

The Beacon

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Hello from Mrs Hunter

This week I came across a video on social media. It is a clip from a basketball game and it shows a young man, number 50, helping another player to score. While it is number 50 who is there to support him, I love that it is everyone in the room who is part of this positivity. The team mates, the referee, the spectators and the opposition. I popped the link on our Facebook page this week as I felt that it represents our Montpelier family – supportive, inclusive, positive, together. While I do love having a break at the end of a long term, I also look forward to being a family again when we come back together. If you would like to see the clip then have a look on YouTube and search for 'Everyone needs a friend like #50'.

It has been lovely to see so many of you in school this week. Thank you to Mr Carhart for all his hard work in organising the Big Pedal. This was another 'first' for me and I loved having breakfast together on Thursday. The children's manners were just amazing with their 'pleases' and thank 'yous'. We have also had our Easter assemblies. I appreciate that Easter means different things to different people. For some it is about the beauty of spring and the promise of new life and the hope of sunnier times to come. For others it is about extra family time (or DIY jobs!) with the bank holidays. And for others it is the promise of hope in the Easter story. We have been sharing the Easter story as a school family in our assemblies. For some it is just that, a story of friendship, betrayal, death and life. For others it is not a story but part of their faith. I think that it is important that we share stories like this to help them question what life is all about and to help them forge their own path in what they believe. It is a part of my job that I see as a real privilege. Whatever you believe, I hope that you have a wonderful break and I will look forward to seeing you back for the summer term. Mrs Hunter ☺

Hello from Alison Green - Governor

As the Easter holiday approach, I'd like to let you know how March was from a governor's perspective. I came in with another governor, Janet Ellard, and we looked at EFYS and the positive progress and achievements being made across all the classes by our youngest pupils. World book day was another great success. The staff and children who came in for bedtime stories was lovely to see. The younger children were so excited there was a real buzz around the place. It showed how the school is very well supported by staff and parents alike. Janet and I had an opportunity to meet with Mrs Jones, literacy co-ordinator, to see how literacy is moving forward across the whole school. This is an area which is multi-faceted! There is a unified approach to this area of learning and the evidence is all positive. The governing board met during February. As a governing body we are there to support the school and staff ensuring every child gets the best possible start in their education. The meeting was a success – and we set a record by finishing early! The hard work continues across the school. Have a great Easter break and let us hope the sun makes an appearance!

Alison Green

School Term Dates for 2018/2019

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.

Thurs 2nd May – PTFA Quiz Night

Mon 6th May – Bank Holiday.

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

Wed 12th June – Tempest Class photos & Year 6 individuals

Mon 1st July – KS1 (Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2) Sports Day starts at 10am

Tues 2nd July – 9:30am Years 3 and 4 / 1:15pm Years 5 and 6

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

Thurs 25th July 2019 – Non-Pupil Day.

Tues 3rd Sept – First day of term

Plymouth Argyle Club for Year 3/4 Girls

The Plymouth Argyle Club for Year 3/4 Girls, starting Friday 26th April after school, is now full to capacity. If your child has gained a place, please pay the £5.00 cost on School Money.

**BOOK
OF
THE
WEEK**

MIXED
A Colorful Story



Arree Chung

Class 2P have been testing more books longlisted for the Red House Book Awards.

We thought this one was amazing! We loved the pictures and the message of difference and acceptance.

Definitely one to share at home.

If you have shared a book with your child and would like to recommend it, please email me. daniellejones@mpsplymouth.net

So near, yet so far for the Y3/4 Boys

On Monday, the Year 3/4 Boys team played the final of the Argyle Community Cup at Manadon Astroturf.

The festival consisted of the 7 best teams in Plymouth playing each other in a league format.

Montpelier began with a comfortable 2-0 victory against Hooe, but were caught napping in the second match, going 2-0 to Borrigndon at half-time. A spirited effort got the score back to 2-1, but defeated tasted and a lesson learnt that you must be at it from the first whistle.

Match 3 left a bitter taste, as our team dominated Laira Green, leading 2-1 until the final minute, when our opponents notched twice to win with the last deflected kick of the game.

A rousing response was called for and the greens didn't disappoint. Local rivals Shakespeare felt our wrath, being on the end of a 4-0 trouncing which might have been doubled. Similarly, Woodford again lost 4-0 as MPS turned possession and aggression into goals. The final match was against regular rivals Bickleigh (The eventual winners) . Montpelier were again the better team and took a deserved half-time lead. Defensive hesitation led to a Bickleigh equaliser, but the final results of 3 wins, 1 draw and 2 defeats meant a fourth place finish- 4th best in Plymouth- but with the promise of more to come.

Well played to Harry, Fletcher, Blake, Ewan, Charlie, Jayden, Sam and Byron.

Thanks also to the parents who supported the team and a special thank you to Steve of STED Interiors for kindly sponsoring our smart new Year 3/4 kit.



'CleanOurPatch'

One of our Governors has arranged with @CleanOurPatch to do a Montpelier Community Litter Pick. Meeting at main entrance to the school on Saturday 11th May at 10:30am. The team have all the litter picking equipment we need. This will be a great opportunity for students and their families along with local residents and businesses to create a cleaner and safer environment together.

You can follow the group on twitter @CleanOurPatch or on Facebook Clean Our Patch - Community Litter Pickers for updates



As part of our school Elmer project, we invite **families and friends of our school community**, to become involved with making an 'Elmer Patchwork' blanket. It will be donated to St Luke's Hospice as a gift from **our Montpelier School Family** - we would like to show our appreciation of all the great work they continue to do in our local community and to further support Elmer's BIG Parade Plymouth 2019.

We invite you to help us make the blanket by crocheting individual '**solid granny squares**' which will be crocheted together to make a bigger '**Elmer Patchwork**' blanket.

One blanket will need 80 'solid granny squares' - granny squares can be crocheted in the comfort of your own homes with your family and friends and/or you are invited to attend one or more of our 'crochet workshops' here in school - come along and learn to crochet or help teach others to complete a square or two! Adults and children are welcome. **Workshop 1 - Wednesday 24th April 2019 - 3:15 pm - 4:15pm.**

If crocheting squares at home, please use a **single-colour doubleknit wool** and a **size 5 mm crochet hook** - all we ask is for you to donate your squares to help create our school blanket and to have **FUN with your family and friends** in the process! **How to Make 'A Solid Granny Square' Tutorial view:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmFYap_izdc

Any wool and crochet hook donations are welcome to use in our workshops - please pass into our school Main Reception.

A BIG thank you to those of you who already have crocheted squares and donated wool to help us Awith our blanket making. To date we have over **45 complete squares - over half way to making our first blanket**. If you have time over the Easter holiday, please keep crocheting - if we exceed 80 squares we can make a second blanket!

Happy Crocheting - we would like to complete our blanket by May 31st 2019. Thank you again for your support in this project. Any questions please contact Victoria Pascoe (Year 2 Teacher).

