

The Beacon

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Headteacher's Comment

As you will know, Montpelier is part of the ISP (Inspiring Schools Partnership, Multi-Academy Trust - MAT) along with Stoke Damerel Community College and Scott Medical & Healthcare College. MATs are charities established to undertake a strategic collaboration to improve and maintain high educational standards across a number of schools (in our case, that's currently three). The MAT has overarching responsibility for the governance of these schools. It is accountable for the performance of each one in the group, and of the group as a whole. Each school still has its own Local Governing Body (LGB) which operates subject to agreed delegation of powers. The reason I tell you all this is that the ISP MAT is currently looking for new Trustees. These are a group of people who operate in a broadly similar way to our school governors but they oversee the MAT as a whole. They have a number of duties/responsibilities relating to the governance of the Trust and its finances. Amongst others things, they establish the vision, mission and values for the Trust. They design strategy and structure for the Trust's operation. They ensure/oversee the financial controls and the financial management, set standards of conduct and values, monitor performance and achievement, and ensure plans for improvement are acted upon. Currently the Board of Trustees are seeking individuals with specific skill-sets to join them. Anyone who is interested in finding out more about the role, and has a background in either commerce, or the legal or finance profession, please contact the school main reception. There will be commitment to attend main Trustee meetings (four or five a year) and a committee (another four or five meetings). These are usually about 2 hours in duration in late afternoon/early evening with some associated reading of documents beforehand. You will also be expected to familiarise yourself with the three ISP schools. In return, you have the opportunity to contribute to the success of three key educational establishments within the city of Plymouth which can be a very rewarding role. The Trustees also need a new Clerk to provide administrative support, advice on governance, constitutional and procedural matters, and to manage information for them. Again, if interested, please contact the school.

Foundation News

We have had a wonderful week in Foundation, making the most of the beautiful weather to take our learning outdoors and apply our new tricky words 'said', 'do', 'like' and 'so' into instructions and games. We have started to talk about our half term holiday and would appreciate the children collecting any leaflets from tourist attractions they may go to and bringing them in to support our topic after the break. Please put photos and videos of your adventures onto Tapestry so that we can share these with the children. Please ensure that when PE kits return, they are all named and with plimsolls.

Year 1 News

Wow, what a busy last week of term! The children have been extremely busy this week writing a letter to apply for a 'Superhero Training Academy' spot and using arrays to divide challenging maths sums. Also, the children have been using those all important 'sound buttons' to help read a variety of words. Keep up the good work. We look forward to seeing you for Summer Term 2!

Year 2 News

We are so proud of how hard the children in Year 2 have worked this term. They have taken on every tricky challenge with great enthusiasm. As always, thank you for your support. We look forward to delving deeper into our topic next term! Until then, have a well deserved break!

School Term Dates for 2017/2018

Mon 28th May – Bank holiday
Tues 29th May – Fri 1st June Inc. – Half term
Tues 5th June – Class Photos & Yr6 Individuals
Thurs 14th June - Proms in the Playground 6-7pm
Mon 18th June - Schools race for life
Mon 2nd July (am) – Foundation / Yr 1 & 2 Sports Day
Tues 3rd July (am) – Yr 3 & 4 Sports Day
Tues 3rd July (pm) - Yr 5 & 6 Sports Day
Wed 4th July – Reserve Sports Day in case of inclement weather
Fri 20th July – 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)
Mon 23rd July – First day of the summer holidays

School Term Dates for 2018/2019

Tues 4th Sept – Non-Pupil Days.
Wed 5th Sept – Non-Pupil Days.
Thurs 6th Sept – Autumn Term 2018 begins.
Mon 22nd to Fri 26th Oct – Autumn Half Term Break 2018.
Thurs 20th Dec – Last Day of Autumn Term 2018.
Fri 21st Dec 2018 to Fri 4th Jan 2019 – Christmas Holiday 2018.
Mon 7th Jan 2019 – Non-Pupil Day.
Tues 8th Jan – Spring Term 2019 Begins.
Mon 18th Feb to Fri 22nd Feb – Spring Half Term Break 2019.
Fri 5th April – Last Day of Spring Term 2019.
Mon 8th to Mon 22nd April – Easter Holiday 2019.
Tues 23rd April – Non-Pupil Day.
Wed 24th April – Summer Term 2019 Begins.
Mon 6th May – Bank Holiday.
Mon 27th to Fri 31st May – Summer Half Term Break 2019.
Wed 24th July – 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)
Thursday 25th July – Non-Pupil Day.

Year 3 News

What a term we have had! The children have been working incredibly hard and have definitely earned their week off to relax, recharge and have some fun this half term. Over the past couple of weeks, children have been learning to time the time with analogue, digital and 24 hour clocks and getting as much practice of this would benefit them greatly. We have our topic day on Wednesday 6th June and look forward to the children immersing themselves in 'Life in Britain during the war'. Please may I ask that all school jumpers and ties have your child's names on. Over the past week, with the temperatures soaring, lots of jumpers have gone missing. 3S have over 10 jumpers piled up at the back of the classroom waiting for collection. Thank you for all your support this term, Year 3 team.

Year 4 News

Another fantastic week in Year Four. During Maths this week, we started our new topic of 'time' which has been extremely interesting and we would really appreciate it if you could continue supporting the children with time throughout the half-term break. Thank you for all of the Morwellham Quay contributions; SchoolMoney is still active for any further contributions yet to be made. We will be going to Morwellham Quay on Tuesday 5th June, which is the second day back after half-term. Please ensure your child is at school on time that day as we will be departing school at 08:50. Children must bring a coat, sweatshirt and have sensible walking shoes on. Have a fun-filled half-term break and we look forward to seeing you all back for the final term of Year 4 very soon!

PLEASE LABEL ALL OF YOUR CHILDREN'S BELONGINGS SO THAT WE ARE ABLE TO REUNITE THEM IF THEY GET SEPERATED. WE HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF UNNAMED, UNCLAIMED LOST PROPERTY. THANK YOU

Year 5 News

What a busy final week Year 5 have had! In English, we have been creating our own 'Fantastic Beasts' and showing off our writing skills in our end of unit write. In Maths, we have mastered timetables and solved a range of problems around chariot travel. We finished our week with an Art day producing masterpieces to present our writing on. When the children return, 5P and 5X's PE sessions will be on a Monday, please remember to send kits in. Also, check your children's bags for letters about our Mount Batten adventure; permission slips returned as soon as possible would be appreciated. Have a wonderful half term break - fingers crossed for sunshine!

Year 6 News

The children have had a fantastic time this week what with Bude and Activity Week. Normal school life resumes after half term. The Senior Leadership Team would like to thank all the staff that took part in the Year 6 activity week and Bude Residential. Without all the staff's willing support this week would not be possible. Have a brilliant half term.

Music News – Proms in the Playground

Proms in the Playground Proms in the Playground for our choirs is rapidly approaching and we are all getting excited to share our great singing with you on Thursday 14th June! Please go online to buy your tickets on school money in the usual way.

Advance notice for the end of choirs:

Thursday choir - last rehearsal for the year is Thurs 7th June

Year 2 and 3 Choir - last rehearsal is Tues 12th June

Steel pan last rehearsals will be the last week of June culminating in our performance at Armed Forces Day at 1.30pm on the Hoe.

School Money Debts

Unfortunately, debts are mounting and a considerable number of parents/carers still owe for Breakfast club or school meals. Please ensure **all debts** are settled by the end of half term and thereafter payments are made in advance, as per school policy.

Book of the Week

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KICK

Another book purchased for Y6 with the sponsorship money you raised. Budi's plan is simple.

He's going to be a star. Budi's going to play for the greatest team on earth, instead of sweating over each stitch he sews, each football boot he makes.

A story about dreaming big, about hope and heroes, and never letting anything stand in your way.

If you have shared a book with your child and would like to recommend it, please email me. daniellejones@mpsplymouth.net

A Super Reader



A photo of Reggie (4P) in his Gnasher World Book Day costume, was sent, by mum to the Beano. They have printed his photo in this week's comic! He is really thrilled as he is an avid Beano reader. Super reading Reggie.

Win a Playground

Tomorrow will be the last chance to get your hands on some Herald tokens as the competition ends. In the Herald there will be another page of 100 tokens!!! We need as many tokens as possible please. **All tokens need to be in school by Tuesday 5th June.** Thanks for all your support, Mrs Start.

School Games

Another busy week, at 7.30 on a sunny Sunday morning, 17 children dressed in green alongside 3000 other children completed their final mile at the Hoe. Congratulations, you can now say you have ran half a marathon.

Boccia

3 teams and 2 young leaders had a chance to show off their Boccia skills on Tuesday at the Life Centre. Although teams do compete against each other, the emphasis is very much on having fun, taking part and celebrating the School Games Values of Self-Belief and Respect.

Tag Rugby

On Wednesday, our year 5 Tag Rugby team took part in the Annual festival held at Plymouth Albion, with over 40 teams entering. In our pool MPS finished in 3rd position, winning 3 and losing 2. Not qualifying for the final, the matches in the afternoon was to improve our skills, winning 2 out of 3. The team on a high and enjoying this new sport, entered in the year 6 event at SDCC the following day. Winning all matches. Fantastic teamwork, support and encouragement from each player, well done. Thank you to the parents who came to support on Wednesday and providing ice-lollies.



Pirate PLAYDAY IN THE PARK

Tavistock Meadows, Sat 2nd June 11am - 4pm

Bouncy Castle Yoga Pirate Treasure Hunt
Face Painting Craft
Best dressed pirate competition (kids and adults)
Drumming workshop Story Telling
Pirate Shanty Singing Tao Kwondo Demo
Soccertots Puppets Performing Dog

Raising money for the Mary Budding Trust



All day: Scrapsrote Craft, face painting, bouncy castle, treasure hunt

Pirate Treasure Hunt - find enough hidden coins to cross your palm with silver and win a prize!

Events Line-up

11.00 Brit Spirit Martial Arts demonstration
11.30 Youngster Yoga
12.00 Story telling/puppets/dog tricks (age 3-5)
12.30 Best dressed pirate competition
1.00 Pirate Shanties with The Edge
1.30 Youngster Yoga
2.00 Story telling/puppets/dog tricks (age 6+)
2.30 Soccertots fun and games
3.00 Drumming workshop with Singing Drum



Join thousands of schools across the country in paying tribute to dads, granddads, and guardians with a free Father's Day message within the Plymouth Herald.

The messages will appear in the Plymouth Herald's special Father's Day supplement and online at www.plymouthherald.co.uk on Saturday 16th June and will comprise of a simple greeting or poem of approximately 20 words.

How to Book:

Book online by visiting: www.plymouthherald.co.uk/bookanad and select your newspaper title.

Please visit the following link to YouTube to view a brief demonstration of how to book messages <http://youtu.be/kQ6sCsz4Ccc>

All messages will appear as below in the following format:

JONES Mark - Thank you for being
the World's best Dad! Lots of love
Daisy x x x

The final deadline for placing messages will be Wednesday 13th June at 5pm. However, we would highly recommend getting your notices in prior to Monday 11th June as after this date The Herald cannot guarantee there will be enough space in the supplement.

So please book early.

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