were able to see debates in both chambers. The children also took part in an educational session where they learned about how laws are made and debated their own law. The children also voted for Mr Warley to be speaker of the house during the mock debate, but insisted that a wig was worn along with the gown! The children all represented the school brilliantly and had a fantastic day.



Well done to all of our recent badge and certificate winners. Miss Jackson has been very busy in assemblies presenting awards.

New Baby

Mrs Medley has welcomed a new arrival to her family!

Finley was born on the 5th of February and weighs 6lb and 9oz.

Congratulations to Mrs Medley and her family.





Attendance Headlines

- Our current whole school attendance is 92.8%.
- Year 6 are the highest attending year group so far this academic year at 95.6%.
- The class with the highest attendance last week were 6D at 97.1%.

If your child is too ill to attend school then you must call the school office on each day that they are absent.

Please do not send messages regarding absence to teachers via Class Dojo.

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	Weeks	Lessons
	Absent	Absent	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.**

PTA dates for your diary. Further details will be sent out closer to each event.

- Mother's Day room week commencing 4th March
- Father's Day room week commencing 10th June
- Summer Fete 21st June
- Toast Day 29th Feb

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

Leicester City Council Local authority school holidays 2024/2025



	August 2024					September 2024					October 2024					
M		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
T		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
W		7	14	21	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
F	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
S	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	
S	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	

Autumn Term 1st half

	November 2024					December 2024					January 2025					
M		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
T		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
W		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
F	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31
S	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
S	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	

Autumn Term 2nd half

Spring Term 1st half

	February 2025					March 2025					April 2025					
M		3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
T		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
W		5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
T		6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
F		7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
S	1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	
S	2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	

Spring Term 2nd half

	May 2025					June 2025					July 2025					
M		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
T		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
W		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
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S	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	

Summer Term 1st half

Summer Term 2nd 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



ChatHealth

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

07520 615 381

or start a chat at:

chathealth.nhs.uk



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people and their
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your autism**

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**Finding
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