

Headteacher News

What a fabulous first week back we've had. The children have settled back into the routine of school-life superbly (as have the staff!) which is never very easy after the long summer break. Their learning behaviour has been impeccable with everyone really applying themselves wholeheartedly in lessons and also getting stuck into their new topics with gusto and enthusiasm. It's great to see. Also, their general behaviour in and around the school has been exceptional.

Our lunchtimes are operating quite differently now as we have our Teaching Assistants supervising and facilitating play instead of separate Meal Time Assistants. Having staff who know the children so well, and who spend the majority of their learning day with them, has made a significant difference to the way the children interact during the lunchtime period. A great start to the new school year.

Lastly, it was lovely to see just how smart all of the children looked this week. It really does have a significant visual impact when you see them all sat looking so smart in assembly. We're having a real push on school shoes this term. We understand that right at the end of the year, pairs of black trainers sometimes make their way into school as children grow out of their shoes and parents wait until the end of the summer holidays to buy new ones. But now, in September, we do expect (and insist) that all children adhere to the school uniform rule of wearing proper school shoes – not trainers. Thanks for your support with this. This has been a great start to what will be another fantastic school year. Well done children and 'thank you' parents!

Deputy Headteacher News

Welcome back! I can't quite believe how quickly the first week has passed by. What I can say is that it has been a fantastic start to the new school year, there is a wonderful atmosphere and everywhere I look I see smiling faces (although there were a few tired ones this morning).

As we enter the next few weeks of the term we would like to offer you the opportunity to come into school and meet your child's teacher. The dates and times of the meetings are detailed below:

EYFS: Wed 28th Sept @ 17:30

Year 1: Thurs 22nd Sept @ 17:00

Year 2: Wed 21st Sept @ 17:00

Year 3: Mon 19th Sept @ 17:00

Year 4: Mon 26th Sept @ 17:00

Year 5: Mon 12th Sept @ 17:00

Year 6: Tues 27th Sept @ 17:00

Packed lunches

Throughout the first three days of term I have spent some time with the children at lunchtime, speaking about their holidays and the experiences they have had since returning to school. Subsequently, I had the opportunity to observe what the children have been eating and the picture has been extremely positive. According to NHS choices a balanced lunchbox should contain: Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta. Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans. A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt. Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit. The children at Montpelier are enjoying a variety of foods that provide the balance that is essential to a healthy lifestyle. However, I was a little concerned to see the amount of food that the children would attempt to put in the bin. I feel, as a parent myself, it is important that you are aware of what and how much your child is eating at lunchtime. In order for this to happen we are asking that the children place any uneaten food or wrappings back into their lunch box so that you can see what has been eaten on a daily basis. We are aware that some foods will need to be disposed of in school due to the nature of their packaging or the mess they are likely to leave once opened and we will ask the children and staff to use their discretion on this. I would like to thank you in advance for your support and understanding with regards to this, but hopefully it is a move that you will find useful over time.

Enjoy the weekend, I know that I will and I look forward to the start of week two.

Year 1 News

Wow! We have had such a brilliant first few days with Year One this week! The children have shown us how ready they are for a new challenge and the greater independence that the new school year brings. They were very excited to find out that the magic beans they planted in July have grown into gigantic beanstalks in their classrooms! We look forward to finding out more challenges set by some friendly giants next week! On Thursday 22nd September at 5pm there will be the opportunity to meet the Year One teaching staff and find out more about the transition from Foundation to Year One. We look forward to seeing you there if you are able to attend. Have a great weekend!

Year 2 News

What a fantastic first week back! The children have returned to school excited, refreshed and buzzing with enthusiasm to learn. We are all looking forward to becoming 'Rainforest Rangers' this term and investigating further. A huge thank you and congratulations for all of the children who completed their Olympic Reading Challenge - we're huge fans of reading in Year 2 and cannot wait to see how much everybody reads at home. See you all next week and have a great weekend.

Soccer Tots

- Marine Academy FC

Community Football Ages 4-6

Marine Academy are looking for new members, their new Football Session for 4-6 year olds, on a Friday evening, commence this week.

Day: Fridays

Time: 4:30 – 5:30pm for ages 4-5

5:30 – 6:30pm for ages 5-6

Cost: £2 per session

For more information, or to book a place, contact 01752 213951 or email

darren.stewart@marineacademy.org.uk

Year 3

It's been a busy week back for year 3 but the children have settled in well. A highlight of the week was Stone Age day when we cooked berry stew on a fire, made jewellery out of clay and created tools using materials from our surroundings. We even did some cave art on the playground! Thanks for your support with their amazing costumes, they looked brilliant!

Year 4 News

Wow! The children have all made a great start to Year 4 this week and have all settled well into their new classes. Our 'Pharaoh Training Day' was the highlight of the week and we would like to thank you for your support with the children's amazing costumes, it really helped to enhance the children's learning experience. They were involved in a variety of activities such as an archaeological dig, making sand-paper pictures, built pyramids, wrote their name using hieroglyphics, designed some brilliant beetles, made masks, made bead necklaces and Egyptian mummies. Check out the website for photos.

Year 5 News

Welcome back to all the children and we have been impressed with the excellent start that have made to their year 5 experience. They have settled in well to the routines and are looking forward to their new topic. Year 5 will be having a 'Meet the Teachers' session on Monday 12th September at 5pm. We will run through a few of the routines and expectations and look forward to seeing those who are able to attend.

Year 6 News

The children have had a few days to settle into their new classes and have already started working hard. Homework for this week is preparation for our autobiography unit. Please can you help your child by recalling funny, exciting or interesting events from their earlier life, especially when they were a baby. Also, we will be issuing the 100 key spelling words for year six to start practising. We look forward to seeing you on our Year 6 Meet the Teacher day on Tuesday 27th September at 5pm.

Devon Children's University

Graduation Ceremony

This year the Graduation ceremony will take place in Rolle Plaza Marquee, Plymouth University and will take place on Thursday 20th October or Friday 21st October depending on spaces when we book our place in September. Arrival is at 5pm with the ceremony beginning at 5.30pm. Each student is entitled to bring two guests to attend the ceremony, with a reserve ticket list should more spaces become available.

Graduation is open to anyone who has reached a gold level since last year's graduation. So for example you may have reached 100 hours last year, attended the graduation and now have reached 200 hours you will be eligible and so on to 1000 hours. You may have just reached 100 hours of learning and this will be your first graduation.

If by Wednesday September 14th 2016 this is you, please bring your passport to Miss Gilbert who will validate it for you and ensure you and your family are invited to the Graduation. Don't worry if you have only just stated collecting learning hours and haven't reached a gold yet there will be a graduation ceremony every year.

School Open Days

St Boniface Open Days

Tuesday 13th September 6pm to 8pm

Tuesday 20th September 6pm to 8pm

All Saints

Thursday 15th September 6pm to 8pm

Notre Dame

Wednesday 21st September 4pm – 7pm

Diary Dates

Mon 24th to Fri 28th Oct 2016

- Half term

Mon 19th Dec '16 - Tues 3rd Jan Inc.

- Christmas Holidays

Mon 13th - Fri 17th Feb 2017 Inc.

- Half term

Mon 3rd - Tues 18th Apr 2017 Inc.

- Easter holidays

Mon 1st May 2017

- Bank holiday

Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June 2017 Inc.

- Half term

Tues 25th July 2017

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

Wed 26th July 2017

- Start of the summer holidays

Street Jazz

We are saddened to inform you that due to work commitments Becky is unable to continue with Street Jazz.

Lost Property

There are yet again vast quantities of unnamed lost property left behind from before the summer holidays. If you would like to claim anything that belongs to you please pop in and see Jane Gilbert during the next week, after which it will be disposed of.

Kiddi Krazz

Nearly New Sale/Fun day for children & parents. There will be guest appearances from Magical Moments Princesses & Superhero's, plus we will be having FREE taster dance classes, Baby Massage, Frenchtastic & Spanishtastic classes & Baby/Toddler Yoga. So there will be lots of children to see & do throughout the day.

Torquay Museum

Torquay Museum will be celebrating 100 Years of the World's No.1 Storyteller at a fun-filled Roald Dahl Family Day on Saturday 17th September!

Visitors can take part in a fancy dress competition, meet Willy Wonka, complete trails, watch a free Roald Dahl film and join in a variety of craft activities!

Children's University competition.

The Children's University has a competition for the children to take part in and the prize is 3 'Wind in the Willow' tickets at the Theatre Royal, on Wednesday the 19th of October at 7:30pm.

All they ask is that the children write a short story or poem based on animals that live near, or in a river.

Each school will choose 3 entries which will need to be returned by Monday 26th of September. The Devon CU chancellors will judge them and find a winner on Friday the 7th of October!

If your child would like to take part in this please return their entry to Jane Gilbert by Monday 26th September, clearly marked with their name and school.

FREE ENTRY

Kiddi Kraze

Nearly-New Sale

Sunday 25th September - 11am - 3pm

Futures Inn Plymouth

Plymouth International Business Park



Everything for Babies, Children & Parents



Guest Appearance from Magical Moments



PLUS FREE Taster sessions for babies & children during the day by Born to Move Movement Classes, Balanced Babies, Baby Massage, Tatty Bumpkin & Baby Bumpkin, Frenchtastic and Spanishtastic.



Over 20 stalls selling Pre-loved children's items & local businesses showcasing their products & services!

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