

# The Beacon

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## Deputy Heads News

The unique relationship that a parent or teacher has with a child might at times lead to differences of opinion. Both parties need to appreciate and respect the special skills and insights that each brings to their relationships. At Montpelier, each moment that teachers and children interact with one another is an opportunity to develop positive relationships. Research has suggested that teacher - child relationships play a significant role in influencing young children's social and emotional development, as well as providing a sense of safety and security. Children need to develop a strong sense of trust, and in turn, this will translate to the relationships between the teacher and the child's extended family – in theory anyway. I wanted to make the point that we are proud of the relationships within our school community and only hope that they continue to strengthen as time moves on. We value your views and opinions and please remember that our team are always available should you need to speak with them. Have a great weekend. See you in October.

## Foundation News

It was lovely to see so many parents/grandparents joining us for lunch this week; we hope you enjoyed sharing the experience with the children. Next week we will be holding our curriculum evening on Thursday at 5pm and hope you can attend to find out more about learning in the Foundation year. A polite request that only water is sent in children's water bottles please. After half term could we ask that the children return with PE kits; white T-shirt and black shorts (no plimsolls).

## Year 1 News

What a fantastic week. In English the children have been writing their Jack and the Beanstalk stories, focusing on 3 sentence ingredients... ask your child what they are! In Maths the children have been looking at 1 more and 1 less with numbers up to 100. What superstars they all are.

## Year 2 News

Wow! What a fantastic week! We have been busy planning our lost posters in English, creating beautiful rainforest flowers in art and solving tricky calculation problems in maths. Have a brilliant weekend!

## Music News

It is great to get all the music clubs up and running! Would you believe there are 105 pupils signed up for Thursday Choir for Year 4, 5 and 6, 95 pupils for Year 2 and 3 choir and 70 boys from Year 4-6 coming to the Boys Choir. On top of that we have almost 50 of our Year 5 pupils coming along to the steel pan club and brass clubs for Year 5 and 6 too. Over 80 children also learn a musical instrument in school. What a fantastic event our Christmas Carol Service it will be! Miss JR is very grateful that so many pupils want to be involved in all our musical activities!

## Monty's Den

Monty's Den is our on-site after school care. Call on 07522 429599 for more information or to book a session. Flexible booking available. [www.thedens.co.uk](http://www.thedens.co.uk)

## Key Diary Dates

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2017** - **Non-pupil day**  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017** - Trutex pop-up shop  
**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017** - Individual & family group photos FS & KS1  
**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017 incl.** - Half term  
**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017** - Individual & family group photos KS2  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2017** - **Non-pupil day**  
**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 – Tues 02<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2018 incl.** - Christmas holiday  
**Wednesday 03<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2018** - **Non-pupil day**  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018** - **Non-pupil day**

## Year 3 News

We had a fantastic time completing our Stone Age dens in Ham Woods. The children have learnt to work as part of a team, to complete their challenge. A huge thank you to parents who came to help; your support is greatly appreciated. In English we have written stories set in the Stone Age, looked at number patterns in maths and looked at the properties of rocks in science.

## Year 4 News

Year 4 have been working extremely hard writing up their diary entries to give to Flat Stanley this week. We are hoping that he will visit us over the weekend to collect the entries and take them back home to share with his family. If you have not already seen our fantastic topic homework on display in reception, please feel free to pop in and look. Enjoy the weekend!

## Year 5 News

Thank you to those parents who have returned the permission slips for the Golden Hind trip on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. We still have a large number of outstanding slips. If you need another letter please see your class teacher.

We have received many great project items and we look forward to seeing the remainder when you bring them into school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

## Year 6 News

In PE, the children are creating a four-part dance to show the journey of a slave. So far, we have worked on the first stage: African dance. It has been so much fun! Ask your child to show you some moves!

## Fit for Sport Activity Camp

Fit for Sport Activity Camp, October Half Term at Plymouth Life Centre. Activity days full of variety for children from 8.30am – 5.30pm each and every day. Telephone 0845 456 3233 for more information.

## School Games

On Thursday, the sun was out for our first Cross Country warm up event held at Plymbridge. First up were the Year 3 & 4 girls followed by the boys, this event being the first for many of our children, although this didn't faze them, finishing the race in style. Next to compete were the year 5 & 6 once again excellent performance from all involved. Fantastic effort even though two athletes ran with only one trainer on! Congratulations to the year 5 & 6 girls team who are currently in second position.

## Change of Menu - smiley face biscuits

Please note a change to the dinner menu on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. There will be **smiley face biscuits** on offer to accompany the roast dinner.

Dinners cost £2.10 a day and can be paid for by logging on to SchoolMoney, using the 'dinner top-up', in the normal.