

The Beacon

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Hello from Mr West

Armistice Day, held on November 11th every year, commemorates the signing of the armistice between the Allies and Germany at 11am on 11th November 1918. Although hostilities continued in some areas, the armistice essentially brought an end to four years of fighting in the First World War.

On Monday, 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 those killed in the two world wars and those British servicemen killed or injured since 1945 - it was heartening to see so many families join us at this time.

Royal British Legion says: "Great Britain still believes strongly in remembering those who fought not only in World Wars, but the more than 15,000 British Servicemen and women killed or injured since 1945." The act of Remembrance rightly has a place in and impact on our lives, no matter which day of the week it might fall upon. The most important thing from our school perspective is that the memory of those who have given their lives and continue to serve our country to preserve the free world that we live in are remembered for many generations to come. The sight of the poppy and the reason we wear it will hopefully be something the children of Montpelier Primary School understand, have respect for and will honour for many years to come.

Have a great weekend.



School Term Dates for 2019/2020

Mon 11th Nov - Anti-Bullying Week 2019 'Change Starts with Us' - wear odd socks for the week

Mon 11th Nov – Service family lunch

Fri 15th Nov – Children in Need - wild and wacky sports fancy dress

Wed 20th Nov – 6:30 – 7:30pm Information evening for new parents (2020/21 intake)

Fri 29th Nov – Non-Pupil Day

Wed 4th Dec - Montpelier Christmas Tree Festival

Mon 9th Dec – 6pm Montpelier Choirs' Carol Service, Plymouth Methodist Central Hall

Thurs 12th Dec – **School closed for Polling Day**

Fri 13th Dec – Christmas Lunch Day

Fri 13th Dec – Christmas Fair

Fri 20th Dec – Fri 3rd Jan 2020 Inc. – Christmas Holidays

Mon 6th Jan – Non-Pupil Day

Mon 17th – Fri 21st Feb Inc. - Half term

Mon 30th March – Mon 13th April Inc. – Easter holidays

Tues 14th April – Non-Pupil Day

Fri 8th May – Bank Holiday

Mon 11th May - Yr6 SATs

Sun 17th – 22nd May – Yr 6 Bude

Mon 25th – Fri 29th May - Half term

Fri 26th June – Non-Pupil Day

Wed 22nd July – end of term

Thurs 23rd July – First day of summer holidays

Carol Service

If your child sings in one of our school choirs (Year 2/3 choir, Thursday Choir, Boys Choir or Green squad - including those coming to choir as part of Stargazers), you are all invited to our fantastic Carol Concert to be held on Monday 9th December. Children taking part have all had letters. Please return the permission slip ASAP. **TICKETS GO ON SALE** on Monday at 6pm through school money - mark your calendars! This concert **always** sells out, so don't delay in making your purchase.

A reminder that children taking part do not need a ticket. The concert is not suitable for pre-school children to attend.

SEND Information Report Review

We need your help!

We would love it if parents could join us to review our current SEND Information Report which is for all parents.

The report gives details about the special education needs and disability provision at Montpelier Primary School. We want to ensure the report is user friendly and accessible for parents so your input is vital.

Come to the school café on Monday 18th November at 8:45am.

Tea/coffee and biscuits available.

See you there!

Music News – Instrumental lessons

If your child learns a musical instrument at Montpelier and you do not wish them to continue after Christmas, please let Miss JR (jessrowe@mpsplymouth.net) know for drums, cornet, violin, ukulele, flute and singing or Mrs Berna (gberna2014@gmail.com) if your child learns keyboard, guitar or clarinet.

Notice needs to be given by Monday 18th November.

Penguins: A Lego brick trail

Find the hidden penguins in Plymouth City Centre for your chance to win a weekend family trip to Legoland Windsor Resort. visitplymouth.co.uk

Penguins: A LEGO brick trail is returning to the city centre this Christmas, having proved incredibly popular last year. The trail will run from 30th November to 5th January, with 19 Rockhopper penguins and one Emperor penguin – all life size and made out of LEGO bricks - to discover.

The penguins will be hiding in city centre shops and cafes and young adventurers need to find the names of all 20 for the chance to win incredible prizes, including a weekend family trip to LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort courtesy of Plymouth Citycoach, or a penguin feeding experience at Living Coasts in Torquay for four people.



Forest Maintenance

We are in need of some work doing in our forest area. Initially, we are looking for help with the following jobs- building a storage box and wood store, pegging our new log circle in place and spreading slate and wood chippings. A big thank you to the parents and the National Trust Plymbridge who kindly donated logs to us!

If you think you can help or would like to know more, please contact the reception team and let them know of your availability before Christmas, ideally any weekday day after 15:00 and I will get in touch with you. Refreshments will be provided!

Miss Nicholls

Christmas tie-dings

Please could you look at home to see if you can donate an old tie to the school, as we would like to recycle it for our amazing Christmas tree in the school entrance. We want as many ties as possible, any colour, any size, any pattern greatly received. We are really organised for our annual Montpelier Christmas Tree Festival.

Thank you to those who have already sent in their donation of ties, please keep them coming.

Love from Mrs Hunter, Mr West and Miss Spragg



C4L Basketball

A different kind of event on Tuesday at Tor Bridge High: instead of our normal competitive format, we focused on learning new skills, working together as a team and the School Games value of Self Belief. This event has been designed so that no prior experience is necessary and the focus is very much on trying something new. The 8 children that took part showed these skills. Well done.

Rowing

Last Friday 6 children had the opportunity to take part in a rowing event held at Cann Bridge School. Throughout the morning each child had a go at completing some distance challenges and were then encouraged to try to beat their own scores as well as that of their team mates and other schools. We celebrated the School Games Value of Self Belief this morning as for some children this was a completely new experience and we talked about how important it is to have a go at new things and to believe that you can do it. Well done to everyone for getting involved and trying new challenges—you all did brilliantly!

Indoor Athletics

On Wednesday 2 teams – Green and White participated in the SDCC Indoor Athletics. As always, the girls were up first on the track competing in the 1+1 lap relay and the 6 lap Paarlauf setting some very quick times. Meanwhile the boys were starting their field events, competing in the standing long jump and the standing triple jump trying to gain some vital points for their teams. Next up it was the boys turn to take to the track whilst the girls got started on their field events. Another quick swap for the 2+2 and 4+1lap before the final race, which seems to be everyone's favourite the obstacle race. Once again, both team dominated the track with the greens winning 9 out of 10 races and the whites just behind them in 2nd.

Waiting for the final results knowing that only one team qualifies for the next round – will it be White or Greens!!!! Congratulations to the Green team with 204 points and the Whites in a very close 2nd with 160 points. Thank you to those parents that came to support. Have a look on our school Facebook page for a few videos of the children in their track events.

Can any kit please be returned ASAP.



School Direct Teacher Training

We are now recruiting graduates for 2020/21



Taster Morning at Montpelier Primary School

Tuesday 26th November 2019: 9.15am-12.30pm

Come along to find out more about training to become a Primary school teacher with our school based programme in partnership with Plymouth Marjon University.

Please register your interest at:
admin@primaryexcellence.org

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Wednesday 27th 4th 11th 18th

Friday 29th 13th 20th

5:30 - 8:00 pm

COME AND VISIT US

