

The Beacon

Academic Year 2018/19

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Hello from Ms Hunter

What an amazing term it has been. I am sure that you will have heard me say this on many occasions but I am so glad that I came to Montpelier and I am so proud to be the Headteacher of our incredible school. Thank you all for your positivity and enthusiasm, and for going with me on some crazy new ideas and plans. You have been incredibly supportive (and patient!) and I could not have asked for a warmer welcome into the school family; I felt at home from day one. I am excited about all that we have achieved so far and can't wait to see what happens in the months to come.

I hope that you and your families have enjoyed the Christmas festivities at school over the past weeks. We have had our stunning Carol Service, Carols Round the Tree, the Christmas Tree Festival, our Year 1 nativity and Foundation sing-a-long, Christmas lunch and parties, the Christmas Fair, Trophy assemblies and Wishes Round the Tree. Finally, today we have given the children a surprise treat with a staff pantomime. We have attempted to recreate Cinderella with a whole one hour of rehearsal time! I have to say a massive thank you to our incredible staff – they have kept going over these past weeks with festive cheer and good humour. Fab-u-lous!

Have a very merry Christmas as you enjoy this special time with those you love. Let us be confident that it is the time that we spend with each other that is important, not the money that we spend. Memories are made from laughter and love.

I can't wait to see you in the new year!

Mrs Hunter 😊

Do You Owe for Dinners or Breakfast Club?

You may be sat there reading this thinking "Oh I only owe for one meal (£2.20), or one Breakfast Club session (£2.50)", but actually so do lots of other parents. The total amount outstanding for these two activities to date is over £1,000. Please, please, please, pay any outstanding monies asap. If you are having problems in doing so then contact us in the office on 01752 216160. To stop receiving any repeat texts requesting payments over the Christmas period, or in fact at any time, please ensure you have a zero balance, or even be in credit. We understand that this is an expensive time of year but thank you for your understanding and support as always.

School Term Dates for 2018/2019

Thurs 20th Dec – Last Day of Autumn Term 2018.

Fri 21st Dec 2018 to Fri 4th Jan 2019 – Christmas Holiday 2018.

Mon 7th Jan 2019 – Non-Pupil Day.

Tues 8th Jan – Spring Term 2019 Begins.

Thurs 10th Jan - Parent Forum at 2.15 for an hour.

Mon 18th Feb to Fri 22nd Feb – Spring Half Term Break 2019.

1st April to 5th April - The Big Pedal

Fri 5th April – Last Day of Spring Term 2019.

Mon 8th to Mon 22nd April – Easter Holiday 2019.

Tues 23rd April – Non-Pupil Day.

Wed 24th April – Summer Term 2019 begins.

Mon 6th May – Bank Holiday.

Mon 27th to Fri 31st May – Summer Half Term Break 2019.

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

Thurs 25th July 2019 – Non-Pupil Day.

Year 6

In Year 6, one of the ways we have tried to encourage children to read more regularly is by holding a reading competition. Children were awarded raffle tickets for the number of times they have read at home during this half term. Two tickets from each class were randomly selected in a raffle draw to find the winners. Here are the winners from this half-term making festive gingerbread.



Year 5

WOW... Christmas is upon us. What a wonderful term, full of surprises, achievements and excitement. Each and every child in Year 5 has amazed us. We are all so proud of them. Have yourselves a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Take care and see you in 2019. The Year 5 Team.

Are you on the 'Nice List'

Lots of children and family members will be excited to receive tablets, mobiles and other devices from Santa this Xmas. If, as parents and carers, you wish to check that these are set up correctly to be as safe as possible please visit <https://nicedevicelist.com>

This site lets you take a quiz to test your knowledge of online safety, including topics such as parental controls and privacy settings. Once you have completed the quiz, you'll be given the opportunity to download and print a letter for your child from Santa Claus himself on how to use devices safely and stay on Santa's 'nice' list. You can then give the letter to your child alongside their new device!



Year 5 Visit Glentor Dementia Centre

Some Year 5 singers Miss JR and Mrs Worthy visited Glentor Dementia Centre yesterday to sing for the residents and spread some festive cheer. The residents loved it, some joining in with singing or playing the bells along with us. It was a really lovely way to finish a very busy Musical time of year and we hope to make it a more regular occurrence in 2019.

