

The Beacon

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Deputy Headteacher's Comment

School Uniform - 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 has been acknowledged that the number of children wearing trainers has increased over the past week. Please remember the school year ends on the 20th July and until such time the expectations on the uniform remain the same. As a school we will be keeping a close eye on this and your support is greatly appreciated.

Foundation News

Ahoy me hearties! This week we have shared our holiday news and where we have been on our travels. We have been reading our class book 'Pirate Pete' and using our imaginations to continue to write stories, made leaflets about where we have visited or would like to visit and explored our new role play areas in each class - thank you for uploading pictures onto Tapestry and sending in brochures, the children loved to see where their friends had been.

Year 1 News

Year 1 had an unexpected visitor arrive in a box on Monday. His name is 'Traction Man.' We have been learning all about his adventures and using this to write super sentences. In Maths, we met another visitor 'Captain Superchops' who has helped us to learn about position.

Year 2 News

This week we were given an unusual challenge from Mr Grinling. He requested that the children design and write instructions to make a disgusting sandwich to deter the pesky seagulls! The children came up with some fantastically frightful ideas - chopped eyeball sandwich anyone?! We look forward to finishing off our revolting recipes next week. Have a super weekend.

Year 3 News

We have had a brilliant week! We had an amazing World War 2 day, the children had a busy day finding out about rationing, creating gas masks, making vegetable stew and learning some basic first aid. The children all looked fantastic in their costumes. We would like to say thank you to all the parents for your efforts with the fancy dress costumes. During English we have been discussing explanation texts about the war and in maths solving a variety of multiplication problems using the grid method. Have a great weekend. Year 3 Team

Bude Lost Property

Due to the pungent aroma all 'Bude Lost Property' will be disposed of after Monday 11th June.

Football Club

Monday 11th June will be the last football club and athletics club before the summer.

School Term Dates for 2017/2018

Tues 5th June – Class Photos & Yr6 Individuals
Thurs 14th June - Proms in the Playground 6-7pm
Mon 18th June - Schools race for life
Mon 2nd July (am) – Foundation / Yr 1 & 2 Sports Day
Tues 3rd July (am) – Yr 3 & 4 Sports Day
Tues 3rd July (pm) - Yr 5 & 6 Sports Day
Wed 4th July – Reserve Sports Day in case of inclement weather
Fri 20th July – 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)
Mon 23rd July – First day of the summer holidays

School Term Dates for 2018/2019

Tues 4th Sept – Non-Pupil Days.
Wed 5th Sept – Non-Pupil Days.
Thurs 6th Sept – Autumn Term 2018 begins.
Mon 22nd to Fri 26th Oct – Autumn Half Term Break 2018.
Thurs 20th Dec – Last Day of Autumn Term 2018.
Fri 21st Dec 2018 to Fri 4th Jan 2019 – Christmas Holiday 2018.
Mon 7th Jan 2019 – Non-Pupil Day.
Tues 8th Jan – Spring Term 2019 Begins.
Mon 18th Feb to Fri 22nd Feb – Spring Half Term Break 2019.
Fri 5th April – Last Day of Spring Term 2019.
Mon 8th to Mon 22nd April – Easter Holiday 2019.
Tues 23rd April – Non-Pupil Day.
Wed 24th April – Summer Term 2019 Begins.
Mon 6th May – Bank Holiday.
Mon 27th to Fri 31st May – Summer Half Term Break 2019.
Wed 24th July – 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)
Thursday 25th July – Non-Pupil Day.

Year 4 News

Welcome back to all of Year Four! We are very excited to begin our final term together! To start the term off, we had a fantastic trip to Morwellham Quay where all of the children had a fun-filled day and learnt lots of interesting Victorian facts. We all particularly enjoyed going in the copper mine and experiencing what the working conditions would have been like. The children were extremely well behaved and the whole day was an absolute pleasure to have been a part of. Thank you to everyone who contributed; especially those parents who were able to help us out on the day. Have a great weekend!

Year 5 News

What a hard working first week back for Year 5. The children have been using their learning behaviours of 'perseverance' and 'believing in ourselves' to have a go at their very first practise SATs, so well done all of you! In English we have kicked off our exciting new unit about ghost stories, based on Pere Lachaise in Paris. Maths has been about developing our ability to solve problems using all four operations. We are excited to be hosting a cake sale on Monday to raise money for our Mount Batten trip so any contributions of cakes would be greatly appreciated. Thank you and have a great weekend.

Year 6 News

As we head into our final term at Montpelier, the children are starting to think about the school production. This year, the children are writing their own play with an Abba twist! In the coming weeks, we will watch the film 'Mamma Mia' which is a PG. In English, the children are also reading some books that have been made into films including 'Wonder' and 'Holes'. We intend to show these films as well during this term. They are also rated PG. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these films, please let us know.

Music News

Does your child sing in one of the school choirs? Have you bought your Proms in the Playground tickets for Thursday at 6pm yet? Please go onto school money in the usual way to purchase them. £2 for adults, 1p for children not taking part.

Thursday Choir has now finished for this term.

Year 2/3 choir have their last rehearsal on Tuesday.

Steel pan rehearsals continue until the end of June.

Blog of the Week

Alfie is in class 6M and he has recently had his book review published on the Evening Herald website. He writes blogs of books he has read. Here is the link to his page - have a read if you get a moment!

<https://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids/nevermoor-trials-morrigan-crow-could-1602244>

Open Evenings

Ivybridge Community College Open Mornings – Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th June 9:30 – 10:40am in the Dining Hall.


Kindly contact the college if you wish to attend.

Eggbuckland Community College Open Evenings for Years 4 & 5 is on Wednesday 13th June, from 6pm until 8pm

Notre Dame Open Afternoon Thursday 28th June – pre-booking essential

Plympton Academy Open Evening Thursday 28th June from 5pm (repeated a 6:30pm). Open Day Friday 29th June

Book of the Week



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tompalmer.co.uk

On Wednesday 27th June, Tom Palmer will be visiting Montpelier and working with our children in KS2.

Have a look at his website to find out more about him and his fabulous football books.

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

Railway Beacon Youth Football Club

Railway Beacon Youth Football Club require players to form new U9 team for next season 2018/2019. Age qualification must be school Year 4, starting September 2018. Contact Manager Jim Lucas on 07948 722926 for training details.

Railway Beacon Youth Football Club also require players for an existing U10 team for next season 2018/2019. Age qualification must be school Year 5, starting September 2018. Contact Manager Simon Richards on 07469 215280 for training details.

Vacancy - Clerk to the Board of Trustees and Local Governing Body

We are looking for a Clerk to the Board of Trustees and Local Governing Body for approximately 250 hours per annum approximately 20 -25 meetings per year (flexible by arrangement). The purpose of the position is to provide advice and administrative support to the Trustees Body and LGB on governance, constitutional and procedural matters. Please see our recruitment website for further details <https://www.tes.com/jobs/employer/stoke-damerel-community-college-1036264>

Year 3/4 Football World Cup!

Mr Robinson is delighted to announce that on the morning of Tuesday 10th July, at GOALS football centre, all of Years 3 and 4 will participate in a boys and girls World Cup. The children will be split into teams and allocated a country. On the day, the children will come to school wearing their country's colours and play a football tournament along similar lines to the one in Russia! Montpelier thanks Northwood Estate Agents for agreeing to sponsor this event, which is intended to be held every 2 years to coincide with either the World Cup or the Euros. More information to follow soon!

Yr5 Cake Sale

The Year 5 children will be holding a cake sale for all children across the school on Monday 11th June throughout the afternoon. All cakes will be 50p each.

MKC Heroes

Military Kids' Club Heroes, Saltash has been awarded some funding for an exciting creative project! Artists from the Cornwall - based 'Workshops for Children' have been engaged to run a day of creative workshops as part of Saltash Regatta on **Saturday 9th June**. Art and tactical creation activities are cathartic for children who have a deployed family member. This project will allow the children to express how they feel to be a child in a Forces' family and the positive qualities they are developing

There will be 3 sessions specifically for Military children at **10-10.40, 11- 11.40 and 12-12.40**. These need to be pre-booked and a parent or carer will need to accompany their own children. They are also asking for a voluntary donation of £1 per family as the total cost of the workshop isn't fully covered by the funding. These sessions will hopefully provide a fun, creative time for the children to create wonderful collages. Please contact teresalindeyer@hotmail.co.uk to book or for more information. Full details are on our MKC Heroes page on our MPS website

M&S Uniform

M&S are offering a 20% discount off school uniform until 4th July – excludes footwear, accessories and school coats.

PLEASE LABEL ALL OF YOUR CHILDREN'S BELONGINGS SO THAT WE ARE ABLE TO REUNITE THEM IF THEY GET SEPERATED. WE HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF UNNAMED, UNCLAIMED LOST PROPERTY. THANK YOU