

The Beacon

Academic Year 2017/18

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The Beacon at a Glance

- School term dates for 2018/2019 confirmed.
- Heads News – No school closure for May polling day.
- Year 3 Times Tables Champions
- Craze of the Month

Headteacher's News

Governors and I recently met with representatives of Plymouth's Electoral Services in order to discuss the use of Montpelier as a Polling Station. Plymouth had requested the use of our school for local election polling on 3rd May 2018, which would have required a school closure. However, we have now successfully negotiated a greater level of commitment from PCC in order to avoid this closure. For this coming election, Electoral Services will provide additional polling staff to prevent unauthorised entry into the school, two security staff on our front entry gates to ensure voters don't access the site at the start and end of the school day, improved signage for the polling station so voters know exactly where to go, and the correct front entrance address details on the poll cards. This means that we do not have to close the school on 3rd May. Furthermore, during 2018, Electoral Services will review the polling districts and polling places with a view to finding an alternative to using Montpelier in the future. This is great news as we are all very aware of the impact on pupils' learning from school closure and the inconvenience and cost to parents.

New Headteacher Appointment

We be sending a separate email with regards the new Headteacher appointment.

Non-pupil Day - Monty's Den

Unfortunately, due to the lack of interest we are unable to offer Monty's Den day-care service for our non-pupil day (Friday 16th March).

Foundation News

After the snow had interrupted our 'Stick Man' rehearsals, we could not be more proud of the children this week for their fantastic acting, singing and dancing as they performed to the school and families and friends. They showed true resilience and determination! Next week we will be reading 'Superworm' and writing sentences about the story. Remember class photos will be on Wednesday 14th March. Please check your child's book bag tonight for a letter about our upcoming school trip on 24th April. Thank you

Year 1 News

Year 1 had a special delivery all the way from Africa this week! We looked at the variety of fruits that come from Africa and used them to make a fruit smoothie. It was delicious! We have enjoyed every minute of World Book day doing lots of exciting reading activities in their fantastic costumes - well done everyone!

Year 2 News

Wow! What a busy but exciting week! World Book Day kicked off with an unusual message: From the darkest depths of Peru I have travelled, Now I am here and feeling baffled! It's dark and muddy so please do hurry, Make your way outside before I begin to worry! Can you guess who we found outside? Ask your child to find out more! Have a great weekend!

Year 3 News

Year 3 have had a brilliant week! We've been writing our Extreme South West guides ready to send to a school in America and have started investigating multiplication and division in maths. Excitingly, we have launched a TTRockstars battle of the bands competition in year 3, running until the 26th March, so get playing. Thanks for the brilliant book day outfits, everyone looked fantastic and have had magical day at Hogwarts. Have a great weekend!

School Term Dates for 2017/2018

Fri 16th Mar – **Non-pupil day**
Fri 30th Mar – 16th Apr Inc. – Easter holidays
Tues 24th April – Foundation trip - Rare Breed Farm/Steam Train
Mon 7th May – Bank holiday
Mon 28th May – Bank holiday
Tues 29th May – Fri 1st June Inc. – Half term
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 25 July – Non-Pupil Day.

Year 3 Times Tables Champions

A huge congratulations to the following Year 3 children who took part in a times table project and came 2nd out of 6 schools: Ella-Mae, Archie, Adrienne, Poppy-Rae, Reuben, Layni, Elsie-Leigh, Jack, Darcey, Amelia, Lucy, Ewan, Lola, Harmony Rose, Brooke, George, Elsie and Seth.

Year 4 News

What an amazing World Book Day in Year 4! After reading the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit', the children pretended to be sad and angry crayons, writing letters of complaint to their owners! In addition, they made a protesting crayon figure and designed and built homes for the poor neglected crayons.

A quick reminder for those Year 4 children who are going to Plymouth University on Tuesday morning to return their permission letters on Monday, or they won't be able to go.

Year 5 News

This week, Year 5 have been focussing on fractions and percentages in Maths, settings and characters in English and working in their Viking projects in topic. A highlight of the week was certainly World Book Day- thank you so much for your support with their wonderful costumes. They looked brilliant! Next week, the children start swimming (daily for 3 weeks). Please ensure children have swimwear, a towel and a warm coat to wear on their walk to and from school, any questions please get in touch.

Year 6 News

Year 6 have been visited by The Red Cross again; this time, they came to deliver a workshop around anti-stigma. The children learnt about the work The Red Cross do to support people around the world, including refugees and asylum seekers. It was a real eye-opening experience!

Music News

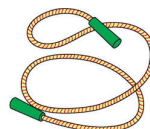
Craze of the Month

Initially, we will only adopt the craze every Wednesday in March. We would appreciate that you only allow children

All items must be clearly labelled with the child's full name. Please note that the school cannot be responsible for

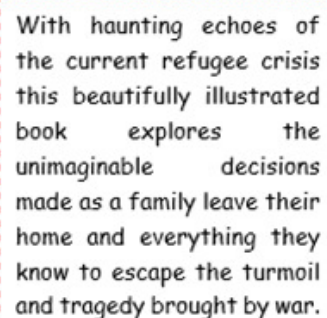
So, to start, March's Craze of the Month are Top trump cards, a teddy, jacks, or a skipping rope.

Sam Thomson (Teaching and Learning Leader/ITE Coordinator)



Lost Property

Book of the Week



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

Montpelier Primary School

School Term Dates 2018/19

	September-18					October-18					November-18					December-18				
Monday		3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31
Tuesday		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	
Wednesday		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	
Thursday		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	
Friday		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	

	January-19					February-19					March-19					April-19				
Monday		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	
Thursday	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	
Friday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	

	May-19					June-19					July-19					August-19				
Monday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Friday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30

The school year comprises:

Teaching Days (statutory)	190
Professional Development Days ¹	5
Occasional Days ²	5
sub-total	200
School Holidays	53
Bank Holidays	8
Saturdays & Sundays	104
Total	365

School Terms:

term	start	end	days
1	3 rd Sep 2018	19 th Oct 2018	35
2	29 th Oct 2018	21 st Dec 2018	40
3	7 th Jan 2019	15 th Feb 2019	30
4	20 th Feb 2019	5 th Mar 2019	33
5	23 rd Apr 2019	24 th May 2019	23
6	3 rd Jun 2019	25 th Jul 2019	39
Total			200

Notes:

- Professional Development Days to be allocated by each school from within the specified term dates.
- Occasional Days to be allocated by each school from within the specified term dates: an allocation as suggested would support the equal distribution of term lengths.