

The Beacon

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The Beacon at a Glance

- **Year Group News** – Find out what has been going on.
- **Headteacher's News** – MAT merger consultation.
- **Other news** – Maths Fun Day, Christmas Tree Festival, Lost Property.

Headteacher's News

You may remember that in mid-October I wrote to you consulting on our proposed merger with Reach South Multi-Academy Trust (a copy of the letter is available on our website under the 'Academy' tab). The consultation is due to end on 23 November (next Thursday). We will be holding a parents' meeting in school at 5:00 on the Wednesday (22nd November) in order that any final questions can be raised with senior leaders and representations can be made regarding your thoughts, feelings and opinions about the merging of our Inspiring Schools Partnership MAT and Reach South MAT. Please let me know if you wish to attend by emailing me at head@mpsplymouth.net.

Foundation News

The children have enjoyed learning and retelling the story of the Enormous turnip. Next week we will continue creating story maps. Can we please ask that ALL items of clothing are named including shoes! Thank you.

Year 1 News

Thank you to all those who came to the Phonics workshops. We hope you found it useful for helping your child. This week we have been using plurals and question marks in our writing about 'The Smartest Giant in Town.' Our number skills have been put to the test when solving word problems. Key Diary Date - Year 1 Christmas Play Wednesday 13th December
Choice of two performances: 9am-10am or 2pm - 3pm.
We look forward to seeing you there!
Also...there is a lost black leather jacket of a child in 1M. Please keep a look out for it in case your child has it by mistake.

Year 2 News

This week we have been eagerly anticipating our trip to the Eden Project next Monday. Please could children be dropped off at school at 8:30am and picked up at 4pm from their normal exit. Children should bring a water bottle and wear their own clothes including comfy shoes. See you on Monday!

Year 3 News

We have been busy this week writing our own ancient tale in English and using our addition and subtraction skills to solve two step problems in maths. A reminder that now the cold weather has started to hit us, children are allowed to wear dark tracksuit bottoms for our outdoor P.E. sessions. Due to a very strong Arctic wind and frost children will receive bonus air miles this week so every three reads is worth one sticker in the passport. Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Key Diary Dates

Thurs 23rd Nov – **Non-pupil day**
Thurs 7th Dec – Trutex pop-up shop 3pm
Mon 11th Dec – Carol Service, Mutley Baptist Church
Tues 12th Dec – 2pm Foundation Christmas Sing-along, mince pies and a cuppa.
Wed 13th Dec – Christmas Lunch
Wed 13th Dec – Service family Christmas event, *more details to follow*
Wed 20th Dec 2017 – **Tues 02nd Jan 2018 incl.** - Christmas holidays
Wed 03rd Jan 2018 – **Non-pupil day**
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

Year 4 News

Year 4 have had a fun week learning about the work of Oliver Jeffers and practicing painting with water colours to link with their Egyptian creation myths. As well as this we have been on a shape treasure hunt around the school to start our new Maths topic 'Exploring Shape'. We are all very much looking forward to our Egyptian disco next Wednesday! Enjoy the weekend!

Year 5 News

Well done to all the children who completed the 'Bikeability' course this week. The children had a great time learning how to look after and check their bicycle along with new skills. Additionally, they were given some experience of riding on the roads and how to stay safe. Thankfully, this year the weather remained dry for them.

Year 6 News

In Computing, Year 6 have been collaborating to produce information to share with the school about copyright and its importance.

Lost Property

Please check your child is wearing their own uniform. We have two little girls with missing cardigans in Foundation, both items are named.

Maths Fun Day

On the 5th December the whole school will take part in the annual Maths Fun Day. On this day parents are invited in at the start of the day to find out more about maths at Montpelier and join their children in a maths lesson.

Christmas Tree Festival

See next page for more information.

Christmas Tree Festival!

Montpelier Primary School

Open Wednesday 13th December & Thursday 14th December 2017 - 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Enjoy a joyous celebration of 'Christmas around the world' with trees created by the children, local community groups and small businesses.



To avoid the festive frenzy, we recommend visiting as follows;

Foundation, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6—Wednesday 13th December

Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5 —Thursday 14th December

The trees will remain on display for all to see until Monday 18th December.

If there are any local businesses or community groups that wish to create a tree to display please email Lisa Start— lisastart@mpsplymouth.net or Gemma Suter— gemmasuter@mpsplymouth.net for further information.