

Deputy Headteacher News

Montpelier is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for children, staff and visitors and promoting a climate where children and adults will feel confident about sharing any concerns which they may have about their own safety or the well-being of others. We aim to safeguard and promote the welfare of our children at all times. One aspect of this extends our school and becomes a collective responsibility of the community.

We have received information that a pupil has been approached by an unknown adult male at the DHSG bus stop on Outland Road. It has been made apparent that the contact was inappropriate with a view to the questions that were asked. The presence of intruders and suspicious strangers seen loitering near the school or approaching pupils, will be reported to the Police (using 101 or 999, depending on the circumstances and the urgency of the case) so that the police are aware of these individuals and can act accordingly. I urge anyone who has information or witnesses a circumstance that makes you feel uncomfortable, in connection to the information above, to contact the police at the earliest convenience.

Now a plea for me

The following is a direct quote from This Morning: Across the country, today, there are children spending the day in fear. Too frightened to go to school. Too frightened to speak out. Too frightened to tell anyone. Across the country, today, children are being bullied. As part of 'This Morning's Be Kind' campaign we want you to watch this video. You'll hear from two mums whose children took their own lives as a result of the bullying they experienced. Then hit the pledge button. Pledge to watch this video with your children. Pledge to help your children know they can ask for help, for them to know someone cares and for them to know how important it is to BE KIND.

For my part, following my piece in the Beacon last week, I feel we all have a duty to do as has been asked and BE KIND. Please watch the video, using the link below, if you deem it appropriate please share it with your child or children. As I said last week with respect to bullying - Together we are stronger and together we can STOP it - .

<http://www.itv.com/thismorning/hot-topics/pledge-to-share-our-anti-bullying-message>

It has come to my attention that a number of our children are bringing in a homemade substance they are referring to as 'slime'. My understanding is the number one ingredient of this is a chemical based washing liquid or fabric softener. We have had a number of children reporting that their skin is extremely dry and itchy as a result of this substance. I would like to request that this, with immediate effect, does not come into our school.

Finally, it has been observed throughout this term that a number of colourful additions have been making their way into the uniform that the children are wearing, most notably trainers, brightly coloured nails (in some cases these have been artificial) and hair accessories, in a variety of colours, that are ever increasing in size. I would like to refer you to our uniform policy that states:

Hair bands/ribbons should be plain and in school colours.

Children should wear shoes and NOT trainers to and from school and during the school day. The appropriate footwear for P.E. and games is indicated below. 'Fashion' shoes and trainers, i.e. large tongues, multi coloured laces, high ankle shoes/boots are not acceptable in any circumstances.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this. Have a great weekend.

Red Nose Day

We are supporting Red Nose Day on Friday 24th March. Children are invited to come into school with crazy hair. All donations gratefully received. Please note children are to wear their normal school uniform.

Diary Dates

Fri 24th Mar 2017

- Easter Fair – after school
- Red Nose Day – wear crazy hair (uniform to be worn)



Tues 28th Mar 2017

- Parent's evening

Thurs 30th Mar 2017

- Parent's evening

Fri 31st Mar 2017

- 'Wear a Hat' mufti day - for Brain Tumor Research

Mon 3rd-Tues 18th Apr 2017 Inc.

- Easter holidays

Mon 1st May 2017

- Bank holiday

Wed 24th May 2017

- Tempest Photos – Class groups & Year 6 individual photos.

Sun 21st – Fri 26th May 2016

- Bude Residential (Yr 6)

Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June '17

- Half term

Tues 25th July 2017

- Leavers' assembly
- Last day of term 2:30pm finish (Yr6 finish at 1.30pm)

Wed 26th July 2017

- Start of the summer holidays

Mon 4th Sept 2017

- Non pupil day

Tues 5th Sept 2017

- First day of term

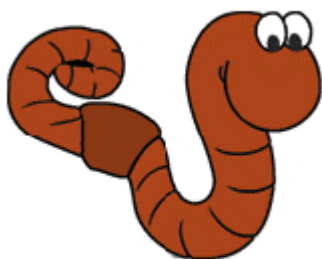


Monty's Den

Monty's Den is our onsite after school care. Call on 07522 429599 for more information or to book a session. Flexible booking available
www.thedens.co.uk

Foundation News

The children have been amazing learning their lines, songs and dances all in one week! We hope you enjoy the performance next week- please send in the slip notifying us which time you are able to attend if you have not already done so. We have also continued recapping our digraphs and writing 'Help' letters to Superworm.

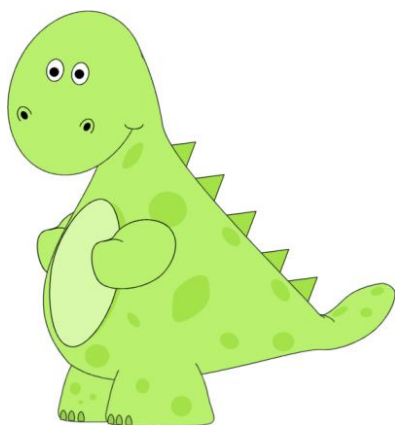


Year 1 News

What a brilliant week! The children loved Dartmoor zoo and showed off their super behaviour throughout the day. We met and learnt fantastic facts about lions, tigers, capybaras, raccoon dogs, wolves, otters and many more interesting animals. We look forward to writing all about our trip next week. Have a fantastic weekend.

Year 2 News

We have had a very busy week this week, the children have been working extremely hard. We have started planning our dinosaur stories. Don't forget the Dinosaur Disco next week, please pay online if you have not done so already.



Year 3 News

We have had a fantastic week in year 3, culminating in a very exciting Science afternoon trying to save Humpty Dumpty. In English, we have been starting our adventure island stories and writing about some amazing adventures that we could get up to. The disco was a huge success and the children had a great time. Due to its success we hope to hold another at the end of year. Many thanks for all the clothes donations that you have provided, please keep bringing them in. They will be collected on Tuesday afternoon (21st March) by Mount Batten, where they will be holding a question and answer session for parents who have any queries about our school trip. This will take place after school in the KS2 hall and is purely optional to attend. Thursday 23rd March is our 'cakes for canoes' day, if any cakes could be brought in on the morning of that day it would be fantastic. Lots of information this week, many thanks for all your hard work and support! The year 3 team.

Year 4 News

The children have been writing a newspaper report this week about 'The Twits' using the skills they have been learning in English. During maths we have started our new unit on investigating statistics. In science we have been creating posters on how we should look after our teeth. The children are looking forward to our visit to Exeter next Tuesday (21st March). Thank you for your continued support, we know that the children will have a great time! We would like to invite you to come and work with your child in class on Thursday 23rd March 2017 between 2:30pm and 3:15pm. During the afternoon we will share our Italian work. Enjoy your weekend.

Year 6 News

As you know, this week Year 6 have been doing mock SATs. Although testing can be a challenge, the children have shown that they can rise to it. They have really made us very proud with their attitude and maturity. What stars! This week, we have also taken the time to relax, have fun and take part in group activities. One of the activities was the whole school task to design and make an egg protector. How fun!

Year 5 News

Another busy week is coming to a close and the Easter holiday approaches. This week the children have been looking at the features and structure of newspaper reports in preparation for their report on the Lindisfarne invasion. Meanwhile, in Maths they have been solving some tricky number problems using various operations and their reasoning skills. Next Wednesday 22nd March will be our Frozen North Day and a change of footwear will be needed, as we will be spending some time in the forest area. It will also be an opportunity to dress up as a Viking or explorer. Details were sent home via a letter and a reminder will be sent out next week.

The Big Pedal

The Montpelier Big Pedal is here once again. Starting on Monday 27th March, we would really appreciate as many people as possible to try and get to school via bikes, scooters etc. Each class will be in competition with each other and we will also be against other schools around Britain also taking part in the nationwide event. The big breakfast will be happening on Thursday 30th March, all families are invited for breakfast in the KS1 playground from 8-8:30am. Teas and coffees will be available this year as well. This has been a very popular event in the past and we hope this continues, more detail to follow next week. Many Thanks, Mr Carhart and Mr Fielding

Library News

Due to year 1 and 2 now using the library at lunchtimes the timetable will change as of next week. (20th March)
Monday will now be available for year 3 and 4,
Tuesday year 5 and 6,
Wednesday year 1,
Thursday year 2,
Fridays for a trial period, will be boys only.

Football

The football season at Montpellier is almost over. It has been a successful season for all teams with some fantastic results. We started by winning the Plymouth futsal tournament and then coming runners up in the Plymouth Schools Cup at Goals. They made it to the Devon area finals of both competitions; they were fantastic. The girl's team had a successful futsal tournament winning a very nerve racking penalty shoot-out along the way. We would like to thank all the boys and girls that have taken part in football on a Monday after school. Monday football has now finished and Tag Rugby will be taking its place at the same time. Many Thanks Mr Carhart and Mr Robinson.

