

# The Beacon

**Academic Year 2020/21**

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*Hello from Mr West*

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Armistice Day, held on November 11<sup>th</sup> every year, commemorates the signing of the armistice between the Allies and Germany at 11am on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918. On Wednesday, as I am sure many of you did, the children and staff of Montpelier Primary School respected the tradition to pause for a two minute silence at 11am to remember, and say thank you to service men and women past and present - it was heartening to see so many families join us, albeit virtually, at this time. Remembrance and its importance has been a big part of our curriculum offer this week, with the children showing compassion, empathy and respect for the meaning and message behind it. The sight of the poppy and the reason we wear it will hopefully be something the children of Montpelier Primary School have a greater understanding and respect for. As a school we would like to express our thanks for the positive feedback we have received following our remembrance service this week, it is truly appreciated. It was definitely not the same without your presence, but I am delighted to share that, through your generosity, we have raised £244 for the British Legion. Thank you.

## **COVID UPDATE**

On a separate note I wish to inform you that throughout this week we have received messages from local residents sharing their concerns with respect to groups gathering outside of our school grounds. Can I please ask all families to continue to be vigilant when dropping off and collecting children from school, remembering to wear a mask and be respectful of the social distancing guidelines we are currently living by.

Have a great weekend, see you next week.

## **School Term Dates for 2020/2021**

*(In light of the current situation dates might be subject to change)*

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Non-Pupil Day

**Tues 1<sup>st</sup> – Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Lunch

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Jumper Day – full mufti

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – last day of term

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Dec** – Christmas Holidays

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2021** – Bank holiday

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Non-pupil day

**Mon 15 – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb Inc.** – Half term

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr** – Bank holiday

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Apr** – Bank holiday

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Apr** – Easter holidays

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Bank holiday

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Bank holiday

**Tues 1<sup>st</sup> – Fri 4<sup>th</sup> June Inc.** – Half term

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> June** – non-pupil day

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – Last day of term (**1:30pm finish for Year 6 / 2:15pm finish for Foundation through to Year 5**)

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> July** – start of the summer holidays





## Christmas Lunches Week Commencing 30<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents and Carers,

The week of 30<sup>th</sup> November there is a change to the school menu to allow us to give the children a chance to have their annual Christmas lunch.

The children will be able to sit together in their year group bubbles in the canteen. To allow this to happen safely, we will need to extend this over the period of a week.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November will be the normal menu for the whole school.

**For the remainder of the week the only options (unless it's your child's day for Christmas Lunch) will be Jacket Potatoes with either cheese, tuna or beans.**

Sittings for **Christmas Lunch** Year group bubbles in the canteen:

**Tuesday 01<sup>st</sup>** December will be **Year 6** and **Year 4** in the canteen.

**Wednesday 02<sup>nd</sup>** December will be **Year 5** and **Year 1** in the canteen.

**Thursday 03<sup>rd</sup>** December will be **Year 2** and **Year 3** in the canteen.

**Friday 04<sup>th</sup>** December will be **Foundation** in the canteen.

Christmas Lunch consists of, Roast Turkey, Chipolata Sausage, or Quorn Roast with seasonal vegetables. Dessert will be Rudolph Muffins.

Christmas crackers are being provided by the PTFA.



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