

# The Beacon

Academic Year 2021/22

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## *Hello from Mr West*

This week Montpelier has recognised and supported Anti-Bullying week. The Anti-Bullying Alliance theme for the week is 'One Kind Word', sharing the reason for this being that 'kindness is more important today than it has ever been'. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us.

For more information please visit: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2021-one-kind-word>

The following words are not my own, they come from a Year 3 child, a child who shared their 'One Kind Word' with every child at our school - their words say it all...

### **One Kind Word**

*One kind word is all you need  
to brighten up a person's day  
It is like planting a happiness seed  
that grows with each kind word we say*

*A bully does not use kind words  
to brighten up a person's day  
A bully uses unkind words  
that hurt more with each word they say*

*So please remember...*

*One kind word is all you need  
to brighten up a person's day  
It is like planting a happiness seed  
that grows with each kind word we say*

*My one kind word is **happiness!***

My 'One Kind Word' is **family**. What's yours?  
Have a wonderful weekend.

## **Year 5 Parents – Toy and Gift Giveaway Assemblies**

Dear Year 5 Parents,

As you are aware, our annual 'Toy and Gift Giveaway' assemblies are taking place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. We would normally love it if you could join us, however as Year Five are also swimming on this day we have made the decision to say no Year 5 parents. We cannot guarantee what time the Year 5 children will be back and which of the assemblies they will attend.

We are sorry for the confusion and late notice and look forward to welcoming you back in to school again soon.

## School Term Dates for 2021/2022

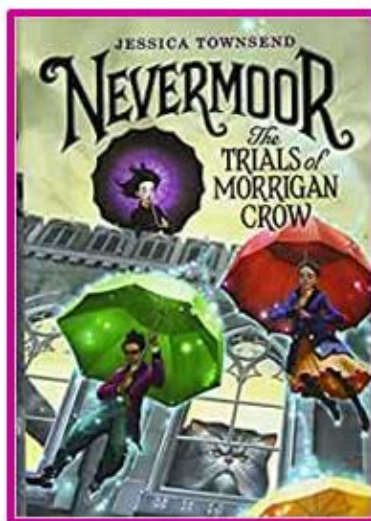
**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov** – Toy and gift giveaway assemblies  
**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Mufti (Dress to impress)  
**WB Mon 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas lunch week 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> more info to follow  
**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Tree Festival  
**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Year 1 Nativity  
**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Year 2 sleepover  
**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Year 1 Nativity  
**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Foundation sing-a-long  
**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Carols around the tree  
**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Carol Service  
**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Wishes around the tree *more info to follow*  
**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas jumper day  
**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Wishes around the tree  
**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021 – Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2022 Inc.** – Christmas holidays  
**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** - non-pupil day  
**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Feb** – half term  
**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr Inc.** – Easter holidays  
**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – Bank holiday  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank holiday  
**Tues 31 May – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June Inc.** - Half term  
**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June** - non-pupil day  
**25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July** - non-pupil days  
**27<sup>th</sup> July** – start of the summer holidays

## After School Clubs

Athletics Club will break up for Christmas on 29<sup>th</sup> November, and continue again on 10<sup>th</sup> January.

Netball Club will break up for Christmas on 7<sup>th</sup> December, and will start again on 11<sup>th</sup> January.

Cross Country Club has now ended – it will begin again in September 2021.



This week's recommendation comes from Martha and Elsie in class 6P.

They have chosen the Nevermoor Series. As it's Anti Bullying Week and the main character, Morrigan, stands up to bullying (with the help of her friends), they thought it would be a great choice! They also love the magical worlds and funny characters.

I agree girls – thank you.

If you have shared a book with your child and would like to recommend it, please email me. [daniellejones@mpsplymouth.net](mailto:daniellejones@mpsplymouth.net)



# PLEASE RETURN OUR SCHOOL BOOKS

Some of our banded book boxes are looking pretty empty. Please return any books you may have at home so other children have the chance to enjoy them. Thank you.



# Christmas Jumper sale

All proceeds will go to the  
PTFA.

It's beginning to look a  
lot like Christmas .....



Has your child/children grown out of their Christmas jumpers from  
last year?

Need to buy something new for this Christmas?

Why not donate your unwanted Christmas jumpers to us and then  
come and buy a different one for this year for just £1

We will be accepting children's Christmas jumpers and tops only  
from now until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Just drop them off at the main  
entrance or to the café.

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November, we will be selling them by the main  
entrance from 3-3.30pm. For the rest of the week until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec  
they will be in the café during its opening times. (Tues, Weds and Fri  
from 8.30 -9.30 am. Left overs will be donated to charity.





# Climbing wall taster sessions!

Does your children want to try climbing? Why not book them on to one of our climbing taster sessions happening on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of November.

Just £6 for a 1 hour session

**Session times!!**

Time	age
10-11am	5-11 years
11.15 - 12.15pm	12-17 year
12.40 – 1.45pm	5-11 years
2– 3pm	12-17 year
3.15 – 4.15pm	5-11 years
4.30 - 5.30pm	15-17 year

Book online or at the climbing wall reception or call us on:  
01752 606900 option 4



# Lost property

There is, once gain a vast amount of unnamed lost property, which we are unable to get back to its owners.

It will be available for you to come and look through and retrieve anything which belongs to you on Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th November at the end of the school day. Please come to the main entrance. Amongst the items are coats, drink bottles, Sweat shirts, Black PE hoodies and a pair of "Eye stuff" children's glasses with a turquoise strip on both of the arms.

Items not claimed will be disposed of.

May I use this opportunity to politely remind you to name all clothing with your child's full name, and not just initials. With nearly 700 children in school, this allows your child to be independent in keeping their items safe and will help us return clothing in the event it becomes separated from your child.

If using pen to label, please check that this has not faded with washing.