

## Headteacher News

### Goodbye

As the Year 6 children prepare for the next step in their education, we wish them well. We are proud of each and every one of them. They have faced and overcome many challenges during their time here, as well as provide us with one or two challenges of their own.

They will not be the only ones moving on this year. We will also be saying goodbye to some members of staff who are moving to pastures new. We are saying farewell to Mr Campbell, Miss Wright and Miss Francis, who have been members of the Montpelier Family for a short time but are embarking of the next chapter in their teaching careers. We are saying goodbye to Mrs Peter, a well-respected member of our teaching assistant team and to Mr Bennetts, who is off to Dubai for a new and exciting adventure. They will all be missed and we wish them well.



### School Footwear

You will have read the following on numerous occasions but it is imperative that I send it out time after time. Here at Montpelier we have high expectations around the behaviour, attitude and attainment of all pupils. These expectations are essential to give every child the opportunity to fulfil their potential and strive to be the best that they can. They are ingrained in the culture and ethos of our school and it is something that as parents you buy into when you choose our school for your child. It is at this point that I would like to remind you all about our expectation with regards to the children's footwear. As the end of term comes ever closer with thoughts turning to the summer break, I know being a parent of three school aged children myself, that at some point - if you haven't already, that you will partake in the glorious event that is shopping for school shoes. I am all too aware that in certain outlets the school shoe section offers a range of all black trainers as a viable option of everyday school wear. Before you consider and take the step to purchase footwear for your child I wish to remind you all that trainers; even if they are black, are not school uniform. The expectation is that children wear black shoes. It is our intention that from September any child wearing trainers will be asked to return home to change into the appropriate footwear.

### PTFA Summer Fair

I want to start by saying a huge thank you to our PTFA and the school staff for another wonderful summer fair event. The weather was kind, our children and parents turned out in force and an incredible amount of money was raised in a short space of time. Thanks to everyone who helped make it happen. Our PTFA do an amazing job in creating an extra dimension to the notion of Montpelier as being more than just a school. The staff all consider Montpelier as an extremely large family of which we are all a part. Providing these extra experiences, such as the summer fair, help to strengthen this feeling. The PTFA is made up of a very small number of committed and passionate individuals who truly believe in uniting the school through these shared events.



## Diary Dates

### Tues 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017

- Yr2 performance 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' 1.45pm & 6pm

### Tues 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017

- Leavers' assembly
- Last day of term 2:30pm finish (Yr6 finish at 1.30pm)

### Wed 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017

- Start of the summer holidays

### Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017

- Non-pupil day

### Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017

- First day of term

### Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Oct Inc.

- Half term

### Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan Inc.

- Christmas holiday

### Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2018

- Non pupil day

## Monty's Den

Monty's Den is our on-site after school care. Call on 07522 429599 for more information or to book a session. Flexible booking available.

[www.thedens.co.uk](http://www.thedens.co.uk)



## Playground Equipment

Please refrain from using the equipment in the playground storage units before and after school. These items are for school use only.

## Chrome Scooter

Missing from school since Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Jo Bug brand, lime green lettering (possibly worn), name written underneath.

Please contact the office with any information. Thank you.

### Foundation News

What great detectives the Foundation children are! When a rucksack was thought to be stolen, we had police interviewing, fingerprints taken and photographs of potential suspects before the crime was solved! The children have enjoyed visiting their new classroom and teacher this week and have also played cooperation games and had fun getting to know each other more. Next week we are looking forward to watching the fantastic Year 6 and Year 2 shows and visiting our new teachers in Year 1 again. On the last day of term we are going to have a little party. More information to follow shortly.

### Year 1 News

There was an unusual discovery of a peculiar looking machine and mysterious letter in Year 1 this week. On further inspection, it was clear that the machine was, in fact, a typewriter. We replied to the letter telling Elliot how to use it and hope that he'll respond next week! We're also looking forward our Superhero Party day on Wednesday! We know the children will have a great day. Have a lovely weekend.

### Year 2 News

It has been another excellent week this week. We have had lots of fun rehearsing for our play, meeting our new class teachers and have learnt about the great work the RNLI do. Perhaps you could ask your child what they know about the RNLI and how to stay safe near water. We have also been practising our quick recall of the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. Have a fantastic weekend. The Year 2 Team

### Year 4 News

What a busy and exciting week Year 4 has had! We were thrilled to meet our new class and teachers and had a fun-filled pirate themed team building session. Throughout the week, we also created some Victorian factual posters in preparation for our trip to Morwellham Quay. Our visit to Morwellham proved a great success and we thoroughly enjoyed the variety of activities on offer for the children to learn about. From a trip into a mine, experiencing Victorian school life to rope making and breaking rocks to find copper, the children were fully immersed into the way of life of a Victorian school child. A huge thank you to parents who came to help on the trip and to all who offered. Your support is greatly appreciated. Have a fantastic, relaxing weekend!

### Year 3 News

In Year 3 we have had another exciting week. In Maths we have been learning and using Roman Numerals into a variety of contexts. The children have really enjoyed this. Ask your child to explain how Roman Numerals work! In English we have been planning our fictional WW2 stories based around being an evacuee. The children have been using all their topic knowledge to make the settings and events of their stories real life. Well done! Have yourselves a fantastic weekend.

### Year 5 News

This week the year 5 children were invited to watch the performance of Peter Pan at Devonport High School for Girls. The children enjoyed the performance and had a great afternoon.

On Wednesday, some of the children were taken to the aquarium to create a short film to complete the work they have been doing with the National Marine Aquarium during the Wednesday after school sessions.

At the beginning of the week, many of the Year 5 children were designing a cardboard boat, for an event which will take place in September this year.

We have also been creating our own Greek pots as part of our topic sessions on Thursday.

Completing a rather busy week the children also met and worked with their new teachers in preparation for the New Year.

### Year 6 News

Thank you for all the support you have shown for the Fiver Challenge. The children have very much enjoyed running their own businesses and making lots of money.

We have been working very hard this week doing our final preparations for the school production. There's been some good times and some bad times but we've finally made it all the way through! The children have worked so hard and we are really excited that we will get the chance to show you all next week. We can't wait! Any left-over tickets will be available on Monday, via the shop items in School Money. They will be sold on a first come first served basis and may not be near your original order (if previous tickets were purchased). These remaining seats may not be grouped together and could be individual. Tickets must be paid for through School Money before they can be allocated.

We look forward to seeing you at the show.

### Last Day of Term – Menu change

Please note there will be a change of menu on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017** Options will be -

- Fish & Chips
- Meat Free Sausage Rolls
- Jacket Potato

### Payment for school meals

May we take this opportunity to kindly remind parents/carers that payments are to be made in advance as per school policy.

For those who have debts please ensure that they are settled without delay as the school is now owed a considerable sum.

### School Council

We're sure some of you will have seen School Council out on traffic patrols before and after school this week- the children feel very passionately about keeping our school community, and everyone in it, as safe as we can.

The children were giving out our own 'fixed penalty' notices they had designed. If you received one, we ask you to consider why, and how you could park more safely in future. **Parking on the yellow SCHOOL markings, zig zags, double yellow lines, on the pavement and within 6 metres of a junction**, were all mistakes we saw many times!

Unfortunately, some drivers were unhappy about being given these, however if it had been the traffic warden and not us, they would've received a fine. Please remember we are only trying to make our school area safer for everyone and avoid accidents- our intention is not to cause offence, only awareness. We appreciate everyone is busy and trying to get to work etc, but this is NOT an excuse to park dangerously- even for a few minutes. It is our intention, along with our local PCSOs and the council, to make our surrounding roads and pavements safer for our school community.

### PTFA

Thanks to everyone for supporting the summer fair. We raised just over £1,500 for the children.