

# The Beacon

Academic Year 2021/22

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## *Hello from Mr West*

Every now and again, it is important that we take a step back to appreciate what we have. This week I have found myself doing just that. Life in school is relentless, always asking what next. We find ourselves planning for the future alongside the here and now. However, this week I paused, deliberately I may add, to take stock of what I am fortunate enough to be a part of. Having a duty of care for 652 children (and their extended families) and 80 staff is normal for us, but would be an exception for most.

Montpelier is a unique place. I appreciate I will have a biased view due to the role that I hold, but this week I took the time to reflect and value what the team and children have achieved throughout my time. There have been incredible achievements, discoveries of hidden talents, times of challenge and emotional turmoil. We have faced struggles, risen in the face of adversity and have done so with a fighting spirit – always with a smile and the determination to succeed.

The school has embraced change, stood by its decisions and endeavoured to provide a supportive environment for everyone connected to the place. We (collectively) should be proud. We should reflect (more often) on our achievements, celebrate our successes and remember the true reason we are all here – the children. They are a real inspiration and no matter what the date or time, they remind us of the privileged role that we have – we are shaping the lives of the future generations, the generations that will go on to make a difference. The very notion of this in isolation is incomprehensible, but one that I am certain we will rise to.

***We would ask parents to be considerate to our neighbours when collecting or dropping off children in the morning, or at the end of the day. Please refrain from parking on the yellow zig zags and pavements around school too. Thank you.***

## *School Term Dates for 2021/2022*

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> May - Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June Inc.** - Half term

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> June** - Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June** - Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> July** - Non-pupil day

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Last day of term (**1:30pm finish for Year 6 / 2:15pm finish for Foundation through to Year 5**)

**25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July** - non-pupil days

**27<sup>th</sup> July** - start of the summer holidays

## *School Term Dates for 2022/2023*

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022** - Non-pupil day

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Sept** – First day of term

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct Inc.** – Half term

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 – 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023** – Christmas Holidays

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2023** – Bank Holiday

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan** – Non-pupil day

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan** – First day of term

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> to Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb Inc.** – Half term

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> to Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Apr Inc.** – Easter holidays

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May** – Bank holiday

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank holiday

**Tues 30<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June Inc.** – Half term

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June** – Non-pupil day

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July** - last day of term (**1:30pm finish for Year 6 / 2:15pm finish for Foundation through to Year 5**)

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# One Kit Appeal



**Do you have any unwanted football or rugby shirts that you do not need anymore?**

Every child deserves to have the opportunity to own a football or rugby shirt to feel included in sporting activities. For some, the ever increasing price can be too much to afford. That is why we are starting a donation called the '**One Kit Appeal**'.

For the remainder of the school year any donations can be brought in to your class teacher in a bag labelled '**One Kit Appeal**'.

If you are in need of a football strip, then look out for details in September when the Thrift shop will be open for families to come and pick a shirt for their child/children.

Thank you for your support and giving children this opportunity. If you do need something before the Summer break please contact myself or Jane Gilbert and we can see if we can sort something out.

Mr Wright



Other shirts are available....



30+ SPORTS ON OFFER & MUCH MORE!  
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# MONSTER MAY-HEM SPRING HALF TERM 2022

MONDAY MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> - WEDNESDAY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> 8AM - 6PM

**AGES  
5-14**

Everyday  
children will enjoy  
a selection of...

British Summer Sports and  
exciting Team Tournaments,  
plus get the chance to be  
creative by entering our  
**'DESIGN A SITE LOGO'**  
competition to be in with a  
chance of winning some  
really amazing prizes!

Plus they will  
enjoy these  
extra activities...

DAILY SWIMMING & POOL  
PARTY (SUPER SOAKERS)  
WOGGLE RACES, RAFT RACES  
INFLATABLE FOOTY PITCH  
& ZORBING  
HIGH 5 SPORTS DAY  
JUNGLE CASTLE & BALL POOL  
HIGH 5 JUBILEE PARTY  
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# Giant's Jubilee Tea Party & Parade

**FREE**  
for all  
to attend

**Thursday 2 June**  
**12 — 4pm**

**Keyham, Ford &  
North Downs Park  
PL2 2AQ**

party games      meet the giants

giant puppet parade      free cake

...and lots more

 **Barbican Theatre**  
Castle St, Plymouth PL1 2NJ

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