

The Beacon

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Deputy Headteacher News

PTFA Summer Fair – I want to start by saying a huge thank you to our PTFA and the school staff for another wonderful summer fair event. The weather was kind (for almost all of it), our children and parents turned out in force and an incredible amount of money was raised in a short space of time. Thanks to everyone who helped make it happen.

Sports Day – I was hoping to be in a position to write about the amazing sports days that had taken place. I was dressed and ready on Monday to play my part, but instead I spent the day in my office dressed like I was ready to run. It was a little deflating as the children were excited, the teachers were primed and we were all ready to give it our all. However, once again I will be saying a sarcastic 'thank you' to the wonderful British weather (and the industrial action that took place on Tuesday) for playing their parts in the postponement of the event. The new dates that DHSG has offered us the use of their field are Wednesday 13th and 20th July.

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New Classes – it has been a long process and I know that many of you are eager to find out who your child's class teacher will be as they move into the next year of their school life. I am delighted to inform you that this information will be shared with you next week. Throughout the last few months we have been actively recruiting additional teaching staff to accommodate and meet our needs for September 2016. That process is almost complete as we now have only one appointment to make. We are holding the interview for the position on Wednesday 13th and will clarify who we appoint as soon as the decision is made. I do hope you have a fantastic weekend and look forward to seeing you all for the penultimate week of the academic year.

Foundation News

We have now added a wormery to our wildlife in the classroom. This week we have learnt all about bees (but do not intend on keeping a hive!). The children loved watching the butterflies fly off when they were released. On Wednesday and Thursday some children from Playbox visited the classes. Our children were fantastic in helping, playing and guiding them. Yes, it is a year ago that our three classes first came into school! Next Thursday will be our Sports day... let's hope the weather is kind.

Year 1 News

A big thank you for saving and bringing in junk materials because we will be inventors creating our own age of steam vehicles. We still need more so keep saving and bringing your recycled junk. Preferably cleaned and washed out. We had a fantastic day writing about ourselves during the schools "Golden Writing Day". The children are keen to share with you what they have written. Phonic screening results will be published with your child's report which will be sent home this coming week. We are still planning to hold Sports Day so please could you ensure your child has a named P.E kit and appropriate footwear.

Year 4 News

Year 4 have been revisiting multiplication in maths this week, applying it to different contexts using taught written methods and mental strategies. In English year for have been starting to plan their own fantasy story based on the Anglo-Saxon Beowulf. Although today they have taken a break to write an autobiography 'all about me' to pass on to their new teacher ready for next year. Ask your child about their learning to find out more!

Year 5 News

What a shame the weather intervened and postponed the Sports Day on Monday. Hopefully the weather will be glorious during the morning, for the rearranged date, Wednesday 20th July.

Thankfully the sun shone on the Festival of Sport on Wednesday, and I am hearing that the children had an enjoyable day. Those that didn't attend created their own Olympic style events based on ancient Greek pottery designs.

Our Greek Day will be on Thursday 14th July and you should have received an information letter regarding this event. Should you need further clarification please see you child's teacher.

Year 5 Bude Talk

Just a reminder that this will take place on Monday 11th in the Key Stage 2 Hall at 5.30pm.

Year 6 News

This week many members of year 6 have been out visiting their secondary schools - how exciting! Back at school we have been busy rehearsing for our show and preparing for our fiver challenge.

Mobile Phones in School

Montpelier recognises the importance of emerging technologies present in modern mobile phones, e.g. camera and video recording, internet access, MP3 and MP4 playback, blogging, etc. We are also very aware of how such functions can be used inappropriately in school! We wish to remind pupils who bring mobile phones to school that they must be switched off once they pass through the school gates. They are not to be used on the school premises. In class, the phone must be given to their teacher to reduce the risk of theft. At the end of the day, the phone will be returned to the child but it must remain switched off until they have passed through the gates and are off school premises. Pupils should mark their mobile phone clearly with their name and are advised to keep them concealed and not 'advertise' they have them. In cases of emergency, the main school office is the most appropriate point of contact for parents to quickly reach their child during school times. The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones.

> Jason Holland Headteacher

School Lunch and Breakfast Club

Firstly we would like to thank those of you who always pay so promptly, it's much appreciated. However, as the term has progressed the number of late payments has steadily increased. May we respectfully request that every endeavour is made to make payments in advance as per school policy. If you are experiencing difficulty please do contact the school office.

Railway Beacon Youth Football Club

Railway Beacon Youth Football Club require players to form new U9 team for next season 2016/2017.

Age qualification must be school Year 4, starting September 2016 respectively. Contact Manager Barry Rodgers on Tues 19th July 2016 07490 183004 for training details.

Free Swim at Plymouth Lido

Book your free Swim Safe lesson from the RNLI, taking place at the Plymouth Lido over the school holidays.

https://swimsafe.rnli.org/

Race for Life Update

Over £700 has been raised so far through sponsorship and donations. Truly amazing!

Please continue to send in any monies or use our Justgiving page

goo.gl/zhovoX

Check out the school website (click the community tab) to see photos of our event. You may spot some members of

Once again thank you for support and generosity.

Maths in the News

Hopefully you will have seen the report in the Herald last week about the maths videos that were created to help will maths moments at home. Pupils from Montpelier worked alongside pupils from Mayflower, Shakespeare, Pennycross, Goosewell and Hooe to make a series of maths videos. The children who created the videos did an excellent job and are keen for everyone to use them at home to help with maths. Visit goo.gl/UaPhH8 to see the maths videos.



Diary Dates

Thurs 14th July 2016

Year Six Production

Mon 18th July 2016

Year 2 dress rehearsal (info to follow)

Year 2 Performance (more info to follow) 1:45pm & 6pm

Wed 20th July 2016

Leaver's Celebration Disco

Thurs 21st July 2016

Year 6 Leavers Lunch

Fri 22nd July 2016

- Yr 6 Leavers' assembly for parents
- Last day of term 2:30pm finish (Year 6 finish at 1.30pm)

Wed 7th Sept 2016

First day of term

Festival of sport

On Wednesday over 50 children from year 5 took part in a "Festival of sport" held at Plymouth College organised by sports leaders. The school entered 4 netball teams, 2 kwit cricket, 2 tag rugby and 2 treasure hunt teams.

All 10 teams played extremely well and showed fantastic sportsmanship. The cricket team finished in 3rd position, treasure hunt team won overall. The netball competition had 13 teams entered therefore had to be split into 2 pools. Montpelier came 1st and 2nd in each pool meaning the final was going to be difficult playing against our own team.

Congratulations Year 5 your behaviour and attitude was impeccable. Well done

School Sport Kit

Do you have any school sports kit at home, left in your bag? If so please return all kit to Mrs Pearce. Thanks

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SUMMER 2016



HOLIDAY CLUB

Ofsted registered and we have a Bristol Standard.

Open to all Plymouth School Children

Are you looking for childcare support and opportunities for your children to get active, make friends and have fun this holiday?

We run a holiday childcare club based at Stuart Road Primary School, which is open to children from all schools in the city.

We will be open on 21st and 22nd July
then daily from
Monday 8th August up to and including Monday 5th September

Sessions run from 8am to 6pm and there will be all kinds of activities including cooking, creative arts and crafts, model making, gardening, games and outdoor play.

Prices are as follows:

8am-9am- £2.00 9am-10am- £2.00 10am-4pm- £10.00 4pm-6pm- £5.00

Breakfast is served between 8-9am and included in the price. Children will need to bring a packed lunch for the main session and a snack is provided during the late session and included in the price.

Stuart Road Holiday Club is open to children aged from 4 to 11+ years.

Holiday Club staff are enhance DBS checked and hold relevant qualifications.

A registration form will need to be completed for any new attendees, and a booking form filled in each holiday with enough notice to guarantee a space.

For more information and to book please contact Caroline Kane – Manager on 07745 808 123