

The Beacon

Academic Year 2020/21

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Hello from Mr West

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 expectations with regards to the children's uniform and footwear as we begin preparations for the new academic year.

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 uniform and school shoes. Before you consider and take the step to purchase any schoolwear for your child I wish to remind you of the expectations - please see below. With respect to footwear please remember that trainers; even if they are black, are not school uniform. The expectation is that children wear black shoes. As a school we will be keeping a close eye on this through to the end of the academic year and will be monitoring this closely as the new year begins in September - your support is greatly appreciated.

Tempest Photos

Any photograph orders, being returned through school, need to be handed into the school office/class teacher by Monday 14th June please. For online orders you have 10 days remaining (until 21st June) for free postage

School Term Dates for 2020/2021

Fri 25th June – non-pupil day

Tues 29th June – Sports Day for Foundation & KS1, 10am start

Wed 30th June - Sports Day 9:30am for Years 3 & 4, and 1:15pm start for Years 5 & 6

Fri 2nd July – PTFA Summer Fair

Fri 23rd July – Last day of term (**1:30pm finish for Year 6 / 2:15pm finish for Foundation through to Year 5**)

Mon 26th July – start of the summer holidays

Mon 6th Sept - non-pupil day

Tues 7th Sept – first day of term

Mon 25th – Fri 29th Oct Inc. – half term

Mon 20th Dec 2021 – Mon 3rd Jan 2022 Inc. – Christmas holidays

School Term Dates for 2021/2022

Tues 4th Jan - non-pupil day

Mon 21st – Fri 25th Feb – half term

Mon 11th – Fri 22nd Apr Inc. – Easter holidays

Mon 2nd May 2022 – Bank holiday

Monday 30th May 2022 – Bank holiday

Tues 31 May – Fri 3rd June Inc. - Half term

Mon 6th June - non-pupil day

25th & 26th July - non-pupil days

27th July – start of the summer holidays

School Uniform

A requirement of the Governors is that children attending Montpelier wear the approved school uniform. By accepting a place at Montpelier Primary School we assume that parents will support our policy of school uniform.

Boys

Dark grey trousers or shorts

White shirt & school tie or a white polo shirt

Green pullover or green V-necked school sweatshirt

Grey socks

Black sensible shoes - ***fashion shoes, trainers or boots are not permitted for Health & Safety reasons***

Girls

Grey pinafore or skirt or dark grey trousers, dark grey smart knee length culottes.

White shirt & school tie or a white polo shirt, green pullover, cardigan or green school V-necked sweatshirt

White socks

Tights - school colours or white, beige or black

Hair bands/ribbons - plain & in school colours

Black sensible shoes - ***fashion shoes, trainers or boots are not permitted for Health & Safety reasons***

DURING SUMMER - green/white check dress

Footwear:

Children should wear black shoes and NOT trainers to and from school and during the school day. The appropriate footwear for P.E. and games is indicated below. 'Fashion' shoes and trainers, i.e. large tongues, multi coloured laces, high ankle shoes/boots are not acceptable in any circumstances. Flat practical sandals are permissible, not open toed, are permissible when worn with socks. Sandals should be white, black, or brown in colour – not Jelly Beans. There is no preference to colour for coats. Parents are reminded that very dark colours pose a safety problem on winter mornings/evenings.

P.E. Kit

White 'T' shirt, black or white shorts, white socks, plimsolls (Foundation do not need plimsolls until later in the term – a letter will be sent home informing you when they are required).

Boys & Girls – Year 3 onwards - plain track suit for the winter.

Parents should note that only listed items should be worn for P.E. activities. All of the items of clothing are available from – 'National Schoolwear Centre', Mayflower Street, Plymouth or The Trutex Uniform Shop, Unit 3 & 4 Sugarmill Retail Park, Plymouth – these are the recognised uniform stockist for Montpelier Primary School. Order forms for The Trutex Shop can be collected from the School Office.

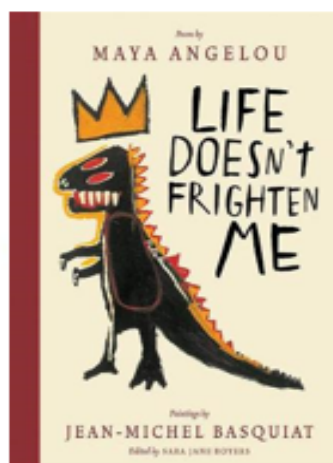
Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled. Lost property is kept in receptacles strategically placed around the school.

If you are considering having your child's ears pierced, please do so at the beginning of the summer holidays. In KS1 children are permitted to wear discrete studs during P.E lessons. However, for Health & Safety reasons in KS2, all jewellery including ear-rings must be removed for all P.E. sessions; this is due to the increased physical nature of activities undertaken. When worn in school ear-rings should be small studs. If your child's ears have been recently pierced (within the last six weeks) and their ear rings cannot be taken out then your child must wear plasters over their ear rings. Due to Health and Safety reasons children must bring in their own plasters from home and be able to apply them themselves, this cannot be carried out by a member of staff. Nose rings or other piercings are not deemed suitable. It is not desirable for children to wear other jewellery to school. Jewellery and watches are often lost and are the responsibility of the child and not the school. Tattoos or body art, whether temporary or permanent, are not permitted - unless covered by school uniform at all times. Non- natural hair colours or extremes of haircuts / styles are not permitted.

Winter uniform should be worn, including ties for Years 3 - 6, from October half term through to the start of the Easter holidays.

Summer uniform can then be worn after the Easter holidays up to October half term, if preferred.

BOOK OF THE WEEK



"Shadows on the wall. Noises down the hall. Life doesn't frighten me at all" Maya Angelou's brave, defiant poem celebrates the courage within each of us, young and old. From the scary thought of panthers in the park to the unsettling scene of a new classroom, fearsome images are summoned and dispelled by the power of faith in ourselves. Angelou's strong words are matched by the daring vision of artist Jean-Michel Basquiat, whose childlike style reveals the powerful emotions and fanciful imaginings of childhood.

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

PLYMOUTH RAIDERS



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BASKETBALL SESSIONS
SESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR AGES 7-14
PLYMOUTH CITY THUNDER



U12s
THURSDAY 6-7

U14s
THURSDAY 7-8

CITY COLLEGE - PLYMOUTH

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

VISIT - plymouth-raiders-basketball-club.class4kids.co.uk



Devonport High School For Girls



OPEN DAY

Wednesday 16th June 2021

A Virtual Event - Visit our website from 9am



Free School Meals students are eligible for a
free 11+ Practice Examination

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Plymouth Argyle Community Trust - Health and Wellbeing

Soccercise is an instructor led course that last between 45-60 minutes. The class will be delivered to music and include a range of exercises like squats, lunges, press ups sit ups to name just a few. This will all be mixed in with using footballs during some of the exercises. Soccercise can be tailored to all levels of fitness.

Starting Friday 11th June 0930-1030 for 12 weeks.

Location: Central Park Community Hub

The couch to 5k is a nine-week programme where we increase distant or intensity each week. Where we start of with more walking and less running and then as we progress during the programme it will be more running and less walking.

Starting 14th June 1730-1830 for nine weeks.

Location: Central Park Community Hub

Two great programmes to help with getting people active and moving. Both programmes are all free!

We would really appreciate if you were able to help push these programmes out, I have attached posters for the two programmes.

If you require any more information, please don't hesitate to ask.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Many Thanks,

William Hickey

Health & Wellbeing Officer

Argyle Community Trust

Mental wellbeing support for **you and your family**

It is normal to feel stressed and overwhelmed during uncertain times. Taking care of your mental health is important.

If you feel low, worried or anxious, or concerned about your finances, your health or those close to you, help is at hand.

If you are over 18, and registered with a Plymouth GP, the following services are available ...

Plymouth Options can support you for common mental health problems such as depression, stress and anxiety. Their website has a number of **self-help resources** and you can access support via a 24/7 online referral form, available on their website.



www.plymouthoptions.com



plymouthoptions@nhs.net



01752 435419 (Mon – Fri, 9am - 5pm)

Please note that there may be a delay in response in telephone referrals at this time.



First Response is a 24/7 support and signposting service provided by mental health professionals. It is available for people experiencing a **mental health crisis**.



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If all lines are busy, your call will be placed in a queue

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