

## Moretonhampstead Primary School Newsletter

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22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018

### Upcoming Events

#### Summer Fair

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> June  
3.30pm

Yr 3 Storytelling  
Day @ Buckfast  
Abbey  
6<sup>th</sup> July

Cranbrook/  
Pepperdon visit  
to Plymouth  
Aquarium  
12<sup>th</sup> July

Swimming Gala  
Weds 18<sup>th</sup> July- am

Cross Country  
Event  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July-  
2.15pm

Year 6 Leavers'  
Assembly  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 Leavers'  
Swimming Party  
6pm-  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July

Last day of term  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July

### Dear Children and Parents,

I am pleased to let you know that we will be welcoming Mr Richard Wright to the team from September as our new Year 1/2 teacher. He will be meeting the children during our 'Meet the Teacher' days on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July. Our sincere thanks to Mrs Rachel Williams who has supported all the children in year 1/2 in Easdon so well since Christmas. Further details regarding class structures for next year will be sent to you shortly. Our teachers have all been working hard on the children's end of year reports and these will be sent home on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

It has been a truly busy term- hat making for the Morecare Garden Party (taking place tomorrow), year 3 to Escot (they were great), girls' football success at Newton Abbot, transition day for year 5 at SDCC, willow weaving, year 3 and 4 Dartmoor 3 Ball tournament and a visit from a Space Dome! There are also lots of other events coming up, too many to list here. Please see our Calendar under the 'Parents' tab of our website for more information.

We all enjoyed a terrific 'Community Feast' yesterday (please look at our Facebook page for lots of photos). The children have all been involved in growing, making and serving bread, cheese, hummus, salad, sausages, roasted potatoes and frittata all washed down with strawberries, meringue and cream! Many thanks to Anne Burns who organised this event with the wonderful team of Annkatrin, Georgie Lingard, Liz Gavrilenko and Andrea Foxwell amongst others. It was wonderful to share this event with 'senior' members of our community.

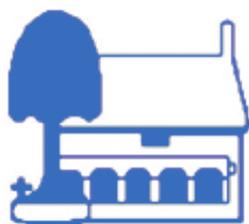
Thank you also to Kirstie Alden who has been busy reorganising our cooking area with new resources to make it a much more engaging and effective space in which our children can prepare food.

A fabulous Sports Day today and thank you to all of you who were able to join us to cheer the children on. We will announce the overall winning Houseteam next week. Many thanks to the Co-op who provided ice lollies for all the children and to Mrs Scholz for organising this event. The children have now been given their new coloured PE t-shirts- please keep these safe for use in all PE sessions next year.

Our Summer Fair is next Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup> June from 3.30pm- please spread the word as all are welcome. We also look forward to seeing you at our Swimming Gala on the morning of Weds 18<sup>th</sup> July and our Cross-Country event will be at 2.15pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

With very best wishes,  
William Bentall  
Headteacher





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Our Facebook page now includes news and photos for every class every week. It really is worth a look! We are also using our page to remind parents of upcoming events so do please visit and 'follow':

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We are delighted that the school now has its own flags so that we can be part of the town's celebrations. Annkatrin collected drawings from the gardening club children which were translated into the flags designs by Irene Course and Jan Underwood.

Both have made many flags for the town and they have done us proud! Irene had a lot of problems with her flag.... not least a broken sewing machine... if you look closely you will see that some of the pieces have been hand sewn. Irene was not going to let the flag beat her!

### Houseteam Captains

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected as House Captains:

**Fernworthy:** Ruan and Jaz M

**Kennick:** Matilda E and Tom

**Meldon:** Millie and Rory G

**Venford:** Isabel C and Oscar



They sit with the staff during our Celebration Assemblies and also lead during Houseteam events. We will choose new House Captains from our current year 5 children before the end of term.



### Golden Circles

Awarded for outstanding work to:

**Albert, Mason, Sophie, Linden, Ste, Jake, Annie, Mae, Bonnie, Riley, Iraven, Lily-Mae, Charlotte, John and Lottie.**



### Stars of the Week

**Pepperdon:** Anna and Ariella

**Easdon:** Sennen, Blake, Natan and Thomas

**Shapley:** Hannah, Sophie and Callum

**Mardon:** Mae, Bonnie, Harry V and Gulliver

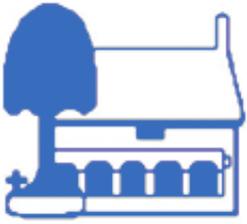
**Butterdon:** Alex, Davids, Fred and Harry

**Beckaford:** Oscar, Tom, Tula and Millie



### Postcards

These have been sent to Jules for making good choices and for excellent behaviour, to Izabella for her confidence in maths and Angel for taking pride in her work with excellent presentation. We have sent postcards to Arran for being so determined during test week, Blake for his brilliant attitude and sensible questions during a local history walk and Riley for being an innovative and creative thinker who inspires others. Rio has had a postcard for helping others both in PE and in the classroom and Arlo for being a joy to work with and for asking inquisitive questions.



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### 1000 Housepoint Awards

Awarded for many things including kindness, effort and achievement. Many congratulations to the following children who have been awarded their badge during our Celebration Assemblies:

Belle, Callum, Stan, A.J., Florence, Taylor B, Holly, Leah, Hal, Elisha, Daisy, Izzy C, Angus, Alice, Izabella and Bridget

## Class Learning News

### Cranbrook (Pre-school)



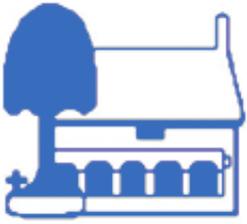
During this half of the summer term our children have been learning about The Seashore & Rock pools. They have been investigating the creatures that live in rock pools by listening to rock pool tales on the new class tablets and learning the story of the 'Rainbow Fish'. Activities have included building their own rock pool, making a collage of the 'rainbow fish', digging for treasure in the digging pit and using their fine motor skills to pick up jewels with tweezers and then placing them in numbered scallop shells.

We are really excited about our trip to Plymouth's National Marine Aquarium on Thursday 12th July; our children will have the chance to look at real life creatures from Rock pools as well as more exotic sea life such as stingrays and sharks!

We are still making the most of our spacious outside area; our children have been using the new outdoor reading area which is situated under the willow, painting blossom pictures in 'Artists' Corner' and the children have built their own bug bench so they can explore mini beasts in their natural habitat.

We are busy practising for our pre-school sports day on Friday 29th June and we really hope you can come and support your child at this event (please see details on separate letter)

We are now taking bookings for the autumn term; if you are interested in your child joining our pre-school family please do contact us by telephoning 01647 440482 or emailing [preschool@moretonhampstead.devon.sch.uk](mailto:preschool@moretonhampstead.devon.sch.uk) to arrange a time and date to come and visit us. We accept children from 2 yrs of age and some 2 yr olds may be eligible for the '2gether Funding' and all other children can claim either 15 hours or the extended 30 hours from the term after they turn 3 yrs old. Please take a look at the website [www.childcarechoices.co.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.co.uk) which provides useful information on early years funding for parents and carers.



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### Pepperdon



We are enjoying every second of our final half term together in Pepperdon! Firstly, we are having so much fun going swimming. We are encouraging the children to have fun and learn something new in each session and I am so proud of how the children are challenging themselves each week. The children are showing great bravery and perseverance and have amazed me with how well they are getting changed, walking to and from the pool and how polite and well mannered they are to all the staff and helpers. Thank you to Mrs Scholz and all the pool staff for making this wonderful opportunity possible.

We had a wonderful time at Fingles Wood last week on our bug hunt. The fantastic National Trust rangers Fred, Ellie and Ella helped us to investigate the Minibeasts in the area by shaking trees, rolling logs and using nets. We are looking forward to them coming into school to help us build some bug hotels to encourage more bugs in our outdoor area in the next few weeks. Thank you to them for sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm and to the parents who volunteered to come with us!

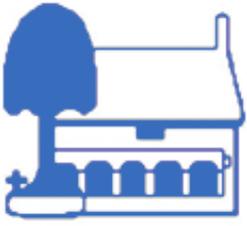
On Friday we invited our families into class to spend the afternoon celebrating Father's Day. We were overwhelmed by the fantastic turn out and had a great time building models, decorating gingerbread men, making crowns and completing a circuit challenge. The children were so excited to have you all there so thank you again for coming along and making it such a success.

### Easdon



We've been busy in Easdon class this half term. We had the opportunity to visit Fingles Woods last week, where we got to find out about the different places minibeasts live in and we went on a search for the different species.

We have been enjoying our swimming lessons and we are all now more confident to enter the water and are all putting 100% effort in. We have enjoyed sharing our research on animals and habitats and have done some writing related to this.



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In art, we have been using watercolours and we have been working on getting the right consistency in our paintings. We've also been doing lots of work on maps and have really enjoyed using google maps on the chromebooks and showing each other the different places that we have researched. We loved our dress up day, at the beginning of the half term, where we got to dress up as an inspirational figure. We loved standing up and telling the class who we were dressed up as and giving a bit of information about that person.

### Shapley



It has been a busy few weeks in Shapley especially after the excitement of our trip to Escot. You will be proud to know that the children were fantastic throughout the residential; thoroughly engaged, wonderfully supportive of each other and they threw themselves into all the activities on offer with enthusiasm but also resilience and determination when required. I was really proud of the whole class and, since returning, the children have been using their writing skills to good effect to produce a recount of their trip.

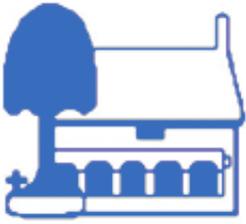
In class, Shapley have been learning about Queen Victoria and have enjoyed sharing their Victorian research homework with the rest of the class. We have such a variety of contributions from models of a chimney sweep, posters, paintings, diaries and PowerPoints. The class have certainly been very creative in their ideas so thank you for all your support. We are looking forward to some drama activities in the coming weeks to consider working conditions for some Victorian children.

### Mardon

We have been learning about Ancient Egypt and hieroglyphics and how they lived their lives. We found out that mummies were buried in a tomb with precious treasures. We also know that when Howard Carter discovered Tutankhamun's tomb there was honey in there that was still good to eat!

In RE we have been learning about Islam and that many Muslims worship in a mosque in a prayer hall that is like a church. They sleep, eat and learn as well as pray in the mosque. When Muslims pray they stand with the shoulders together, so the devil does not get past.

In maths, we have been learning about bar charts and how to interpret them. We collected our own data about who walks, cycles, and comes in the car or bus to school. We collected these results by going around the classroom and surveying everyone using tallies in a table. When we had counted the results, we put it into a bar chart. The most popular way to travel to school in Mardon was by car.



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We have been learning about electricity and making circuits in Science and we have learnt that electricity will not work if the circuit is not complete. We learnt that a battery is made up from a collection of cells.

In swimming we have been learning to do breaststroke, front crawl, and back stroke. We have also been doing pencil jumps into the water and getting sinkers from the floor of the pool.

*By Caitlin, Grace, Beth, Harry. V, Archie. P, Sam and Arran*

### **Butterdon**

In Butterdon, our science topic is all about space. Before half term we had an exciting trip into space when the Space Dome visited. We learnt that most of the gas planets have rings and we can't see all the planets from Earth without a telescope. Astronauts exercise whilst they are in space so that their muscles are not weak when they come back to Earth. We explored how the sun's position in the sky varies every month. We also experienced an eclipse.

Our wild flower gardens have really made progress. We have planted our seedlings and are watering them every day. We spent a day learning to weave with willow and we made frames for the bean plants to climb. We also made some insects that we could take home.

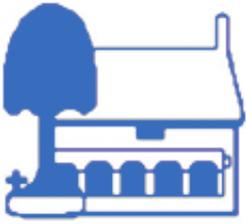


We have been busy preparing for our school feast. We were responsible for making the bread. We had to look after and feed the starter and then make the dough for baking. Our class also learnt about the process that you have to go through to make cheese. Both use bacteria to make the flavour.



We have just been introduced to a new spelling game called Spelling Frame. We can use it at home and at school to help improve our spelling skills.

*Everyone in Butterdon contributed to this report.*



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### **Beckaford**



We have had an exciting half-term and have been busy on many different projects. We performed our poems to year 5 and had a very enjoyable 'dress as a famous character' day. We performed our parents' assembly based on the life of Charles Darwin and the highlight was displaying bird's beaks we had created to fulfil specific roles. We have also been busy with our MED Theatre play; after writing the play we are now enjoying our rehearsals.

We have each been given £2 and, in our groups, have developed a stall for after sports day. Our stalls had everything from nerf guns shooting ranges to 'mystery challenges' and a range of refreshments, including candyfloss and milkshakes. They were a huge success and very enjoyable to run! We still have our final MED Theatre performance and our trip to Quay West to look forward to! Congratulations to the year 6 girls' football team for their excellent performance at the recent football festival - they were runners-up and performed brilliantly!

### **Community News**

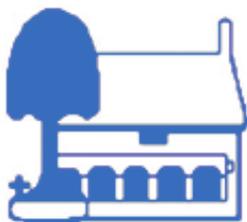
#### **Green Hill Arts**

A wonderful few days were spent getting creative with ALL the children at the school. They drew pictures of bugs, worms, bees, plants and flowers onto acetate using sharpies and then placed these over prepared paper in small clip frames and dried in the sunshine for 10 mins, then washed out the paper and hung out to dry.

We used the children's prints to make tablecloths and bunting for the School Feast yesterday and for the Community Feasts at the end of September - All part of Green Hill Arts Dartmoor Vision and Growing Dartmoor Projects.

#### **Moreton Carnival**

Congratulations to Liza for being chosen for this year's Carnival Queen who will be ably supported by her attendants, Kitty and Sennen.



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### **Moreton Mini Music Day**

A big thank you to Chris and Catherine Beck who organised the Mini Music Day. The children were fabulous and the day was a great opportunity for some developing musicians to show their skills with children from Moretonhampstead and the surrounding area taking part. It was a hugely enjoyable day. Thanks also to Julia who painted faces for over 6 hours non-stop! Over £700 was raised which has been shared between the school and The MS Society. We are very grateful.

### **Swim School**

Moretonhampstead Swimming Pool will be running a swim school again this year during the first week of the Summer holidays. The lessons will be for 1/2 hour each day, from Monday 23rd July - Friday 27th July inclusive. The cost will be £30 for the week - payment to be made in advance.

The lessons will in small groups of similar ability and will be run by a qualified instructor and will be between 12 noon and 2.30pm. Exact times will be confirmed once we know numbers.

Please contact Mary-Anne Course by email or phone if you are interested.

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