

The Beacon

Academic Year 2020/21

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Hello from Mr West

I feel it is appropriate to start today by quoting the words from the Christmas song written in 1951 by Meredith Willson, 'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas'. For the last couple of weeks those words couldn't be more appropriate – although it has been Christmas in my house since November 1st.

Throughout my time at Montpelier, I have to say that the children and staff have never ceased to amaze me. We might be in the midst of a worldwide pandemic, but Christmas is still in full force at our school. We've held seven Christmas lunches, the annual Christmas tree festival, Wishes around the Tree, Year 1 and EYFS are putting on performances, and Miss JR took to zoom with the Christmas sing-a-long **and** we still have five more days to look forward too.

As we enter the final week of term, my hope is that the children experience a time filled with laughter and happiness. They have all worked incredibly hard and thoroughly deserve the break that will be upon us next Friday.

Finally, a very personal 'thank you' to all the staff that work at Montpelier. I have worked in a number of schools, and I have to say the staff at Montpelier are an amazing group of people to work with. I would like to add that I can say the same about you, our parents and for that I am extremely grateful. On that note, I will finish by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, I do hope you enjoy the break, I know I will. See you in 2021

School Term Dates for 2020/2021

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

Mon 14th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day – full mufti

Fri 18th Dec – last day of term

Mon 21st Dec – Thurs 31st Dec – Christmas Holidays

Fri 1st Jan 2021 – Bank holiday

Mon 4th Jan – Non-pupil day

Mon 15 – Fri 19th Feb Inc. – Half term

Fri 2nd Apr – Bank holiday

Mon 5th Apr – Bank holiday

Tues 6th – Fri 16th Apr – Easter holidays

Mon 3rd May – Bank holiday

Mon 31st May – Bank holiday

Tues 1st – Fri 4th June Inc. – Half term

Fri 25th June – non-pupil day

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

Mon 26th July – start of the summer holidays



Plymouth Dads Project



Where? Ham Woods, park/meet at Ham House PL2 2HP

Who? For children over 5 and their dads/father figures (we have other events for younger)

What? We will spend the afternoon learning how to start a fire using only a dragon's breath, making charcoal, doing fun Christmas activities and serving festive hot drinks. hands-on activity in the woods, warning: wrap up warm and wear old clothes— you may get covered in charcoal.

Sat 12th Dec
Christmas
Campfire in
the Woods
1-4pm

Calling all dads and male carers (step dads, uncles, grandads...) come meet other dads, make new friends, enjoy fun FREE activities with your children on Saturdays and discuss the challenges and successes of being a dad at our Tuesday Conversation Cafes— a safe space to talk all things dad & eat pizza...

Please book your
FREE place through
info@dangerousdads.org.uk
or call/text
07934739098.

Limited places to ensure we can provide safe, socially distanced events and the right amount of refreshments so booking is essential...

FREE Events for Dads-Winter Series 20/21

Plymouth Dads Project



Who?

For children under 5 (including babies and toddlers) and their dads/ father figures (we have other events for older children)

Where?

Just Imagine, Christian Mill Business Park, PL6 5DS

What? We will spend the afternoon chatting with other dads over tea, coffee and cake whilst getting festive and creating some Christmassy crafts with our little ones. We will be joined by the wonderful Creation Station (experts in arts and crafts for little ones) to help us get creative for an hour before relaxing and socialising in the café whilst the children enjoy the adjoined play area.



**Saturday
19th Dec—
Christmas
Crafting
2-3.30pm**

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Sat 12th Dec, 1-4pm, Christmas Campfire

For over 5s and their dads @ Ham Woods, PL2 2HP

Tue 15th Dec 7pm– Dads' Conversation Café

Dads /male carers only @ the Cabin, Barne Barton, PL5 1EJ and ONLINE

Sat 19th Dec, 2-3.30pm– Christmas Creating

For 0-5 years and their dads @ Just Imagine, PL6 5DS

SAVE THE DATE 2021

Events for Over 5s and their dads:

Sat 9th Jan, Sat 13th Feb and Sat 20th Mar
1-3.30pm, Ham Woods, PL2 2HP

Events for 0-5 years and their dads:

Sat 16th Jan, Sat 20th Feb, Sat 13th Mar
2-3.30pm, Just imagine, PL6 5DS

Dads' Conversation Cafés:

Tue 26th Jan, Tue 23rd Feb and Tue 16th Mar
7-8.30pm, the Cabin, Barne Barton, PL5 1EJ
and ONLINE (open to dads anywhere)

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