

# The Beacon

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## Deputy Headteacher's Comment

**Why road safety matters** - Montpelier recently supported the big pedal – an initiative to encourage children to be active and engage in alternatives methods on transport when coming into school. Part of our duty alongside this is to educate the children about road safety and why it matters. Our school site is in the heart of a residential area. This area is extremely busy at the beginning and the end of the day with over 1000 people entering or leaving the site on foot, bike or car at any one time.

Statistics indicate that the number of children aged 5-7 killed or seriously injured on the roads has decreased by 19% since 2010 (which is fantastic news). However, 73% of those killed or seriously injured were on foot at the time. A further 20% were killed or seriously injured as car passengers and 5% as cyclists. Alarming research shows 8% of 5-9 year olds were not restrained at all when travelling in the rear of vehicles and that most children under 9 can't judge how fast vehicles are going or how far away they are.

**How else you can help?** - Explain to your child why they need to stop, look and listen when crossing the road. Talk about safer places to cross and how it's harder to see where there are parked cars, junctions, bends or the brow of a hill. Help your child to learn the names of the different crossings, such as zebras, puffins, pelicans and footbridges. Follow these steps with your child every time you cross the road.

For more information please visit <http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/parents/5-to-7s/>

## Foundation News

This week we have learnt our new trigraph 'ure' and have focused on rhyming words - going on a hunt around our classrooms searching for hidden words and finding our rhyming buddies. In Maths we have learnt about time and putting events in order, also working on seasons and months (although it is hard to tell with this weather!). We cannot wait to start our Wedding topic next week and start to write stories. If anyone has any wedding clothes that the children could dress up in that you would like to donate to school we would be very grateful.

## Year 2 News

This week year 2 couldn't believe their luck when a hamper of delicious jam sandwiches was delivered! They were sent by Mr Grinling alongside a challenge to learn lots of tricky new words. We thoroughly enjoyed learning the words whilst devouring the lovely lunch. Have a fantastic weekend!

## Year 3 News

We have had a busy week in Year 3 completing our Wanted poster in English to catch the criminal that broke into our classrooms. In maths we have been completing various challenges using the four operations to achieve our maths passport. During our topic lesson we have been learning about Plymouth Zoo from a special visitor. Ask your children about the animals which escaped from Plymouth Zoo. Thank you to everyone who has taken part in the big pedal and breakfast this week. Year 3 wish you a lovely weekend.

## Year 6 News

Our Year 6 topic in Science is 'Electricity'. The children have been investigating circuits and can confidently build them using components. This week, children have been investigating how a lemon can be used to replace a battery to power a bulb. This proved to be an interesting experiment!

## Good Luck

Connor is playing in the Devon Under 25's singles at Babbacombe for outdoor bowls this Sunday. It is his first Devon's under 25's singles tournament and He will also be playing in the Devon Under 25's pairs later this month.

## School Term Dates for 2017/2018

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank holiday

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank holiday

**Tues 29<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> June Inc.** – Half term

**Tues 5<sup>th</sup> June** – Class Photos & Yr6 Individuals

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> June** - Proms in the Playground 6-7pm

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> June** - Schools race for life

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July** – 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – First day of the summer holidays

## School Term Dates for 2018/2019

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Non-Pupil Days.

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Non-Pupil Days.

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Autumn Term 2018 begins.

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> to Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Autumn Half Term Break 2018.

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Last Day of Autumn Term 2018.

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2018 to Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019** – Christmas Holiday 2018.

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019** – Non-Pupil Day.

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Spring Term 2019 Begins.

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb** – Spring Half Term Break 2019.

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April** – Last Day of Spring Term 2019.

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> to Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Easter Holiday 2019.

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Non-Pupil Day.

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Summer Term 2019 Begins.

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday.

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> to Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Summer Half Term Break 2019.

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> July** – 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July** – Non-Pupil Day.

## Sports Kit

Please could children who have school team sports kit return it to school as soon as possible, in particular the grey Nike football kit (black shorts and socks) and the dark green football kit (black shorts and green socks). As well as these items, we are also missing 10 hoodies, and numerous green and white T-Shirts that are used for most sporting events. The school may have to cancel its participation in future events and sporting matches if kit isn't returned to Mr Robinson in class 4S quickly.

## Multi Skills

Congratulations to the year 2 Multi Skills team that successfully won the event held at SDCC on Thursday with an impressive score of 4227 points, 1316 points ahead of the school that finished in 2nd. Each child, 6 boys and 6 girls had to participate in 11 different activities ranging from throwing, speed bounce, team relays and balancing to score points. Fantastic effort team, you were all amazing.

## Big Pedal

A huge thank you to everyone that took part in the Big Pedal over the past 2 weeks. Overall, it was a great success with over 1,600 journeys logged across all the classes! It was amazing to see so many people turn up for the Big Pedal Breakfast on Tuesday, the weather was great and it was great to see so many children come in on bike or scooter with over 400 children journeys logged (2/3 of the school). The overall winners were 1st) 2M and 2S with 103 journeys and 3rd) Class S with 100 journeys. Many Thanks Mr Carhart

## Competition to Win Playground Equipment

Just a reminder that the Tokens to win £9,500 of play equipment will be printed in The Herald from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Esme Carey (2S) has beautifully decorated a box which is now in reception for you to pop your tokens in. Let's start collecting! Mrs Start

## Book of the Week



A truly unmissable, hilarious adventure about a daddy mole who has mislaid his spectacles. Morris can't find them anywhere. So, he decides to go on without them, trusting his instincts to lead him the right way home to his waiting family and delicious dinner of worm noodles. "Mrs Mole, I'm homeeee!" he sings...as he burrows right into some poor unsuspecting rabbit family's hole.

Oh dear. Without his spectacles, Morris really can't see a single thing - how will he ever get home?

**If you have shared a book with your child and would like to recommend it, please email me. [daniellejones@mpsplymouth.net](mailto:daniellejones@mpsplymouth.net)**

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## Football News

Last week, the Year 5/6 Montpelier Football Team took part in the South-West regional finals going up against the best teams across 10 counties. The boys played fantastically and showed a real grit and determination playing against some great teams. Unfortunately, the boys didn't make it to the semi-finals only losing on goal difference to Hampshire but it was a fantastic achievement getting as far as they have done. Mr Robinson and myself were extremely proud of all the boys efforts and we look forward to finishing the football season, hopefully with some more silverware. A huge thank you to the boys who gave up their Saturday to take part, Aaron B, Liam C, Lucas P, Sam H, Brody P, Charlie K, Finley S, Corradi C and Henry S. Also, a big thank you to the parents that travelled up to Bristol to watch. A huge well done, Mr Carhart.



## IS YOUR HOME CONNECTED SAFELY?

These days it's not a matter of what you can connect to the internet, but more what you can't. What was considered futuristic 10 years ago is now commonplace technology in most homes and offices.

Lighting, heating, security systems, games and toys... even refrigerators are all connected to your Wi-Fi and controlled by apps on your mobile devices. Very handy, but how safe are they? They all transmit data, data that can be intercepted by criminals to disable your intruder alarm or to highlight when you are away from your home.

Don't panic: there are some simple, practical steps you can take to ensure you are connected safely. For everything you need to know, visit [www.getsafeonline.org/connectedhome](http://www.getsafeonline.org/connectedhome)

Mr Fielding (Computer Co-ordinator)



## CATER<sup>ed</sup> proudly presents: Ed's Super Fantastic Foodie Workshops

This year we will be running interactive children engagement sessions throughout the 3 days of Flavour Fest.

Starting at 10.30am until 3pm daily on Friday 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June in Plymouth City Centre we will be running one hour food and cookery sessions.

Kids can get hands on making fresh fruit smoothies and dips, have a go at making their own burger, see demonstrations from our school catering teams cooking with vegetables and learn all about sugar in their food.

We'll be in the Children's Engagement Marquee right next to the Sundial.

Come and meet Ed & CATE during the 3 days!

All primary school-aged children are welcome to come enjoy a session. Younger children can participate but we ask that parents remain with their children.

10.30am	Smashing Smoothies	1pm	Sweet Enough
11.00am	Brilliant Burgers	1.30pm	Smashing Smoothies
11.30am	Delicious Dips	2.00pm	Brilliant Burgers
12 noon	That can't be Vegetables!	2.30pm	Delicious Dips
12.30pm	Biscuit Decorating	3.00pm	That can't be Vegetables!

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