

# The Beacon

Academic Year 2017/18

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## Deputy Headteacher's Comment

Early next week (hopefully Monday) we'll be sending out information regarding classes and teachers for next year for every year group. It's taken us a little longer than we'd anticipated because it has come at a time when there are lots of other deadlines and workloads to juggle, particularly the writing of end-of-year reports, and local and national data submission deadlines to meet.

We have a couple of 'class swap' opportunities lined up (one on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July and the other on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July) when the children will get to meet their new teachers, in their next classrooms and, in the case of Y4, get to see who's in their new class. We are understanding that the transition between year groups can be unsettling, but please be assured the team will do all they can to make this as smooth as possible.

## Foundation News

What a scorching week we have had in Foundation, the children have coped brilliantly and have enjoyed learning outdoors in the shade. We have made insect books where the children have had the responsibility to ensure they have completed their daily activities. Our butterflies have finally emerged from their cocoons - it was so exciting to see and to release them into the outdoors.

## Year 1 News

This week, Year 1 were asked to complete lots of Maths and English challenges from Super Norman and Traction Man. On Friday, the children have been learning about the famous artist 'Andy Warhol' to produce their own 'Pop Art.' We can't wait to see the finished piece!

## Year 2 News

It has been another brilliant but warm week in Year 2! We've thoroughly enjoyed practising for Sports Day as well as learning the songs for the Year 2 show! Details of the show will be sent home with your child tonight. Have a great weekend!

Please note - The Year 2 show will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 1:45pm & 6pm

## Year 3 News

What an amazing evacuee trip to Calstock, the children absolutely loved the experience and they all looked fantastic. We would like to say a huge thank you to all parents for your efforts with the fancy dress costumes, it made the trip even more special. Your ongoing support has always been so valued by us all. We finished this week with our art day, where we made poppies from clay. Year 3 wish you a lovely weekend. Year 3 Team

## Year 4 News

Year 4 have had a fantastic week at school and have been enjoying this glorious sunshine. This week, we have been very lucky as we got to meet the author Tom Palmer who has written lots of children's books- many about football and various other sports. We also joined Year 6 out on the playground and took part in many of their excellent '£5 challenge' games as well as practicing for our sports day. Sports day for our year group is next Tuesday morning and we hope many of you can join us! Don't forget the homework this week is for all children to bring their favourite reading book into school as it is going to become part of our next unit of English work! Have a fantastic weekend in this fabulous weather!

## Year 5 News

Another busy week for Year 5! The children have amazed us with their final drafts of 'The Ghosts of Pere Lachaise' and have persevered brilliantly despite the heat being against us! We've ended our week with studying and recreating the work of Liz Jones producing some beautiful artwork. Could all children have PE kit in from Monday as we will be practising our Sports Day events before the big day on Tuesday! Have a wonderful weekend.

## School Term Dates for 2017/2018

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> July (am)** – Foundation / Yr 1 & 2 Sports Day

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> July (am)** – Yr 3 & 4 Sports Day

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> July (pm)** - Yr 5 & 6 Sports Day

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Reserve Sports Day in case of inclement weather

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> July** – Summer Fair

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July** – 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – First day of the summer holidays

## School Term Dates for 2018/2019

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Non-Pupil Days.

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Non-Pupil Days.

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Autumn Term 2018 begins.

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> to Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Autumn Half Term Break 2018.

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Last Day of Autumn Term 2018.

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2018 to Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019** – Christmas Holiday 2018.

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019** – Non-Pupil Day.

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Spring Term 2019 Begins.

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb** – Spring Half Term Break 2019.

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April** – Last Day of Spring Term 2019.

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> to Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Easter Holiday 2019.

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Non-Pupil Day.

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Summer Term 2019 Begins.

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday.

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> to Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Summer Half Term Break 2019.

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> July** – 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July** – Non-Pupil Day.

## Year 6 News

Thank you for all your support with 'The Fiver Challenge.' The children have proven to be excellent entrepreneurs! They had brilliant time and raised a lot of money. It was a great afternoon! Special thanks to all the people who stayed behind and helped with the clean up; it was very much appreciated.

## KS2 Cake Sale

Alexa (4S) will be holding a cake sale on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

She is hoping to help her sister (Ellie) raise sponsorship in aid of saving the rainforests.

The sale will be for KS2 only (as last time all the cakes were sold before KS2 got a look in!) All cakes 50p.

## Railway Beacon Youth Football Club

Railway Beacon Youth Football Club require players to form new U9 team for next season 2018/2019. Age qualification must be school Year 4, starting September 2018. Contact Manager Jim Lucas on 07948 722926 for training details.

Railway Beacon Youth Football Club also require players for an existing U10 team for next season 2018/2019. Age qualification must be school Year 5, starting September 2018. Contact Manager Simon Richards on 07469 215280 for training details.

## Service families Summer event

Thank you to those of you who have replied to our summer event and returned your forms. If you are planning to take part in the orienteering on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, please return your by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July at the latest so we can make our final preparations.

## Music News

If you are going to Armed Forces Day tomorrow, please come and listen to some Montpelier pupils perform. We have some Year 6 pupils performing on the main stage at 12.30pm-12.40pm as part of the Legacy Choir and the Montpelier steel band will be performing on the PMEH stage at 1.40pm-1.55pm.

## Sports Day

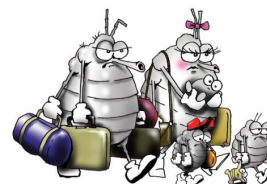
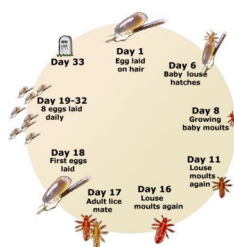
**Monday** 10am start KS1 (DHSG)

**Tuesday** year 3 & 4 9.30am start, year 5 & 6 1.15pm start, all at DHSG. Please make sure your child has the correct school PE Kit - black shorts, white T-Shirt and sensible footwear. Apply sun cream before school, provide an extra drink and sun hat. The school PTFA will be selling cold refreshment.

***We are still missing School Sport Kit, please return ASAP***

### Headlice - They're back!

The most common places for headlice to lurk are in the hair behind your ears and at the nape of your neck. If you still can't spot any lice, comb the child's hair with a special 'nit comb'. These are available from most chemists. It's easier to spot the dark brown headlice as they fall out if you comb the hair over a piece of white paper. Now you need to treat your child. Headlice are tough – they can't be killed by washing with normal shampoo or normal combing. Because they reproduce so quickly, you've got to kill them before they spread. If your child has headlice, check everyone in the family. You'll need to treat everyone affected to get rid of them.



## Book of the Week



This empowering series celebrates the important life stories of wonderful women of the world. From designers and artists to scientists, all of them went on to achieve incredible things, yet all of them began life as a little child with a dream. These books make the lives of these role models accessible for children, providing a powerful message to inspire the next generation of outstanding people who will change the world!

**If you have shared a book with your child and would like to recommend it, please email me. [daniellejones@mpsplymouth.net](mailto:daniellejones@mpsplymouth.net)**

### Tom Palmer Author Visit

Thank you so much for helping to make Tom's visit such a success. KS2 children were treated to a presentation from Tom and also the journalist Rick Broadbent. Children, from across the whole school, made the most of the opportunity to buy a personally dedicated and signed book. Pilgrim Pete also made a visit, adding to the football fever! Some of our younger children enjoyed reading Pete an extract of one of Tom's books. We will update the website with more photos soon. Hopefully some of our budding authors have been inspired to write some stories of their own.

Our visitors said what a wonderful morning they had at Montpelier. They also said how impressed they were with the children's behaviour, apparently they've never experienced such wonderful manners during a book signing. Well done everyone.





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**YEAR 6**

**DISCO**

**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**18.30-20.30**

**HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL.  
BEACON PARK ROAD. (OPPOSITE BEACON  
ELECTRICS)**

**RVSP**

**07889098205**

**PLEASE TEXT YOUR CHILD'S NAME, CLASS & CONTACT EMERGENCY  
NUMBER.**

**(NO ENTRY WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION)**

**ORGANISED BY A FEW MUM'S IN CLASS 6P**





**FUNDRAISING**

# SCI-FI COMIC & COSPLAY

**Saturday  
28 July**

**10:30am - 7pm**

**£2 ENTRY**

**FAMILY FUN DAY**

Weston Mill Oak Villa Sports & Social Club, Ferndale Rd, Plymouth PL2 2EL

**SPECIAL GUEST**

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