

# The Beacon

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## The Beacon at a Glance

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## Key Diary Dates

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017 - Macmillan Coffee afternoon  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2017 - **Non pupil day**  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017 - Tempest - Individual & family group photos. Foundation & KS1  
Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017 incl. - Half term  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017 - Tempest - Individual & family group photos KS2  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2017 - **Non pupil day**  
20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 - 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**

## Deputy Head's News

Where has the time gone, I can't quite believe we are at the end of the second week already - but as they say, time flies when you are having fun (and I am confident that the children have been doing just that). I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Foundation intake to Montpelier Primary School. This week they started the next chapter of their learning journey and I have to say I have been amazed by their resilience and adaptability - I am almost certain there were more tears from the parents on the first day. Across the school, the children have continued to demonstrate our learning behaviours and this week we have introduced the figurative concept of the 'learning pit'. If you ask your child about this, I am confident that they will be able to tell you all about it. Do enjoy the weekend. See you on Monday.

## Foundation News

A big welcome to all the new Foundation children and their parents. The children have been fantastic at learning new routines, developing early friendships and are settling in well.

## Year 2 News

What a busy but brilliant week! The children particularly enjoyed creating their own family trees - well done. We are so impressed to see how many of you have been reading at home, keep it up!  
Have a great weekend.

## Year 4 News

We have kick-started our first English unit and all of the children have been introduced to Stanley Lambchop (Flat Stanley). Thank you to all of those parents who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' event on Monday evening, hopefully you have all received a follow up letter detailing the information discussed. Have a great weekend!

## Year 6 News

Year 6 are embracing our new Learning Behaviours; they showed perseverance during our 'Learning Pit' challenge this week.

We look forward to seeing you at our Meet the Teacher meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 4:30pm.

## Gardening Club News

Gardening Club restarts on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September if you are interested please see Mrs Castles or email [lynnecastles@mpsplymouth.net](mailto:lynnecastles@mpsplymouth.net)

## 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)

## Year 1 News

Another amazing week in Year 1. We have been exploring 'more than' and 'less than' using numbers within 0 - 20 and in our writing we are using sentence ingredients to compose super sentences. Meet the teacher - Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Sep @ 17:00

## Year 3 News

We have had a great week in year 3; the children have been archaeologists uncovering many Stone Age secrets. In English we have been focusing on our Beat the Green approach to our writing and Maths learning about the number system. A reminder about our 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm.

## Year 5 News

Your child should have come home with a letter today (Friday) regarding our proposed trip to the Golden Hind in October. Hopefully you have also received the invite to our 'Meet the Teacher' event on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm in the KS2 hall. We look forward to seeing you.

## Bikes, Scooters and Safety.

An increasing number of children have been riding their bikes and scooters on the school grounds. Safety on the school site is of paramount importance to us. We have asked, in various ways, that pupils do not ride bikes or scooters around the school grounds. We love the idea of them using bikes and scooters to come to and from school; we strongly encourage this in fact. What we MUST have though is children dismounting and walking with their bike or scooter whilst on the school playgrounds. We have had too many collisions and minor accidents due to children charging around busy playgrounds at the end of the day. Please could you reinforce this? We can remind them, but it is almost an impossible task to check that this is happening; we would appreciate your support with this.