

The Beacon

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The Beacon at a Glance

- [Y2 and Y6 performances](#) go down a storm with parents.
- [NEW non-pupil days](#) are announced in Oct, Dec and March.
- [Change of menu](#) - last day of term + [school meals payments](#).
- How school leavers can keep their [TT Rockstars account](#).
- Reminder regarding [lost property & labelling personal items](#).
- [Race for Life](#) raised [£621.52](#) plus info on how to donate.

Headteacher's News

As part of our move into a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT), we have been asked to set aside three additional non-pupil days, during the 2017-2018 academic year, in order for our entire staff to receive training alongside colleagues from across the MAT. **These three new additional days are: Mon 02nd October, Thurs 23rd November, and Fri 16th March.** As you're all aware, we highly value every day that children attend school and the MAT Team, Governors, & senior staff regret that the three additional days are required but these are essential in order to drive a key new initiative - 'Visible Learning' - across all MAT schools.

Thanks to all those family members who attended the **Y2 & Y6 shows this week**. The children were simply amazing, providing us all with spectacularly entertaining performances. Their sheer joy and excitement at being a part of them was palpable and it was great to have shared this with so many of you.

Foundation News

The children thoroughly enjoyed the performances this week - what a fantastic job Year 2 and Year 6 did. We have continued to learn about people who help us including Coastguards and Firemen! The week has ended with another visit to Year 1 classes where the children have already begun to settle in their new classes with new teachers. We are looking forward to ending the Foundation year with fun at the Teddy Bears picnic.

Year 3 News

Where has the year gone? In English the children have been working hard to finish their amazing evacuee stories. In Maths they have been looking at and interpreting data. The week was rounded off with a fantastic 'blitz' art day. The children used printing to produce effective silhouettes of Plymouth.

Year 4 News

Well done to Year 4 and good luck as you move forward into Year 5. You have all worked really hard this year and deserve your break.

Year 6 News

On Monday 24th July, the children will be having a special lunch. (menu chosen by Yr6). Please log on to school money to pay in the usual way. Year 6 celebration assembly on Tuesday 25th July at 9:30 - please return the slip. Year 6 children will leave the school at 1:30pm from the Parker Road gate. Uniform as usual but they are invited to bring in an additional school shirt to have signed by their peers if they so wish.

Important Reminders

Lost Property: There's lots of items in lost property so please come and check if you're missing something [before the end of term](#). All unnamed items will be donated over the holiday. **Labelling Uniform:** Please remember to [label all items](#) for the new school year as this helps us to return lost uniform.

Key Diary Dates

	Leavers' assembly
Tues 25 th July 17	Last day of term 2:30pm finish (Y6 finish at 1.30pm)
Wed 26 th July 17	Start of summer holidays
Mon 04 th Sept 17	Non-pupil day
Tue 05 th Sept 17	First day of term
Mon 23 rd 27 th Oct Incl.	Half term
20 th Dec-02 nd Jan Incl.	Christmas holiday
Wed 03 rd Jan 18	Non pupil day

Other News

Last Day of Term – Menu Change

Please note there is a change of menu on Tue 25th July. Fish & Chips, Meat Free Sausage Rolls and Jacket Potato.

Payment for School Meals

We wish to remind parents/carers that payments are to be *made in advance* as per school policy. For those who have debts please ensure that they are settled without delay as the school is now owed a considerable sum.

Music News

Instrument Amnesty: Please return any musical instruments at home to Miss JR asap. Year 5 and 6, please have a look for any brass or steel pans hiding away in bedrooms!

Gardening Club

There are wellington boots left in the shed from Gardening Club please see Mrs Castles

Year 1 News

Wow! The last full week as Year 1 children was certainly memorable! We had a fantastic time on Superhero Day and would like to thank you for all of your support this year. Have a great summer!

Year 5 News

The year 5 team would like to wish everyone an enjoyable holiday and wish the present year 5 children well for their final year at Montpelier and we look forward to welcoming the current year 4 in September. Have a great holiday!

Year 2 News

What a fantastic year it has been! We hope you enjoyed the show. Thank you for all of your support. Enjoy the summer!

TT Rock Stars

When your child leaves school, their **TT Rock Stars account** can still be accessed. You'll need to register with TTRS on a family plan (£7.20/yr - up to 3 chn) then teleport in your child. Once done, they'll leave the school account and belong to the family one. First 50 can get £1 off by using the code 'teleport'.

Announcements

Thanks to all who raised money for Cancer Research UK in our **Race for Life** event. To date we've raised [£621.52](#). If you still have outstanding sponsorship, or wish to add a donation, please visit www.justgiving.com/mpsplymouth or take your form and money to any Cancer Research shop.