

The Beacon

Academic Year 2018/19

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Hello From Mrs Hunter

Welcome to our new look Beacon! We are trialling different ways to celebrate and communicate all that is going on in our school, both with parents and the wider community. We are now making the most of our Facebook page to share snippets of the wonderful things that are happening so please have a look if that is something that you do and keep hitting 'share' as we want to let as many people know as possible what a great school we have. We are also going to make sure we make the most of The Beacon to give you a flavour of what has been happening in school as well as sharing some key information with you. Year groups also update their pages on the school website regularly so that is another place to look to see what we have been up to. Communication is always tricky as for some people they will feel we are sending out too much and for others they would like more. However, we are aiming for a happy balance so that you all feel you have a

clear idea of what is happening in our amazing school. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our Harvest Festival assemblies this Monday. I would like to thank you all in advance for the tins and packets that you are planning to send in with your children on Monday ready for us to donate to the Plymouth Food Bank. If you can spare a plastic bag to send them in that will really help us with packing up and transporting the donations afterwards. Have a lovely weekend and see you next week! Mrs Hunter

School Term Dates for 2018/2019

Mon 24th Sept 5-6pm – Year 5 Meet the Teacher
Mon 1st Oct – Harvest Festival.
Thurs 11th Oct – Parent 'Info Evening' – details to follow
Thurs 18th Oct – Tempest Individual & family group photos Foundation – Year 2, from 8am KS1 Hall.
Mon 29th Oct - Individual & family group photos Years 3 - 6, from 8am KS1 Hall.
Mon 22nd to Fri 26th Oct – Autumn Half Term Break 2018.
Thurs 1st Nov 9am – 10am Parent Forum with Parents – details to follow
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.
Mon 18th Feb to Fri 22nd Feb – Spring Half Term Break 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.
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**)
Thursday 25th July 2019 – Non-Pupil Day.

Music News

Year 2 and 3 choir got off to a great start this week. 98 children have signed up for it! We had fun learning how to follow a conductor by singing Baby Shark with surprise cut offs to see if singers were watching. No choir on Tues 2nd October due to staff training. There were 50 boys from Year 5 and 6 at Boys Choir this week. Great focus and enthusiasm from them.

Year Group News

Foundation News

This week the children have been very busy in school and are very tired! They have been listening to traditional tales, 'The Enormous Turnip' and 'Little Red Riding Hood' with many of their activities based on these. They have also learnt some new songs to sing at the Harvest Assembly next Monday. Thank you to all parents for attending our Foundation evening, we hope that you found it informative. We hope you enjoy a restful weekend.

Year 1 News

This week Year 1 had a surprise visit from the Gingerbread Man! He left us some special ingredients and a recipe to make Gingerbread Men. They were delicious! He also left us some exciting learning challenges including finding 1 more than any number in Maths and sequencing the story in English. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2 News

Year two thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Central Park on Tuesday. As well as hunting for human and physical features, we created some autumn artwork, identified leaves and discovered many animal habitats! The children have also got stuck in to planning their own version of 'A Tiger in the Garden' this week. Ask your child what they plan to find in the classroom in their story! Have a great weekend.

Year 3 News

We have been busy this week completing a variety of challenges. In English we have been writing our own cave setting descriptions, in maths we have been looking at number patterns and in science we used 'Starburst sweets' to create the three different types of rock, to help us understand the rock cycle. Ask your children how rocks are formed. We have started our reading challenge with a D.E.A.R Day which helped us reach our first destination- New York! Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 4 News

We have had a fantastic week and have thoroughly enjoyed our swimming lessons at the Life Centre. Thank you for helping to ensure your child has the appropriate swimwear and a towel every day, we appreciate that it is a quick turnaround. Could we please remind you that all children should bring a coat to school. The weather is coming in much cooler now and the children very often still have wet hair after swimming which makes it even cooler. We are super proud of all of the Egyptian topic homework that has been given in and have it on display both in the classroom and the main entrance hall, if you would like to come and see it. Have a brilliant weekend and remember that we are swimming again on Monday!

Year 5 News

Year 5 have enjoyed another fantastic week of individual achievements. In English the children have spent the week writing their 'Sea of Dreams', underwater-adventure stories, focusing on advancing the action using a success criteria. In maths the children have been 'pattern sniffing', investigating number sequences and negative numbers. We also had a visit from Father Simon who talked to us about his 'vestments', drawing attention to the colours and symbols. The children then designed their own 'Harvest vestments'. Look out for them on display around the school. Quick reminder about voluntary contributions for the upcoming school trips please. Many thanks for your support as always. Have a fantastic weekend. Year 5 team.

Year 6 News

In Science, Year 6 have been learning all about the human body. We are going to be visited by teachers from a local secondary school who will show the children how to dissect a heart! How exciting.

Cycling

On a beautiful sunny day, 8 children across year 5 & 6 represented our school in the annual Cycling event held at Heles. This event consisted of 2 races, the first race was a time trial for an overall seeded position. Children ranked 1-8 then had to race against 11 other children from different schools. Just missing out on medals the team finished 4th overall, hopefully qualified for the next round. Congratulations team you were all amazing.

Cross Country

Yesterday 16 children took part in the first Cross Country event held at Plymbridge. First to race were the year 3&4 girls finishing in 4th, 8th & 15th, boys finishing in 3rd, 4th, 7th & 20th winning the team event. Next to face the challenge were the year 5&6, again both teams putting in fantastic performance, the girls finishing in 3rd and boys in 5th overall. Congratulations team, a marvellous start to the season.



Book of the Week

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25 absolutely loved reading 'Oh no, George!' this week.

"As many of us have dogs, we could relate to the cheeky antics that George got up to! If you have a pesky but loveable pet, we think that you'll love it too. Watch out for those puppy dog eyes!"

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

Montpelier kick off the new season in style!

On Friday 21st September, the boys' football team began the defence of the GOALS Football League. Playing against an enthusiastic Mayflower Primary squad, the team showed great skill and determination to quickly shake of the early season rustiness by registering an emphatic 9-1 victory. With 'Safe as Houses' Sam P in goal, it was quickly evident that a professional performance would reap handsome benefits. 2 early Charlie K strikes were added to by Harry S who notched a smart hat-trick. 'Daniel Sturridge play-a-like' Alex D then took over, scoring a superb 4 goals! A late consolation by Mayflower didn't hardly matter. Will this new team match or even surpass last year's silverware gatherers?

The Team: Sam P, Carter K, Elliot H, Harrison K, Charlie K, Harry S, Alex D and Finley S

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