

# The Beacon

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## *Hello from Mr West*

As I am sure you will be aware, next week, our Year 6 pupils will be taking their national tests (often referred to as SATs). Whatever your views on formal testing, I do know that our children are ready. This is an important time in their schooling as, in many ways; it represents the culmination of their past seven years of primary education. The teaching they have received has been phenomenal and the dedication the children have displayed has been nothing short of remarkable. These tests are challenging and undoubtedly cause varying degrees of apprehension for children. We always try to minimise this as much as possible, but it is a real credit to them that they are extremely committed to achieving their very best in these SATs. For Montpelier children it is not a question of achieving the national standard (we know what our children are capable of), it is a question that they understand that their dedication, drive and determination has been appreciated. Each and every one of them has played their part, given their best and acquitted themselves impeccably. It is not about fear; it is about relishing and seizing the opportunity. We do not need to wish the children luck, because they do not need it. All they need to know is that we are all really proud of them and it is a pleasure to say that we most definitely are.

## *Bellever Walk Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019*

For those taking part in the Bellever guided walk on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Start time is 10:30am from Postbridge Visitor Centre Car Park. Please allow plenty of time to travel to your start point, and allow 20 minutes prior to start of walk time to arrive, use toilet facilities, say hellos and introductions etc. There is no mobile reception at start of walk. Expected finish time is 1pm. Please make sure you wear suitable clothing, especially footwear. Please note that Ten Tors takes place this weekend too.

## *School Term Dates for 2018/2019*

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> to Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May** – half term

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June** – Tempest class photos & Year 6 individuals

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Tempest class photos **Year 4 only**

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> July** – KS1 (Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2) Sports Day, starts at 10am

**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – 9:30am Years 3 and 4 Sports Day / 1:15pm Years 5 and 6 Sports Day

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> July** – 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019** – Non-Pupil Day

## *School Term Dates for 2019/2020*

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept** – First day of term

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> to Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Half term

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Non-Pupil Day

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2020 Inc.** – Christmas Holidays

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Non-Pupil Day

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb Inc.** - Half term

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March – Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April Inc.** – Easter holidays

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup> April** – Non-Pupil Day

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May** - Half term

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Non-Pupil Day

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – end of term

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – First day of summer holidays

### *Music News*

Due to SATS, there are changes to instrumental lessons next week, especially for morning lessons. There are no ukulele / violin lessons. Drum lessons shift to between 11 and 1.30pm. Mrs Berna will probably not be in on Tuesday and will just teach Wednesday afternoon. Brass/keyboard lessons with Ross and Ashley as normal on Friday. Miss JR will teach most of her flute lessons on Friday but will need to shift a couple due to a steel band event. Please rest assured that for all instruments you will receive the full quota of lessons- we charge for 10 a term even though school terms are longer to account for weeks like this where lessons may not be possible. Many of the instrumental teachers taught extra lessons in the longer Autumn Term in anticipation of weeks like this.

Thank you for your understanding.

### *Montpelier's Got Talent!*

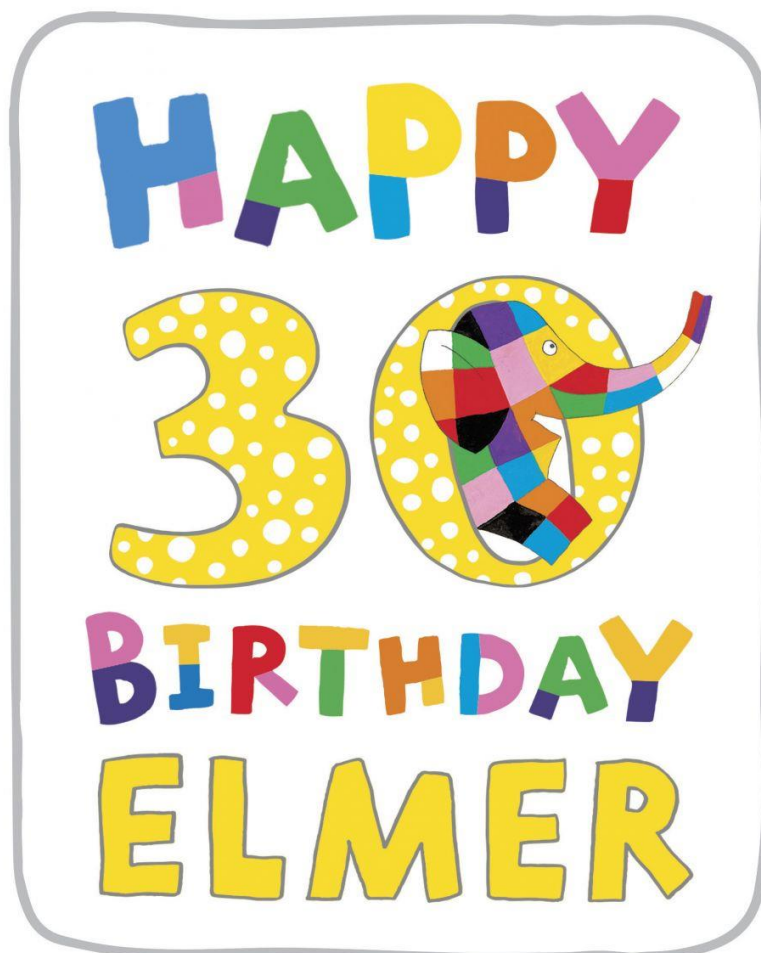
Thank you to everyone has auditioned! So many talented children in so many different ways. By the time you read this, all auditions will be complete and winners and wildcards awarded. We are showing the school on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

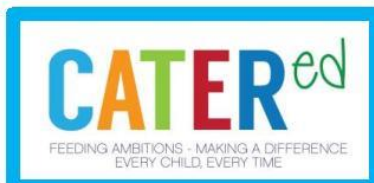
### *Proms in the Playground*

Letters will be out next week to children who sing in the choirs. Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm. Please come and join us for a fantastic evening of wonderful singing!

### *Elmer's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday – Mufti*

Montpelier will be celebrating Elmer's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday 17th May. This will be a mufti day where the children can come dressed into school in their favourite colour. All monetary contributions will go towards the Elmer project and raise money for St Luke's Hospice. We will have many fun filled Elmer activities going on throughout the day. The wonderful staff will be entering an Elmer 'bake off' which will be sold in the KS1 playground at the end of the school day. Our school Elmer is looking fabulous! We can't wait to show you the finished sculpture.





## CATER<sup>ed</sup> proudly presents: Ed's Super Fantastic Foodie Workshops

This year we will be running interactive children engagement sessions throughout the 3 days of Flavour Fest.

Starting at **10.30am** until **3pm** daily on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> & Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** in Plymouth City Centre we will be running free food and cookery sessions.

Children can get hands on making fresh fruit smoothies, dips & griddle cakes, have a go at making their own sausages, fish cakes and pate.

Come on down and talk to the team about Ed's School Lunch menu and more.

Talk to us about our Plastic Free Pledge.

We'll be in the Children's Engagement Marquee right next to the Sundial.

All KS1 – KS3 children are welcome to come enjoy a session. Younger children can participate but we ask that parents remain with their children.

10.30am	Super Sausages	1.00pm	'Eat them to defeat them' cakes
11.00am	Smashing Smoothies	1.30pm	Super Sausages
11.30am	Fantastic Fish Cakes	2.00pm	Smashing Smoothies
12 noon	Delicious Dips	2.30pm	Fantastic Fish Cakes
12.30pm	Marvelous Mackerel Pate	3.00pm	Delicious Dips

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# BOOK OF THE WEEK



Percy is a little pigeon, and he's very hungry. Every time he tries to get hold of a scrap of food, bigger, beefier birds bat him away. He's about to give up when someone offers him her very last chip. A moving and uplifting story.

A percentage of royalties of the UK edition will go to a homeless charity.

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)

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## Marine Academy Plymouth May Half Term



### Shoot On Sight

Tues 28th / Weds 29th / Thurs 30th May

Ages 4-11 10am -4pm (doors open from 9am)

£30.00 for 3 days or £12.00 per day

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Limited places so early booking advised – Tel 213951 or  
[Darren.stewart@marineacademy.org.uk](mailto:Darren.stewart@marineacademy.org.uk)

Please take in to consideration the physical demands needed for a football only orientated course when booking for the younger ages.

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