

# The Beacon

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## *Hello from Mr West*

Education is the transmission of knowledge, values and habits; it is not just a matter of memorisation. The purpose of any education establishment is to foster a passion to want to learn and develop as an individual. The adage that it takes a village to raise a child is one that I believe to be true. When children embark on their primary school adventure, they do so with the love and support of their family. Upon arrival, that family network grows exponentially.

It can be argued that any school is at the heart of a community and for Montpelier, I believe that to be true. Over the past few years, we have looked to expand our horizons, form relationships with organisations in our community and I am delighted to share another with you today.

Plymouth Argyle, our local Football League club, are going to be using our school grounds (from Mid-Dec) as part of their parking offer on match days. It is my intention to share that our site will be used for hospitality, the press and Argyles executive board. This will be pre-booked with them accessing the site a few hours before kick-off - Argyle will provide stewards to oversee the organisation of this. The arrangement will be beneficial for both parties. Out of courtesy, we felt it appropriate to share the news to give our local residents the insight into what will be happening in the near future.

## *School Term Dates for 2019/2020*

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** – 6pm Montpelier Choirs' Carol Service, Plymouth Methodist Central Hall

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – ***School closed for Polling Day***

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Lunch Day

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Fair 3:15pm

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas MUFTI /Jumper day

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** – 6:30pm Carols around the tree - KS2 Hall

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** Foundation Class Christmas Parties

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Foundation Christmas sing-a-long 2pm KS2 Hall

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Wishes around the tree

- Years 1 and 2 at 1:10pm,
- Foundation at 2.00pm

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Wishes around the tree

- Years 3 and 4 at 1:20pm,
- Years 5 and 6 at 2:00pm

**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

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May** - Yr6 SATs

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Yr 6 Bude

**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

## *Christmas Lunch Day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December*

Please note ONLY roast turkey or beetroot and squash wellington will be served on this day – no alternatives. Please send your child into school with a packed lunch if they do not wish to partake. Thank you

### *Music News*

Miss JR's after school clubs have now finished for the term. Restart dates are as follows...

*Thursday Choir* - Thursday 9th January

*Year 2/3 Choir* - Tuesday 14th January

*Steel pan* - Monday 20th January

### *Carol Concert at 6pm on Monday, at Methodist Central Hall*

The choirs are really looking forward to singing to you at the Carol Concert at 6pm on Monday, at Methodist Central Hall, Drake Circus. Smart school uniform, please. Doors open at 5 30pm. You are in for a treat!

### *Do you play a musical instrument?*

Do you play a musical instrument? However shy or rusty you are invited to join the parent/grandparent/staff band for Carols Round the Tree on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6 30pm. Any instrument welcome. Please contact Miss JR ([jessrowe@mpsplymouth.net](mailto:jessrowe@mpsplymouth.net)) and she will send you some music.

### *Drum, flute, violin and ukulele lessons*

Flute, violin, singing and ukulele lessons have now finished for the term. Mrs Berna is still mopping up a few lessons and will collect your child if they are needed. The last lesson for drums is Tues 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### *Football News*

Last night, the Year 3/4 football team took part in the Plymouth Argyle Cluster football tournament. Having made it through to the finals last week with a dominant performance, it was a much tougher affair this week. It did not start too well, losing our first game. However, the children soon bounced back and won their remaining five games to emerge as champions. Great performances from all of the boys! Well done! Mr Carhart and Mr Robinson.





### *'Promising start for the Girls'*

On Tuesday, the school's Girls Football team played their first match of the season, away to Leigham in a friendly. Although they played well and were very determined, the girls lost to an older, bigger and more experienced team. The school's grey kit has served us well, but it is now looking old and many parts are missing (including the bright green goalie kit).

Please return the grey shirts, and the green goalie kit, if you have them.

If you have a business, or know someone else who does, that may be interested in sponsoring the kit, please let Mr Robinson in school know (class [5p@mpsplymouth.net](mailto:5p@mpsplymouth.net)).



### *Plymouth Citybus is offering free travel for children prior to Christmas 2019*

Plymouth Citybus is getting into the festive spirit by allowing children aged under 16 to travel for free across its network every Saturday until Christmas.

The offer will help families save more at a time of year when money really matters, the firm said, as the cost of the popular Kidd Add-On product from **Plymouth Citybus** is waived every Saturday in a bid to help parents in the lead up to Christmas. A maximum of three children aged under 16 can travel free of charge with any fare paying adult or concession pass holder on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

Plymouth Citybus, recently named Bus Operator of the Year at the National Transport Awards, hopes the offer will help reduce weekend Christmas shopping congestion around the city centre, improving air quality, and promote shopping locally, boosting Plymouth's high street.

Mark Collins, head of commercial and marketing at Plymouth Citybus, said: "Plymouth has a lot to offer this Christmas. This year we have a fantastic Christmas market in the city centre, penguin and polar bear trails, plus great Christmas lights on display in the evenings.

"It's important we support local businesses and we hope this offer will encourage families to get out and explore their local high street.

"Crucially, it will also help reduce congestion – a full double deck bus can take 75 cars off the road." He added: "Children can travel free with concession pass holders too, so grandparents can take their grandchildren out and enjoy completely free bus travel.

"Parents with weekly or monthly tickets can take their children out on Saturdays for no extra cost."



### *Donations of Lego Sets Needed*

As part of our social and emotional support for some of our children at Montpelier we are starting Lego therapy.

To support the therapy we need Lego sets that are in the original box, come with all the parts and have the instructions. Small sets are perfect! If you are able to donate a Lego set we would be very appreciative.

Please send any donations to Sarah Green or Jane Gilbert.



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● AVAILABLE ● LIMITED ● SOLD OUT

7th PM	12th AM	12th PM	13th AM	14th AM	14th PM	19th AM	19th PM	20th AM
20th PM	21st AM	21st PM	22nd AM	22nd PM	23rd AM	23rd PM	24th AM	24th PM

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