



## Headteacher News

**Race for Life** – This is becoming a big annual event for us now and what a special event it is too. I'd like to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone for supporting it and for making the occasion such a huge success. It was lovely to see so many children involved and to see them receiving their medals with such a sense of achievement on their faces. The event attracted even more families this year, with a total of 170 runners. It was heart-warming to see so many people running on behalf of or in memory of a loved family member or friend. Coming together in support of such a worthwhile charity is what makes our school community so strong. Cancer Research UK hopes that Race for Life will continue to raise millions in order that they can keep on fighting towards their pledge to find cures for all 200 types of cancer.

**PTFA Summer Fair** – Although the PTFA summer fair has just taken place, I'm writing this before the event. I've no doubt though that it was a great success. However, it was 'touch and go' as to whether it would take place this year due to the extremely small PTFA membership we now have. It's only thanks to staff members pulling together that we actually managed to go ahead with it. I know I'm going to sound like a broken record here but I really feel that the point needs raising. Our PTFA do an amazing job in creating an extra dimension to the notion of Montpelier as being more than just a school. The staff all consider Montpelier as an extremely large family of which we are all a part. Providing these extra experiences, such as the summer fair, help to strengthen this feeling. The PTFA is made up of a very small number of committed and passionate individuals who truly believe in uniting the school through these shared events and, when you come along to them, you realise just how much fun they are and also how important they are for the children and our school as a community. When you consider the size of Montpelier, the largest primary in Plymouth with nearly 700 pupils (or 521 families), it's disappointing that this responsibility falls to such a small number of parents, teachers and friends of the school. I have previously been the Headteacher of both a one and a two form entry primary school and, in both schools, we had larger PTFAs despite having significantly fewer families. And the old adage 'many hands make light work' absolutely applies to the work of any PTFA. Of course I am fully aware that people lead very busy lives and there are never any unreasonable expectations of involvement but, if you are able to spare any time at all, even if it's just an extra pair of hands prior to an event to help set up, the PTFA would absolutely love to hear from you – just contact our office staff or pop into school to find out more.

## Year 1 News

In the next few weeks we will be designing and creating the USS Great Britain or the Northern Star. Please could you save and bring in some junk materials please! This links in with our History about Brunel and the age of steam when people used these forms of transport to go on holiday. We are continuing with measuring in Maths and will be looking at poetry in English. Please can you ensure children bring a coat to school as the weather can change quickly and we still try our best to go outside to learn at every opportunity.

## Year 2 News

Wow, another super week in year 2. This week, we have been lucky enough to have two sets of visitors! Firstly, on Wednesday, the Wembury Warden's visited us - helping the children to delve deeper into the events that will be happening on Monday and learnt about the interesting sea creatures we might find in the rockpools! Please can you make sure that your child is wearing suitable clothes for the (unpredictable) weather and has a spare pair of shoes to wear in the rockpools. On Thursday Karen DeLang, from ED&B, came to visit us and present the winners of the logo design with special prizes. The company were overwhelmed by the artistic responses to their challenge - well done Year 2!. Finally just another reminder about our Wembury trip - please could all children be in school at 8.30am so we can begin our beach adventure at 9.00am. We will be returning to school at 4.00pm and children need to be collected from the main entrance. Have a great weekend!

## Year 4 News

The children are consistently amazing us with their efforts as we continue to push towards the end of the term

## Year 5 News

What a busy week in year 5! We have been learning and monitoring the air quality around the school this week. We had a few visits from Plymouth City Council, talking and working with the children and discussing the various affects that air pollution can have on our lives.

Next week we have a few sporting activities taking place. Weather permitting on Monday afternoon it will be the year 5 sports day events. On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, some of the children will be taking part in a Festival of Sport at Plymouth College. Your child should have received a letter if they are taking part in the event. If any outstanding permission slips could be returned by Monday morning that would be appreciated. Enjoy the weekend.

## Year 6 News

Rehearsals are coming along well for our production of Mary Poppins and we think you will enjoy the show. In English the children have been writing a diary entry as their superhero character. In topic the children have been continuing with their fiver challenge projects. Please support them with this next Friday.

## Jam Band

Just to remind you all that Wednesday 6th July will be our last session this year. Have a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing you again in the Autumn term

### Race for Life

Thank you to all the families who attended the Race for Life event at Central Park at 4pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Our best total of entries to date with 170 runners completing the mile circuit in support/memory of loved family members and friends. A super occasion, the sun shone bringing our school community together in both reflection and celebration.

Throughout the day 900 runners took part in the organised running activities in school and over at Central Park. A super effort and achievement by all.

Sponsorship monies and donations are coming in, which is greatly appreciated. Can we remind you if you are a tax payer please tick the Gift Aid box, as Cancer Research UK can claim an extra 25% of the sponsorship money from the Government.

Alternatively, friends and family may wish to sponsor you, by donating at our Just Giving page. [goo.gl/zhovox](http://goo.gl/zhovox) where you can also Gift Aid.

Many thanks for your continued support in making this another successful Montpelier occasion.

Happy Running! Race for life team

### Deputy Headteacher News

Mr Fielding our Year 4 unit leader will be taking part in the splash diving event tomorrow. Katie Benson in class 4P came to see me and asked if she could hold a cookie sale to raise money in support of him. With the help of her family and the support of the school we are delighted to inform you that this will take place next week. Katie has put together the advert below.

### Cookie Sale for One Day ONLY

4P are raising money for Mr Fielding for his diving competition on the 2nd July. The sale is taking place in the KS2 hall, on Friday 8th July at breaktime and lunch. Cookies will cost 50p each, up to 5 cookies are allowed per person.

Apparently, the teachers taking part are having a competition to see who can raise the most money for the Plymouth branch of the Lady Taverners who support young people, particularly those with special needs.

Let's make sure Mr Fielding raises the most!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### Dogs

May we remind parents that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds – even those being carried.

### Football Year 6 Pupils

Friary Mill Youth is looking for U12 players (Year 7 in September).

Qualified FA licensed coaching, Safeguarding, First Aid AND CRB checked coaches.

A youth football club based in Efford, Plymouth. Currently playing in the DJM, playing and training in a friendly social atmosphere.

Please contact Steve on 07702584001 or STEVECONTEH111GMAIL.COM or visit [WWW.FRIARYMILLFC.CO.UK](http://WWW.FRIARYMILLFC.CO.UK)

### Heelies – mufti days

We would like to confirm that 'Heelies' should **NOT** be worn to school on a non-uniform day. After a couple of mishaps involving both the wearer and innocent bystanders we decided these were best not worn in a busy school environment.

### Yr6 Transition Days - Change of Dates

Please note that due to the National Union of Teachers taking industrial strike action, on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, both Egguckland and DHSB have changed their transition dates. DHSB is now on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July and Egguckland CC is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

### Year 6 Enterprise Fiver Challenge

The Year 6 children have been completing a project where they have been given £5 per group to turn into a profit. They have had some great ideas and will be selling their goods / providing their services next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm - 3.45pm outside the main entrance. Come along and support them. There will be ice-creams, cakes, smoothies for sale, fun games to play such as penalty shootout, and plenty of prizes to be won. All money raised will be given to year 6 pupils who will decide how to spend it.

### Maths Champions

On Wednesday this week three pupils from Year 5 represented Montpelier at a city wide TTRockstars competition. Daisy Lindsley-Leake, Penny Plant and Varsha Ananth proved their speed at recalling times tables facts so were selected to take part in the competition. In total 75 pupils from across the city took part, including pupils from primary and secondary schools. The 3 Montpelier girls did extremely well in the competition. Daisy researched the final against a Year 6 child. She came second by only 2 seconds. Well done to the three girls. All pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 are able to practice their times tables skills online on TTRockstars. Their log in for the website is the same as their eSchools login.

### Diary Dates

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016

- School Sports Day - **KS2**

Year 3/4 – am Year 5/6 – pm

#### Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016

- Year Six Production

#### Mon 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016

- Year 2 dress rehearsal (info to follow)

#### Tues 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016

- Year 2 Performance (more info to follow) 1:45pm & 6pm

#### Wed 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016

- Leaver's Celebration Disco

#### Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016

- Year 6 Leavers Lunch

#### Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016

- Yr 6 Leavers' assembly for parents
- Last day of term 2:30pm finish (*Year 6 finish at 1.30pm*)

#### Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016

- First day of term

### Headlice

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.

We would strongly recommend that girls wear long hair tied up in a ponytail, bun or plait to prevent the transfer of head lice.

### School Dinners – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Just to let you know we have a slight change to Monday's menu (4<sup>th</sup> July), as it is American Independence Day.

#### Option 1

Cheese Burgers with Fries (burgers without cheese available)

#### Option 2

Macaroni Cheese

**Alternatives:** Jacket potatoes and wraps will be available as normal

**Dessert:** Popcorn or biscuits



## Holiday Workshops - For ages 8-16 years

Ages 5-8 years may be accompanied by an adult unless the children are regular attendees or confident to be left ...contact us to check..

Workshop & No	Description	Date	Time	Price
1. Dartmoor Trip	Treasure Hunt-BBQ-Rock Hopping and more..	Wed 27th July	0900-1600	£20
2. Science	Science is everywhere!!! Sometimes we just don't see it!! Explore everyday things and some not so everyday and have some fun!	Mon 1st Aug	0900-1200	£9
3. Tech-Fest	A geek session...bring your phone / computer.(we have some too) let's see how tech is affecting us and have some fun!!	Mon 8th Aug	0900-1200	£9
4. Arts & Crafts	Messy arts, ceramics, jewellery making... to name but a few from the wide range available on the day!	Tue 9th Aug	1300-1600	£7
5. Bird-boxes	Use basic hand and power tools and make an impressive wooden wall mounted Bird-box to take home!	Thur 11th Aug	1400-1700	£10
6. Arts & Crafts	Messy arts, ceramics, jewellery making... to name but a few from the wide range available on the day!	Tue 16th Aug	1300-1600	£7
7. Fabric Fun	Flags and bunting - using sewing machines!	Thur 18th Aug	0900-1200	£9
8. Cooking	Cook a 3 course meal!	Thur 18th Aug	1300-1600	£10
9. Candy making & Desserts	You will make at least 3 sweet treats this fast paced and exciting course!!	Fri 19th Aug	0900-1200	£10

### TO BOOK:

**EMAIL INFO@WKUK.ORG WITH THE WORKSHOP NO.**

**PAYMENT CAN BE MADE BY: BANK TRANSFER, PAYPAL OR CASH/CHQ.**

Email advising your preferred method of payment and we'll send you details.

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