

The Beacon

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Hello From Mr West

Reading: Reading is the key to success in learning. I know that you know this but it's always helpful to remind ourselves of the importance of it. When just a few months old, a child can look at pictures, listen to voices, and point to things in the pages of a book. They learn to love the sound of language before they even notice the existence of printed words on a page. Reading books aloud to them stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. Even after they learn to read by themselves, it's still so very important for parents to read aloud with them. By reading stories that are on their interest level, but beyond their reading level, you can stretch their understanding and motivate them to improve their skills.

Although our lives are often very hectic, please try to read with your child (or children) as much as you can. Taking the time to read to them on a regular basis sends an important message – that reading is worthwhile. Whilst we will do all that and teach them this crucial skill in school, continuous practise at home makes all the difference. It is one of the biggest boosts you can give your child academically and all it costs is a few minutes of your time each day. So please join with us in encouraging a love of reading at Montpelier. Have a great half term.

School Term Dates for 2018/2019

Mon 29th Oct - Tempest Individual & family group photos Years 3 - 6, from 8am KS1 Hall.

Mon 22nd to Fri 26th Oct – Autumn Half Term Break 2018.

Thurs 1st Nov 9am – 10am Parent Forum with Parents – details to follow

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.

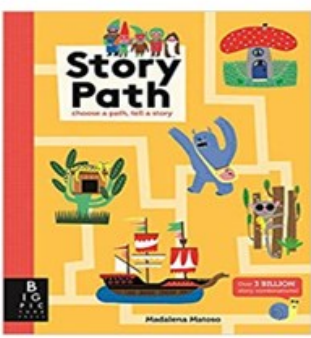

Wed 24th April – Summer Term 2019 begins.

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 2019 – Non-Pupil Day.



We love sharing this brilliant book; it makes the children the storytellers. The reader gets to choose the characters, the settings and the plot and every time you open the cover, a different tale can be told! Where will your story path take you?

Recommended by The Watts Family – thank you.

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

Year 2

Check out our awesome Rainforest Ranger homework. We loved spending time making these the best they could be with the help of our grown-ups!" - Jude Q and Seth W 2S



Year 5 Bikeability



This week Year 5 have have been taking part in Bikeability. The children have been learning how to safely ride their bicycles, be it on paths or out on the roads. We are all extremely proud of the children's efforts, as they have shown many Golden Learning Behaviours; perseverance, focus, loving a challenge, believing in themselves, but above all, supporting each other. It's been a very rewarding week, both for the children and us adults. Well done Year 5!

Year 6—Secondary School Deadline

Reminder—parents are asked to submit their secondary school preference forms by the deadline of 31st October 2018 please. Wherever possible, parents are encourage to apply online, it is quick and easy - all parents need is an email address. If you are confused or concerned just get in touch with Plymouth City Council Admission Team who will do all they can to help.

Year 6— poo

In Science, we are continuing to learn about the human body. This week we learnt about the digestive system. Here we are making faeces!



Sporting photos—write up on the next page



Boccia

Monday 15th October 2018 – A great morning of Boccia at Tor Bridge High. 12 teams came along to take part in our friendly event aimed at children of all abilities and experience. We sent along 2 teams to have a go at something new and play against children from other schools. I always really enjoy these events as it is great to see so many children taking part and just enjoying playing sport. As well as playing for fun, we also took the opportunity today to celebrate the School Games value of Respect – we congratulated other teams on their wins and thanked all of the young leaders for their help in running our games, especially our own leader Milan F from 4M.

Year 3 Multi Skills

7 primaries came to Coombe Dean School to take part in the KS2 Multiskills festival. The children completed a circuit of activities including around the world, skipping, zig zag running and skipping, speed bounce, ball balance, ladders and target hoops and finished the morning with an obstacle relay. All of the children were enthusiastic and really tried hard to beat their own best scores. Well done team!!

Staddiscombe Cross Country

The annual Plymouth School Sports Partnership Cross Country got underway yesterday at Staddiscombe. With eight races in total the 1200 plus runners arrived ready to take on the challenging course. Montpelier was fortunate enough to enter in all 'Major' categories. First up was the year 3 and 4 girls finishing in 1st position, with over 60 runners all 4 of our athletes finished in the top 12 and selected to compete in the Devon Winter Games next year. The year 3 and 4 boys finished in 4th. The year 5 and 6 girls had a lot to prove after finishing 2nd in the league last week, unfortunately just missing out in 3rd position. Final race for the year 5 and 6 boys, waiting for their overall position. Congratulations to all of you, you were all amazing. Thank you to the parents who transported their child and for the continued support and encouragement.

Cross Country

On the 11th October, our final cross-country warm took place at Coombe Dean. It was quite a dull day but thankfully, the rain held off so all the athletes could run without getting wet. 15 schools took part with a huge 69 teams completing in the final cross-country warm up event. The year 3/4 boys first to race, followed the year 3/4 girls. Then the year 5/6 girls. Then last to race were the year 5/6 boys. All the athletes put in a lot of effort to finish in the lowest position they could. All the positions in that school team would then be added together to give each team category an overall score. With this being the last event for the league, the year 3/4 girls and 5/6 girls finished in an impressive 2nd position overall, congratulations team.

Bronze Ambassador

5 children took part in the Bronze Ambassador course held at the Life Centre, this is a nationally recognised programme helping students to become Sport Leaders and to organise their own crew. If this is something your child may be interested in please contact Mrs Pearce or the leaders (photos will be on the Sport board)

Plympton Cross Country

Another warm up event this time for those children who showed an interest in competing in a Cross country event, now I see why they were so keen, what a talented bunch. First were the year 3 girls, who won the competition, the year 3/4 boys finished 2nd and year 5 girls in 3rd. Congratulations team, what a fantastic performance.

Netball

On Tuesday was our first netball competition held at SDCC, playing the Hi Five rules and rotation made our players think, one match they may be shooting the next defending. Excellent play from both teams considering the lack of training, I was very impressed with your teamwork, sportsmanship and determination. Well done guys, you were awesome.

Tempest Photos

Mon 29th Oct - Tempest Individual & family group photos Years 3 - 6, from 8am KS1 Hall.

The photographer will be in school on Monday 29th October to take individual photographs of all children in KS2.

For family/group photographs please come into school as near to 8am on either day – KS1 Hall.

Birthday Mufti—can we ask that children either wear their mufti on the following day, rather than on the day of their photo being taken—or bring their mufti (or their uniform) in in a carrier bag to change into to wear.

School Timings—a polite reminder

A reminder of the start times for children at Montpelier. Being on time is vital. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child, the teacher, and the other children in the class. Children arriving in their classroom after the close of registration (after 8:50am for Foundation and KS1, and 8:45am for KS2) will be marked as late.

After 30 minutes children will be marked as 'late after registration' – this is an unauthorised absence on your child's records.

Children are welcome to come onto the school playgrounds from 8.30am onwards, doors will open at 8:35 for KS2 and 8:40am for Foundation and KS1.

Foundation	KS1	KS2
8:40 – 8:50am Doors open & registration	8:40 – 8:50am Doors open & registration	8:35 – 8:45am Doors open & registration
10:30 – 10:45 am Break	10:30 – 10:45 am Break	10:30 – 10:45 am Break
12:00 – 1:00pm Lunch	12:10 – 1:10pm Lunch	12:15 – 1:15pm Lunch
3:10pm Finish	3:10pm Finish	3:15pm Finish

Illness

The school should be notified on the first day of absence, for whatever reason, for a child's absence. All absences must be accounted for by letter, telephone or in person. Please expect a call/text from one of our Administrators if we do not receive a call explaining the absence first thing on that first day. There is a dedicated absence answer-phone so messages can be left 24 hours a day.

If your child has had diarrhoea or has been vomiting, please keep him/her at home until symptom-free for 48 hours.

If your child is experiencing itchy, watery eyes (often symptoms of conjunctivitis), please keep your child home until the condition has improved (no pus or crusting) and treatment has begun.

If your child exhibits an unexplained skin rash, again please keep your child home until the condition has been evaluated and treated. E.g. impetigo - lesions must be crusted or healed, no wetness or pus. For chickenpox – all blisters must be crusted; period of exclusion from school is a minimum of 5 days from the onset of the rash.

Dentist & Doctor's Appointments

Can we ask parents that, except in an emergency, all doctor and dentist appointments are made outside of school hours. In the event that this is not possible, then children should be collected from school as near to the appointment time as possible and then returned back to school straight afterwards. If the medical appointment is during the school day, evidence must be provided. A whole days absence is not deemed necessary for a medical appointment that occurs in the morning – the child would be expected to return to school in the afternoon, and vice versa.

Staff Car Park

May we remind parents that the car park in North Down Road is for STAFF ONLY. Parents should keep to the pedestrian areas around the carpark and not walk across the carpark itself

New School Meal menu

CATERed are pleased to announce their new Winter menu and you should by now have received a copy. This menu starts after half term and runs until Easter 2019, we hope your children will enjoy the new choices. A copy of the menu is also available on our school website. May we also remind parents that payment for meals is in advance as per school policy and we would very much appreciate your prompt payments. Thank you

Jolly QuickSticks' as Montpelier Strike Gold at Hockey!

MPS triumphed in the Plymouth Level 2 Hockey Festival at Brickfields on Friday 12th October. The tournament comprised 10 teams, split into two groups of 5. Montpelier were drawn in the tougher Group 2, with a top 2 finish insuring progress to the Devon Championships later in the year.

The side battled treacherously windy conditions by earning a tense 1-1 draw with Compton in their first match, followed by a comfortable 4-0 scoreline against Stoke Damerel. Up next were Salisbury Road, where a 2-1 victory left our team with the knowledge that a final victory against Prince Rock would make them table-toppers. Another 2-1 win occurred, meaning the team were GOLD MEDALLISTS! Congratulations to Oisin, Harry, Brandon, James, Matilda, Daria and Kayleigh and good luck in the Devon finals!

Year 1 Phonics—thank you



Thank you so much to all of the Year One mums, dads and carers, who were able to join us on Wednesday. We hope you enjoyed joining your children in their phonics lesson.

We loved having you!

I'd love to hear any feedback or suggestions for further workshops.

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Personal Challenge:

Week 6

***How many skips with a rope
can you do in 1 minute?***

**SCHOOL
GAMES**

Personal challenge

Week 6

YOUR PTFA PRESENTS

Montpelier Primary's Festive Shopping Event



Our participating stalls

Toni's Cottage Crafts

Usborne Books

Neals Yard Remedies

Blossom Hand Made

Gifts & Cards

Forever Living

Reflection Crafts

Little Barbican Boutique

Brownhill Buttons

Mulled Wine

Ohh La La Occasions

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Younique

Scentsy

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OCTOBER HALF TERM PLYMOUTH

VENUE	DATE	COST	THEME	NO.
Plymouth Argyle FC, PL2 3DQ	22nd & 23rd October	£30	2 Day Soccer Roadshow	P1
Manadon Sports Hub, PL5 3JG	22nd October	£16	Strikers + Goalkeepers	P2
Manadon Sports Hub, PL5 3JG	24th October	£16	Multi-sports Day	P3
Manadon Sports Hub, PL5 3JG	24th October	£5	LTPD Intense Day	P4
Plympton Academy, PL7 2RS	25th October	£12	Match Day Special	P5
Plymouth Argyle FC, PL2 3DQ	25th October	£10	Activities day	P6
Plymouth Argyle FC, PL2 3DQ	25th October	£5	Tiny Tots	P7
Wembury Primary, PL9 0EB	25th October	£12	Multi-sports Day	P8
Ivybridge Community College, PL21 0JA	25th & 26th October	£30	2 Day Strikers + Goalkeepers	P9
Plymouth Argyle FC, PL2 3DQ	26th October	£18	Halloween Special	P10

OCTOBER HALF TERM DISABILITY (AGES 5-12 & 12-21)

VENUE	DATE	COST	THEME	NO.
Plymouth Argyle FC, PL2 3DQ	25th October	£12	Football Fun Day Full Day	D1
Plymouth Argyle FC, PL2 3DQ	25th October	£8	Football Fun Day Half Day	D2

OCTOBER HALF TERM GIRLS

VENUE	DATE	COST	THEME	NO.
Manadon Sports Hub, PL5 3JG	24th October	£16	Girls Only Roadshow	GF1



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