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# MONTGOMERY NEWS

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Montgomery Primary School | Friday 25th May 2018

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**Whitsun half-term is upon us, which means that SATs season for Year 6 is over! The children displayed the same wonderful attitude as they have all year and have done their very best which is all we can ask for. We will send their results home once we have received them in mid-July.**

**Last week our Reception teachers had external moderation from the Local Authority for their EYFS data. I am pleased to say that their judgements were verified as accurate and that the staff knew their children really well. A big well done to Mrs Brown and Mrs Irwin!**

**Jason Edge  
Head of School**

**PS Good luck to Exeter City in their game at Wembley on Monday (said through gritted teeth) and to the Chiefs for their game at Twickenham also.**

## School Parliament Visit- Foodbank

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Last week Mr Edge, Miss Elliott and Miss Cseri took our School Parliament to the Exeter Foodbank where we dropped off your donations. The children helped to unload, weigh and sort the food that we had taken- which was a whopping 85KG worth! The children found the visit very insightful and were a credit to the school.



## Classes For Next Year

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We are currently in the process of organising staffing and classes for next year. This year, we moved to single aged classes instead of mixed-age classes for the first time.

There have been lots of benefits to this, as the curriculum is better suited to single age classes and we are able to stretch children of all abilities. The teachers in particular, have been very positive of this change.

In 2018/19, we pleased to announce that we are able to maintain this structure. However, over the course of the year, it has become clear that classes are not necessarily equal in terms of academic ability, gender, special needs etc. Sometimes this is because of movement in and out of the school or the cohort needs change. Therefore the classes will be mixed taking into account friendship groups and the criteria listed above. We will be consulting parents after half-term about this so that you can have your say too, although obviously we cannot guarantee anything as the process has many variables. We will then let children know who their class teacher is later in the term.

## Non- Uniform Day

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At the time of writing, the final total has not been collated but thank you for all of your donations today which has raised money for Devon Air Ambulance.

## E-Safety

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E-safety is very much a hot topic in education at the minute, as technology becomes ever more sophisticated and children are using it at a younger and younger age. While these advances are wonderful, they do also come with dangers if left unchecked. Therefore we are delivering e-safety lessons in the classrooms as part of our Computing curriculum and also each week in the newsletter we will give you a link to an e-safety website that you can look at and discuss with your child:

<http://saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

## Summer Fair

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Our annual Summer Fair takes place on Friday 13th July.  
Fingers crossed for good weather!

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## EYFS

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In EYFS, their 'Royal' Wedding held at St Thomas Methodist Church was fantastic! The children got so much from the experience; planning and starring in their own wedding was a superb way to learn and we wish to thank the Minister at the Church and parents for providing wonderful wedding outfits fit for the Royals!

### **Scarecrow Festival**

In the first week back after the half term EYFS will be making a Scarecrow to enter into the East Budleigh Scarecrow Festival. This will tie in with learning about growing and looking after our outdoor areas. If anyone has any old unwanted clothes or any quick growing seeds (such as lettuce leaves) EYFS would be happy to take them off of your hands. Thank you!

## Half Marathon Running Challenge

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A massive well done to all 16 children who braved the hot conditions to complete the ECFC Half Marathon challenge on Sunday. The event was immensely popular this year with over 300 entries from several different schools. Special mentions for Owen Cudmore who won the race, and Ryan Dennis who finished ninth overall.

## Dates for your diary

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**Summer term 1st half: 16th April- 25th May**

**Summer term 2nd half: 4th June- 27th July**

School Census Special Dinner Menu: Thursday 17th May

KS2 SATs week: 14th- 18th May

Whole School Photograph: Wednesday 23rd May

Non- Uniform Day: Friday 25th May (for Devon Air Ambulance)

Y1 Phonics Screening Week: 11th-15th June

EYFS/ KS1 Sports Day: Wednesday 4th July

KS2 Sports Day: Wednesday 11th July

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