

**Deputy Headteacher News****Why road safety matters**

In 2014, 10 children aged 5-7 years were killed on Britain's roads. Another 292 were seriously injured. At Montpelier we know how important it is for your child to learn about road safety. Our school site is in the heart of a residential area. This area is extremely busy at the beginning and the end of the day with over 1000 people entering or leaving the site on foot, bike or car at any one time. As a parent or carer you also play a big part in helping your child to understand the importance of road safety. Children will copy adults' behaviour, so if they see you taking risks they will probably take risks too. One of the best ways that you can help your child to stay safer is to set a good example when using roads, on foot, when cycling and in the car. There is a need to teach your child how to be a safer pedestrian, about the importance of 'stop, look and listen' and the Green Cross Code and how to stay safer when riding in a car or cycling.

Still not sure that road safety matters?

- The number of children aged 5-7 killed or seriously injured reduced marginally (1%) between 2013 and 2014 but have decreased by 19% since 2010.
- 73% of children aged 5-7 years old killed or seriously injured were on foot at the time. A further 20% were killed or seriously injured as car passengers and 5% as cyclists.
- In a 2014 Department for Transport study, 8% of 5-9 year olds were not restrained at all when travelling in the rear of vehicles.
- Most children under 9 can't judge how fast vehicles are going or how far away they are.

How else you can help?

Explain to your child why they need to stop, look and listen when crossing the road. Talk about safer places to cross and how it's harder to see where there are parked cars, junctions, bends or the brow of a hill. Help your child to learn the names of the different crossings, such as zebras, puffins, pelicans and footbridges. Follow these steps with your child every time you cross the road.

Find the safest place to cross with a clear view of all around, away from parked cars, junctions, bends or the brow of a hill if possible. Holding hands with your child, show them how to stop on the kerb, look all around and listen for traffic before they cross. First explain that they must stop at the kerb and not step into the road as traffic might be coming very fast. Then they must look all around because traffic could come from any direction and they should listen because sometimes you can hear traffic before you see it.

When it is safe, walk straight across (not diagonally) and keep looking and listening. Tell your child they must do this in case there is any traffic they did not see, or in case traffic appears suddenly. Try not to cross between parked vehicles, but if there is nowhere else to cross: Choose a place where there is a space between two cars and make sure that it is easy to get to the pavement on the other side of the road. Make sure neither car is about to move off - look for drivers in the cars, lights and listen for engines. Don't cross near large vehicles. You could be standing in a blind spot, where the driver cannot see you. Walk to the outside edge of the cars and stop. Here you can be seen by drivers and you can look all around for traffic. Use the Green Cross Code. When the road is clear, cross, still looking and listening as you go.

For more information please visit <http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/parents/5-to-7s/>

Sports Relief – Thank you

When you join in with Sport Relief, it doesn't just feel good, it does good. The money that is raised makes an incredible difference, with 50% funding projects in the world's poorest communities, and the other 50% used to transform lives right here in the UK. It was so great to see our children in their sports mufti today. I would like to say a big thank you so much for your generous donations, I will update you with the total raised when it has all been counted.

Wear A Hat day Thursday 24th March.

We would like to invite you to join us for 'wearahatday' 2016 on Thursday 24th March! This is the premier brain tumour awareness event in the UK, helping to support long-term, life-saving research to move us ever #CloserToACure. There are so many ways to get involved, and our way is by inviting everyone to wear a hat for the day. As a school we have supported and raised money for a number of charities this year, but it is important to remember that every penny makes a huge difference. I know it might seem like we are always asking for donations, but they are just that, there is no obligation. If you would like to donate to this amazing charity any amount is appreciated and will help support the fantastic work that the charity is doing – please visit www.wearahatday.org for more information.

Children to wear 'outdoor' mufti along with their hat as it also **50 Things** day.



Foundation News

The children have really enjoyed our sea theme this term and have been very busy writing as pirates this week. Next week we will be painting clay sea creatures and doing lots of Easter activities. They will also be planting seeds on our 50 Things afternoon on Thursday.

Year 1 News

We have had a very busy week doubling, halving and writing some animal poems. The children really enjoyed getting messy with the science this week as we were finding out about our senses. Next week we will be finishing off our topic of Animals and will be looking forward to starting our new topic of Holidays! We will be going outside again next week so please can the children bring a bag of clothes that they can wear to get dirty outside.

Year 2 News

Thank you for returning your Maths Workshop slips, we look forward to seeing you in school next Wednesday. In the meantime, if you'd like to help your child with their maths, can we ask that you raid your purses and piggy banks? We have been working on money this week; recognising the coins, finding different ways to make the same amount and adding amounts. A simple game of 'shops' or 'speedy coin hunting' would really help. Have fun! The children had great fun on their DT day this week, making delicious fruit smoothies. As always, there are some pictures of their adventures on eSchools.

Year 4 News

Another busy week in year 4. In Maths, the children having been looking at multiplying up to three digit numbers using the formal grid method. Their multiplication skills are really coming on now, however they do need to continue to build on the rapid recall of multiplication facts. In English the children have been planning and writing their own information texts on the Ancient Egyptians. They have remembered all the key features from last week and continue to use a wide variety of vocabulary. We are really proud of their progress and efforts so far this term. Have a fantastic weekend.

Maths Mission

Each day we collect about 3 eggs from the chickens. How many do you think they lay in total in a year?



Year 5 News

It was great to see the variety of costumes for our Frozen North day on Tuesday. The day was a great success with the various activities proving very popular. We had some impressive Inuit printing art produced in the afternoon session and these are currently being prepared for display.

Thank you for so many of the swimming permission slips being returned so promptly, and we ask that any outstanding slips are returned by Wednesday 23rd March so we can collate the groups for the sessions.

Year 6 News

The children had a visit from some University students on Monday afternoon, who taught them all about staying safe online. They have started to design their villages, which they will make next week, so please send any recycling you may have at home into school with your children. Next week it is also 'mock' SAT's week. The purpose of this is to ensure that they are familiar with how the week will work in May. Please reassure them that it is absolutely nothing to worry about.

School Dinners - Change of Menu

There is a change of menu for the last week of term as follows.

Monday WC 21/3/16

Beef Burgers with wedges (tomato ketchup and white rolls)

Omelette with diced potatoes

Jackets and wraps

Tuesday

Cheese and Pepperoni pizza with chips (this was a great success last time)

Jacket potatoes and wraps

Wednesday

Sausage and Mash with gravy

Quorn sausage and mash with gravy

Jackets and wraps

Thursday

Fish Fingers and chips

Quiche Lorraine with chips

Jackets and wraps

Lost property

As the end of the term approaches I would encourage you all to look in the lost property bins and claim anything that belongs to your children. There is a large selection of items including several coats which eventually need to be disposed of. Can I also take this opportunity suggest you re-label items which may have had names washed out so that items can be returned to you easily.

Jane Gilbert, Parent Support Advisor

Diary Dates

Thursday 24th Mar 2016.

- 'Wear a Hat' Mufti / 50 Things day

Fri 25th Mar – Fri 8th Apr

- Easter holidays

Mon 11th Apr 2016

- Non pupil day

Mon 2nd May 2016

- Bank holiday

Mon 30th May 2016

- Bank holiday

Tues 31st May - Fri 3rd June Inc.

- Half term

Mon 6th June 2016

- Non pupil day

Fri 22nd July 2016

- Last day of term

Wed 7th Sept 2016

- First day of term

Montpelier's Got Talent 2016

Auditions for KS2 for this year's talent show will take place in Music lessons just after the Easter Holidays.

Dates for auditions are:

Thursday 14th April- 3P, 5M, 6M and 6P

Friday 15th April- 3M and 5P

Monday 18th April- 3X and 5S

Tuesday 19th April- 3S, 6S

Wednesday 20th April- Year 4

Acts that win their class audition will get a space in the Talent Showcase to be held on Thursday 5th May at 6pm in the KS2 hall. Get practising!

Music News

What wonderful singing from the whole school today as we all joined in with the Sport Relief song; Step It Up for Sport Relief. Ask your child to give you a performance!

Instrumental lessons with Mrs Berna are now finished for this term. All other pupils will have lessons next week.

There is no Wednesday steel pan or Thursday Choir next week. However, all steel pan players should bring their pan to school next Thursday to play in assembly. Music Clubs will start back the week commencing Monday 18th April, usual days and times.