

The Beacon

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The Beacon at a Glance

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Headteacher's News

Governors have been meeting regularly to make decisions and put together the necessary information to recruit a new Head Teacher for September. Final revisions and agreements were reached this week regarding the Advert, Person Specification, Job Description, and the Recruitment Pack that will be sent to prospective candidates. The timeline for recruitment is:

Mon 22nd Jan – the advert goes live on the Times Educational Supplement website and in the actual paper on the Friday (2nd). Applicants can choose to visit Montpelier over the next two weeks. The closing date for applications is the Monday after half term (19th February). Shortlisting of applicants will take place during that week with successful applicant invitations being sent out on Monday 26th February. The key dates are Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th March which is when candidates will be interviewed for the post of Headteacher here. As this timeline unfolds, I will keep you all informed of how the whole recruitment process is proceeding. Ultimately, the Governing Body will be able to inform you of the outcome on Friday 9th March.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Foundation News

We have created a big Stick Family in Foundation this week and have had fun retelling the story. We have also learnt a new Golden Learning Behaviour- Teamwork. Next week we will be learning all about pets and are looking forward to a visit from Jazz the dog. A separate letter has gone home inviting you to a Phonics Workshop.

Year 1 News

This week Year 1 have been continuing their learning about 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' but with their own changes. In Maths, we have been working alongside Sir Slice-A-Lot to learn about fractions.

Reminder for all children to have their P.E kit in school including black jogging bottoms for outdoor PE please.

To confirm – Paignton Zoo School Trip is on Wednesday 21st March 2018.

Year 2 News

This week, the children were surprised to discover a fossil hunter's rucksack in their classrooms. After a little confusion, we realised that the friendly dinosaur expert had left us with lots of clues to help us to improve our writing! Ask your child to tell you more! Have a great weekend!

Year 3 News

Year Three have had a busy week. We have been describing a variety of settings in English, using a variety of vocabulary. During maths we have been learning how to find change. A reminder due to the cold weather, children are allowed to wear dark tracksuit bottoms for our outdoor P.E. sessions. Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Key Diary Dates

Mon 12th – Fri 16th Feb Inc. – Half term

Fri 16th March – **Non-pupil day**

Fri 30th Mar – 16th Apr Inc. – Easter holidays

Mon 7th May – Bank holiday

Mon 28th May – Bank holiday

Tues 29th May – Fri 1st June Inc. – Half term

Fri 20th July – End of term - 2:30pm finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)

Mon 23rd July – First day of the summer holidays

Trutex Schoolwear (Billacombe Rd) pop-up shop at Montpelier - first Thursday of every month 2:45pm - 4:30pm.

The Schoolwear Shop (Mayflower St) pop-up shop at Montpelier - third Thursday of every month 2:45pm - 4:30pm.

Year 4 News

What a fun filled week Year 4 have had! 4M and 4P have now completed their swimming block and having attended every session with the children, it has been heart-warming to watch how much they have improved over the period. Usual routine will resume next week. We are very much looking forward to writing our end of unit write next week, as the children have been working really hard towards this and have some great ideas. Have a wonderful weekend.

Year 5 News

This week Year 5 have moved onto exploring angles in Maths. They have really enjoyed this and started noticing angles all around them! In English, the children have been making final preparations before writing their expedition crew 'job applications' next week.

Year 6 News

In English, the children have been studying newspaper reports. They have learnt about the features and used them to write a twisted version of The Three Little Pigs. Next week, they will write a report independently.

Can you read newspaper articles at home to aid understanding?

Dog Fouling

Unfortunately some owners are not as responsible about their pets as they should be. We have had reports of dog excrement on the pathways around school. It is unpleasant and can be a significant nuisance if not properly controlled. The best way to clean up after your dog is to use a doggy bag, or carrier bag, to pick up the faeces. Ideally, these should be placed in a designated dog bin. Where dog bins are not located in close proximity, you should take the bag home or, as a last resort, double wrap the faeces and put in a normal litterbin.

Sporting achievements

Mr Robinson would like parents/ carers to nominate their children if they have had sporting success outside of school, so it can be celebrated within school. Please email him on class4S@mpsplymouth.net stating your child's name, class and sporting success, such as club attended or medals won. We aim to celebrate these children with a dedicated photographic display within school. We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Parking

The following car, HY07 RXC, has been reported to us for partially blocking the entrance to the staff carpark (parking on the yellow school marking). Please be considerate to others when parking/driving around the school.