

The Beacon

Academic Year 2017/18

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Deputy Headteacher's Comment

I would like to say how lovely it was to see so many parents attend the parent-teacher consultations this term. Your involvement in your child's education is so important to both us and your children that I thought I'd mention it here. Being a parent myself I am aware that having quality time to talk to your child's teacher is so important. I would also like to take this time to remind parents that we do operate an open door policy at Montpelier and welcome parents into our school at every opportunity. The staff that we have are willing to meet with you at any time, either at the end of the day or through a prearranged appointment and I would encourage parents to keep the lines of communication open as it is something that we value very much. I do hope you have an enjoyable Easter break - I know I will.

Foundation News

What an egg-cellent week we have had to finish the term in Foundation. We have learnt our new sound 'ur' and tricky words 'all' and 'her'. In maths we have been focusing on weight using Easter presents and finishing with an Easter egg hunt. We wish you all a wonderful Easter - when we return please can you remember the children's PE kits including named plimsolls and any school library books you may have.

Year 1 News

Wow, what an end to a fantastic term! This week, Year 1 have been busy writing their recount about their visit to Paignton Zoo. In Maths, they have been using number lines to find the answers to adding and subtracting number sentences. We look forward to seeing you in the Summer Term!

Year 2 News

We cannot believe it's the end of term already! The children wrote some incredible adventure stories this week using all of their super story writing skills. What a great end to the term! We are so proud of all the children's achievements this term and would like to thank you for your ongoing support. Happy Easter!

Year 3 News

We have have had a busy week, completing lots of different activities including our trip to Mount Batten which we all enjoyed. They have thoroughly enjoyed our topic 'Plymouth to Plymouth' and have created some lovely pieces of work. Thank you for your continued support this term and we would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter. Enjoy a relaxing break.

Year 4 News

Another great Term in Year 4. We have achieved so much and the children have been working extremely hard! Thank you for your continued support. We are very much looking forward to travelling back in time next term with our new topic 'Victorian Inventors'. Have a fantastic Easter break!

Devon Games

Congratulations to both the year 6 netball team and year 5&6 girls cross country team that represented Plymouth at Torbay in the Devon Final Games. With a very muddy, tough course, this was going to be difficult for the girls Cross Country team. Nerves were setting in at the start line, but our girls showed why they were selected by finishing 6th overall. Indoors the netball team got off to a good start drawing their first match this giving them confidence into the remaining matches. Playing against the top teams in Devon this was no easy tournament, unfortunately the team drew 2 matches won 1 and lost 3, not progressing into the quarter finals. Both Teams you were amazing an incredible achievement, you should be very proud of yourselves.

After school Sport Clubs -

Athletics will re-start after the Easter Holidays. Netball and Cross Country has ended to allow for 2 different clubs. Details to follow after the break. Any Sport Kit to be returned ASAP. Thank you.

School Term Dates for 2017/2018

Fri 30th Mar – 16th Apr Inc. – Easter holidays
Tues 24th April – Foundation trip - Rare Breed Farm/Steam Train
Mon 7th May – Bank holiday
Mon 28th May – Bank holiday
Tues 29th May – Fri 1st June Inc. – Half term
Thurs 14th June - Proms in the Playground 6-7pm
Fri 20th July – 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)
Mon 23rd July – First day of the summer holidays

School Term Dates for 2018/2019

Tues 4th Sept – Non-Pupil Days.
Wed 5th Sept – Non-Pupil Days.
Thurs 6th Sept – Autumn Term 2018 begins.
Mon 22nd to Fri 26th Oct – Autumn Half Term Break 2018.
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 – Non-Pupil Day.

Year 5 News

This week, Year 5 have enjoyed their final week of swimming, in particular their fun session! Another highlight of the week was the children sharing their incredible topic work- it looked amazing! Thank you for your support with this. Next term, we start our new topic based around the Ancient Greeks. The children will be learning about who they were, their achievements and their influence on the western world. We will be starting our topic with an 'Olympics Games' event! (17th April). Please ensure children have school PE kits with them (they will change in school as normal). Have a great Easter, the Yr 5 Team.

Year 6 News

At the Bude meeting this week, parents asked who to contact if their child showed signs of sickness in the 48 hours before the trip and the school is closed. In this instance, please send an email to class6p@mpsplymouth.net

Music News - Restart dates for Clubs

- Year 6 steel band: Monday 23rd April
- Year 2 and 3 choir Tuesday 24th April
- Year 5 steel pan: Wednesday 25th April
- Thursday Choir: Thursday 26th April.

Proms in the Playground

Proms in the Playground is going to be Thursday 14th June 6pm-7pm and Feature Year 2/3 choir, Boys Choir, Green Squad, Thursday Choir. More details soon.

School Meals Menu Summer 2018

Summer menu comes into effect after Easter. There will be two additional choices available daily of either a meat wrap or a cheese wrap which can be ordered in the usual way.

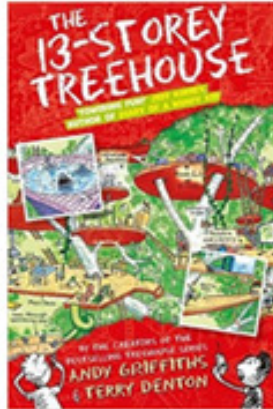
Please also may we remind parents/carers of children in years 3 -6 that payment for school meals is in advance as per school policy. Lately debts have been mounting and we would appreciate immediate settlement. May we take this opportunity to thank all those who regularly pay promptly.

Lost property

Adara Wadge (Class P) has lost a school jumper and a school cardigan. Both have a named sticker on the side label. Please inform the school office if you should find them. Thank you.

Book of the Week

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Andy and Terry live in the WORLD'S BEST treehouse! It's got a giant catapult, a secret underground laboratory, a tank of man-eating sharks and a marshmallow machine that follows you around and shoots marshmallows into your mouth whenever you're hungry!

Recommended by Mr Thomson, Mrs
Start and 4P

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

Devon Games

